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**Members of the Augusta Commission receive prestigious recognition  
from the Georgia Municipal Association**

**AUGUSTA, GA (Aug. 18, 2021)** – Augusta Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Williams along with Commissioners Francine Scott and Catherine Smith McKnight received the prestigious Certificate of Recognition from the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute during the Georgia Municipal Association’s Annual Convention in Savannah, Georgia on Aug. 9.

A cooperative effort of GMA and the University of Georgia’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government, the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute provides a nationally recognized series of training opportunities for city officials.

To receive a Certificate of Achievement, a city official must complete a minimum of 42 units of credit, including at least 18 hours from a list of required classes. The training program consists of a series of more than 70 courses.

“This is an outstanding achievement,” said GMA Executive Director Larry Hanson. “We commend Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Commissioner Scott, and Commissioner McKnight for this accomplishment and for the dedication they have shown in using this valuable resource to become more effective city officials.”

Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, research, training, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its training, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its 537 member cities.

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