



## CONSENT-BASED SITING PUBLIC MEETING

Atlanta, Georgia

April 11, 2016

### Speakers and Panelists

#### Associate Professor Michael Elliott



Dr. Michael Elliott is an associate professor, jointly appointed to the Schools of City and Regional Planning and Public Policy, at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is a co-founder and has served as co-director of both the Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution and the Southeast Negotiation Network.

Dr. Elliott's work focuses on decision support tools and processes for the promotion of healthier and more environmentally sustainable places and communities. His particular expertise lays in:

- (1) Mediating and facilitating public policy consensus building processes;
- (2) Designing dispute management systems and other decision support tools and processes; and
- (3) Planning for quality growth and regional development.

These activities have focused on planning for healthy places, environmental risk management, and redevelopment and growth strategies.

Dr. Elliott has organized and facilitated dialogue between neighborhood, business, environmental, and civic leaders around issues of toxic management within communities across the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states. Nationally, he has worked with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on a wide range of sustainability initiatives, including brownfield redevelopment, Project XL, and Community-Based Environmental Protection, as well as the Department of Energy, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service, the Army Environmental Policy Institute, and the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality.

Internationally, he provides dispute system and process design consultations and training for resolving environmental and land disputes in Estonia, Israel/West Bank, Nicaragua, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Germany. He is currently working on approaches to improving climate change resilience through improved civic engagement in slums located in India, Bangladesh and Nepal.

Dr. Elliott received his PhD from MIT and his Masters in City Planning from the University of California, Berkeley. He received the Outstanding Interdisciplinary Activities Award for "pioneering work in developing interdisciplinary collaborations" from Georgia Tech.

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#### Clinical Professor of Law Mindy Goldstein

Mindy Goldstein is director of the Turner Environmental Law Clinic and interim director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program at Emory Law School. She has represented clients in complex environmental litigation before judicial and administrative tribunals; in legislative and policy matters at the local, state, and federal levels; and in land use and real estate transactions.

Her work focuses on matters related to sustainable energy and climate change, land use and conservation, sustainable agriculture and urban farming, protection of natural resources, and access to information.

She has successfully litigated cases before the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and various district courts, and she has testified before several federal agencies. Her representations have been covered extensively by the media, including *National Public Radio*, *The Economist*, and *The New York Times*.

In addition to her legal work, Professor Goldstein has given lectures and presentations on a wide variety of environmental issues around the country. She sits on the board of several environmental nonprofit organizations, including Wholesome Wave Georgia and Global Growers. She is the co-chair of the Georgia Public Interest Environmental Law Coalition and a member of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership class of 2015.

Professor Goldstein graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina, earning a BS in biology with a minor in chemistry. She received her JD from the University of Maryland, where she graduated magna cum laude with a concentration in environmental law.

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#### Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy John Kotek



John Kotek currently serves as Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Office is responsible for conducting research on current and future nuclear energy systems, maintaining the government's nuclear energy research infrastructure, establishing a path forward for the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive nuclear waste management program, and a host of other national priorities.

Prior to his appointment as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, John was the Managing Partner of the Boise office of Gallatin Public Affairs, a public affairs and strategic communications consulting company. John advised energy, natural resources and other clients facing complex communication and government relations challenges.

From 2010-2012, John served as Staff Director to the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, which recommended a new strategy for managing nuclear waste in the United States. John led the development of the Commission's final report to the Secretary of Energy, engaged in regular communications with Congressional and White House staff, and served as media spokesperson.

From 2003-2006, John was Deputy Manager of DOE's Idaho Operations Office. In that role he was responsible for development and management of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) contract and interface with the INL cleanup effort. Before joining DOE in July 2003, John worked for Argonne National Laboratory as the Generation IV and Nuclear-Hydrogen Programs Manager. He directed Argonne's participation in the Generation IV technology roadmapping project, an international effort focused on evaluating and developing the next-generation of nuclear energy systems. In 2002, John was the American Nuclear Society's Glenn T. Seaborg Congressional Fellow. John served in the Office of Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

John started his career with DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology. He held several positions during his nine years with DOE-NE, including Associate Director for Technology, Associate Director for Management and Administration, and Chief of Staff.

John holds a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Illinois and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland.

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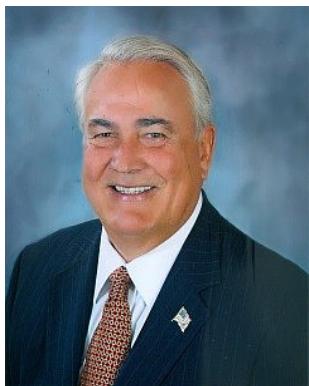


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#### Vice-Chair of the Georgia Public Service Commission

**Lauren McDonald, Jr.**



Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Jr. is the Vice-Chair of the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC), representing District 4. He is currently serving his third term at the PSC having been re-elected in November 2014 for another six-year term.

McDonald has a deep knowledge of the energy industry. Today he is a member of NARUC's Electric Committee and also Vice-Chair of the Nuclear Waste Subcommittee.

He served 20 years as a state Representative. As a state representative, he chaired the Industry Committee for five years and the Appropriations Committee for eight years.

McDonald is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a BBA in Business. He has long been a supporter of higher education, serving on the Board of Governors of Mercer Medical College and the Board of the Advanced Technology Center at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

He was also a director of the Small Business Development Center at the University of Georgia. McDonald also served as a commissioner in Jackson County, volunteered as a firefighter for the city of Commerce and served in the Georgia Air National Guard.

His home is in Clarksville with his wife Shelley. He is a partner in L.W. McDonald & Son Funeral home in Cumming and Dahlonega with his son, Lauren III, is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a private pilot and an avid golfer.

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#### Executive Director of SRS Community Reuse Organization Rick McLeod



Rick McLeod has served as Executive Director of the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) in Aiken, South Carolina, since June 2008. The SRSCRO is a non-profit regional group focused on supporting job creation in a five-county region of South Carolina and Georgia, including Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell counties in South Carolina and Richmond (Augusta) and Columbia counties in Georgia.

The group's mission is to facilitate economic development opportunities associated with technology, capabilities and missions at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Site and to serve as an informed, unified community voice for the two-state region.

Rick brings a wealth of business experience, technical training and knowledge of the local area to his position with 30 years of experience in engineering, business development, non-profit fundraising, grant writing/administration, and project management across the public and private sectors. Before joining the SRSCRO, he served for eight years as Technical Advisor to the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board, a stakeholder group that provides advice and recommendations to the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site.

In representing the SRSCRO as a unified regional voice, Rick speaks widely to public groups about issues affecting the Savannah River Site and the region. He has testified at numerous state and Federal hearings concerning Department of Energy initiatives and is frequently interviewed by media outlets concerning the community impact of DOE programs.

Through its Nuclear Workforce Initiative (NWI®), the SRSCRO has implemented a series of programs designed to prepare the local workforce for future jobs in nuclear energy and other technologies. As part of this effort, Rick oversees a four-year, \$5 million workforce grant from DOE. Under Rick's leadership, the SRSCRO also provides impetus and support for critical regional initiatives. In addition to addressing multi-sector workforce demands, the SRSCRO has also sponsored a Comprehensive Fuel Cycle Research Study and led grassroots efforts to clarify the definition of High Level Waste.

Rick received his B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering and his Master's in Environmental System Engineering from Clemson University. He is a registered Professional Engineer.

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#### **Governor Sonny Perdue**



Sonny Perdue was sworn in as Georgia's 81st Governor on January 13, 2003. Governor Perdue immediately went to work reforming the state budget, setting priorities, and cutting wasteful spending. His efforts helped stimulate the economy and turn the state budget deficit that he inherited in to a substantial surplus. During Perdue's first term, Georgia created over 200,000 new jobs and posted the highest graduation rate and SAT scores in state history. After a first term marked by numerous accomplishments, Governor Perdue won re-election by an overwhelming margin in November 2006.

As Georgia's Governor, Perdue has led the state based on his life experiences prior to entering public service. Sonny was born on December 20, 1946, in Perry, Georgia, to a lifelong farmer and a classroom teacher. He graduated from Warner Robins High School and earned a doctorate in veterinary medicine in 1971 from the University of Georgia. Following his service as a Captain in the United States Air Force, Perdue became a successful small business owner, concentrating in agribusiness and transportation. Today, those businesses have grown to include several locations across the Southeast.

Perdue campaigned for Governor on a platform of restoring public trust in state government and empowering all Georgians by eliminating undue interference by government bureaucracies. He has dedicated his administration to attracting new businesses and jobs to Georgia, improving the quality of programs that touch the lives of children, and fighting for a comprehensive ethics reform package.

For all of his success in business and public service, Governor Perdue is proudest to serve as devoted husband, loving father, and grandfather. Sonny is married to the former Mary Ruff of Atlanta, Georgia. The couple has four children and eleven grandchildren. Additionally, Sonny and Mary have served as foster parents for eight newborns awaiting adoption. The Perdues attend the First Baptist Church of Woodstock, where they have taught a Sunday school class for young couples emphasizing the importance of faith in building a strong and lasting marriage.

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