

Odie Donald

Chief of Staff

Odie Donald joined the Dickens administration as Chief of Staff on February 28, 2022.

Born and raised in Atlanta, Donald brings deep governmental and public administration experience to the City. He comes to Atlanta from Augusta, where he served as the Administrator for the consolidated government of Augusta-Richmond County. Before his time in Augusta, Donald served as the first City Manager for the City of South Fulton. He is credited with eliminating a \$25 million deficit while doubling revenues and establishing the first positive fund balance in the city's history.

Donald's experience spans from the District of Columbia, where he worked for the D.C. Government as State Labor Administrator and as the Executive Director of D.C.'s Workforce Investment Council to right here in Georgia. Donald served as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Services Director in the Workforce Division for the Georgia Department of Economic Development and as the Executive Director of Coastal Workforce Services in Savannah.

Donald has been recognized by Young Government Leaders, Georgia Trend Magazine, and Georgia State University for their various 40 under 40 awards.

As a graduate of Douglass High School, he attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and earned a bachelor's degree in History and a Master of Business Administration degree from Georgia State University.