

NOTICE

Upcoming Appointment of THOMAS County Board of Equalization

In accordance with Georgia laws, the THOMAS County Grand Jury is required to appoint a member and alternate member to the THOMAS County Board of Equalization each fall. The terms of members and alternate members of the board are expiring, requiring reappointment of such members or appointment of new members to the board.

Any resident of the THOMAS County having the following qualifications and an interest in serving on the board may nominate himself or herself for appointment by submitting a nomination form as indicated below:

Qualifications

- (1) Each person who is, in the judgment of the appointing grand jury, qualified and competent to serve as a grand juror, who is the owner of real property located in the county where such person is appointed to serve, or, in the case of a regional board of equalization, is the owner of real property located in any county in the region where such person is appointed to serve, and who is at least a high school graduate shall be qualified, competent, and compellable to serve as a member or alternate member of the board of equalization.
- (2) Within the first year after a member's initial appointment to the board of equalization, each member shall satisfactorily complete not less than **40 hours** of instruction in appraisal and equalization processes and procedures, as prepared and required by the commissioner pursuant to Code Section 48-5-13. No person shall be eligible to hear an appeal as a member of a board of equalization unless, prior to hearing such appeal, that person shall satisfactorily complete the 40 hours of instruction in appraisal and equalization processes and procedures required by law.
- (3) On or after May 4, 2021, following the completion of each term of office, a member shall, within the first year of appointment to the subsequent term of office, complete satisfactorily not less than **8 hours** of instruction in appraisal and equalization processes and procedures, as prepared and required by the commissioner for newly appointed members.
- (4) Any person appointed to such board shall be required to complete annually a continuing education requirement of at least **eight hours** of instruction in appraisal and equalization procedures, as prepared and required by the commissioner.
- (5) The failure of any member to fulfill these requirements shall render that member ineligible to serve on the board; and the vacancy created thereby shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies on the board are filled.
- (6) No member of the governing authority of a county, municipality, or consolidated government; member of a county or independent board of education; member of the county board of tax assessors; employee of the county board of tax assessors; or county tax appraiser shall be allowed to serve as a member or alternate member of the board of equalization.

Term of Office

Jury commissioners serve a three-year term of office. The term of office of persons appointed by the Grand Jury for the term of office described herein shall begin on **January 1, 2027** and continue to **December 31, 2029**.

Nomination Form

Please complete the following form and mail or email it by September 28, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. to:

RANDA D. WHARTON
Superior Court Clerk & Appeal Administrator
Thomas County
PO Box 1995
Thomasville, Georgia, 31799
Randa.wharton@gsccca.org

Please mark the envelope in which your form is mailed with the following:

Attention: Board of Equalization Information

THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name		First		M.I.	Date	
Street Address				Apartment/Unit #		
City		State		ZIP		
Phone			E-mail Address			

EDUCATION

High School				Address			
From		To		Did you graduate?	YES ☐	NO ☐	Degree
College				Address			
From		To		Did you graduate?	YES ☐	NO ☐	Degree
Other				Address			
From		To		Did you graduate?	YES ☐	NO ☐	Degree

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

List property owned by applicant			
Address / Legal Description			
Address / Legal Description			
Elected posts held with terms of office			
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	YES ☐	NO ☐	

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT / EXPERIENCE

Company	Phone
Address	Years
Company	Phone
Address	Years
Other Relevant Experience	

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

After reviewing the qualifications and training requirements, please sign below indicating that you meet the qualifications and that you agree to comply with the training requirements:

Signature _____ Date _____

Print _____