

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

**RESOLUTION 2026-XX-XX**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS FOR THE CITY  
OF DUNWOODY, GEORGIA**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody is authorized by the City Charter to create boards, commissions and authorities as the Mayor and City Council deem necessary; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Council previously adopted Chapter 2 ("Administration") of the City Code of Ordinances which calls for the creation of the Board of Ethics; and
- WHEREAS,** the term of Stanley Baum has become vacant prior to the expiration of his term; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor is authorized with confirmation from the City Council to appoint John Hallen to fill the unexpired term of Stanley Baum, said term expiring on June 30, 2028.

John Hallen, 3-year term .....expiring June 30, 2028

- WHEREAS,** this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody while in regular session on February 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm, that John Hallen is appointed as a member of the Board of Ethics of the City of Dunwoody for the designated term as stated above.

Approved:

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Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor

Attest:

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk  
(SEAL)



4800 Ashford Dunwoody Road | Dunwoody, GA 30338

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The Dunwoody City Council believes that citizens bring valuable insights and are a skilled resource in the community. The Council encourages all citizens to consider becoming involved in the city government by serving on a Board, Commission, or Committee. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

To be considered for an appointment to a municipal board, commission, or committee, please complete and submit the following application and send it with a resume to the City Clerk, Sharon Lowery. Applications and resumes may be submitted by e-mail to [sharon.lowery@dunwoodyga.gov](mailto:sharon.lowery@dunwoodyga.gov), by fax to (770) 396-4705, or by mail to 4800 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338.

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Name: John Hallen		
Address: 5512 Durrett Drive Dunwoody, (or Atlanta), GA 30338		
Phone: [REDACTED]		
Email: [REDACTED]		
Place of Employment: (recently left Westrock)	Occupation Director - Special Project (Optimization)	
How long have you been a resident of Dunwoody?	18 Years	0 Months

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<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol License Review Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development Authority
<input type="checkbox"/> Art Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Audit Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board of Ethics	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Redevelopment Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals
<input type="checkbox"/> Discover Dunwoody	
<input type="checkbox"/> No preference, I just want to volunteer!	

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**(Please also attach or submit a resume)**

Why are you interested in serving on a board / commission / committee?
Have been resident of Dunwoody since 2007. Really like living in the area and appreciate the city and the direction going forward. I recently left Westrock and looking for opportunity to use business acumen.
What experience do you possess that would be of benefit to a board / commission / committee?
Having worked in the paper and packaging industry my career for large companies, I have been an active part of the leadership team to grow and prosper these organizations. I really like Dunwoody and appreciate the direction of the Mayor, City Council, Eric Linton, and others.

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I hereby attest that all statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be interviewed prior to consideration for appointment.	
I hereby agree that if appointed to serve as a member of a City of Dunwoody Board, Commission, or Committee, I will spend my time, skills, and energy on the goals and mission of the Board, Commission, or Committee including preparation for meetings. Furthermore I agree that, if appointed, my term will be governed by the By-laws of the Board, Commission, or Committee to which I am appointed.	
I understand that if appointed, I will make an effort to attend all meetings and must attend at least two-thirds of the scheduled meetings in order to remain a member in good standing.	
Applicant's Name: John Hallen	
Applicant's Signature:	Date: June 4, 2025

**Submit!**

Packet page:...

## John Hallen

| Atlanta, GA (30338)

### CHIEF OF STAFF | DIRECTOR BUSINESS OPTIMIZATION

Transformational leader who delivers solid financial results by driving out non-value added costs and/or increasing throughput. Drives excellence in large scale business and manufacturing organizations. Skilled in working with organizations in transition. Part of senior leadership team that led multidimensional diagnostic for opportunities through implementation of results in direct EBITDA improvement. Recognized for applying Lean/Six Sigma tools appropriately that drive sustainability. Leader who achieves results through team efforts, execution, and efficiency. Core competencies include:

Identification and Optimization of Opportunities | High Performance Teams | Customer Success | 100% Ownership | Accountability | Leading Major Initiatives (\$10MM+) | Lean, Six Sigma |

### EXPERIENCE

**SMURFIT WESTROCK** | Atlanta, GA

**2011 – July 2025**

**Director – Consumer Mills Special Projects (Part Time)**, Atlanta, GA, February 2024 – July 2025

Lead major, complicated special projects for consumer mills to take costs out of operation.

- Drove dry end yield loss reduction of ~\$10MM, implemented technology that begins with the end in mind that improves yield percent (reduction of losses).
- Redesigned logistics & shipping at SAP Mills (~\$4MM), completed diagnostic of cost take-out opportunities, implemented redesign that improved flow and simplicity

**Director – Performance Excellence**, Atlanta, GA, 2018 – 2024

Facilitated leadership team to rapidly improve financial performance of consumer mills segment. Directly led team of nine and influence 5,000+ employees in \$7B business segment.

- Delivered FY23 \$116MM in productivity improvement (exceeded Target by 41%).
- Drove performance excellence (productivity) team with project pipeline development of opportunities, various Lean/Six Sigma project teams to dramatically improve business performance.
- Facilitated leadership team for alignment of all business functions.

**PES/Processing & Cost Optimization Leader**, Atlanta, GA, 2014 – 2018

Productivity, Performance Excellence, Business Support, & MBB for the Consumer Recycled Paperboard Mills Group.

- Drove Productivity projects for group exceeding Productivity Targets for FY16 by 73% (4.4% of COGM), FY17 Target by 68% (3.8% of COGM), and exceeded FY18 Target by 43%.
- Implemented with operations – WestRock Recycled Mills Performance Excellence System (PES) Deployment, Strategy, KPI metrics, 100% Employee Engagement.

**Six Sigma Master Black Belt, Corporate**, Norcross, GA, 2011 – 2014

Served as Master Black Belt supporting Containerboard Mills and Paperboard Mills Division. Coached ten belts while leading three DMAIC projects and a Kaizen event.

### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Georgia-Pacific Corporation** | Atlanta, GA

**Operations Excellence, Gypsum Division | Corporate Operations Excellence | Dixie Chief of Staff | Mill and Business Improvements Process Specialist | Manager of Quality and Continuous Improvement, Corrugated Division | RPI Analyst | Team Leader | Manager**

**Inland Paperboard & Packaging** | Indianapolis, IN, Crawfordsville, IN, & Lexington, SC | **Union Camp Corporation** | Savannah, GA, Birmingham, AL, Franklin, OH

**Plant Manager | General Manager, School Supplies | Special Assistant to Executive Vice-President, Converting Divisions | Plant Manager, School Supplies | Industrial Engineer and Manager, Savannah Mill**

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## EDUCATION

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**Master of Business Administration MBA** - Savannah State College

**Bachelor of Industrial Engineering BIE** - Auburn University

## CONTINUING EDUCATION and INTEREST (2021 Forward)

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- The Human Body: How We Fail, How We Heal, 2025
- Electrical Engineering for Everyone, 2025
- Understanding the Human Body: An Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology, 2024
- Advance Leadership Dynamics, Westrock, 2023
- The Evidence of Modern Physics: How We Know What We Know, 2023
- Advanced Business Strategy, University of Virginia, 2022
- Unsung Heros of World War II: Europe, 2022
- Supply Chain Excellence, Rutgers, 2021

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Job Networking Ministry, Roswell United Methodist Church, 10 years, twice/month, on-going
- Professional Mentoring, Young Career + Allies, SmurfitWestrock, 2023 – 2025, as needed and requested
- Dunwoody Preservation Trust – Lemonade Days 2025, Fundraiser (30k in attendance)
- Salvation Army – Kettle Krush, Marietta, GA