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Karissa Calvert is a division director of human resources for Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners. She oversees the benefits division, which is responsible for health, wellness, retirement, workers' compensation, and wellness center oversight for over 7,000 employees and retirees. In her role, Karissa works with a team of 15 peers to drive strategy and constantly improve the overall benefits package for Gwinnett County employees. Karissa's passion is helping others, and she has used that passion to fuel her everyday work. Karissa is a part of a team that has developed an award-winning wellness program for Gwinnett employees—earning the title as one of Atlanta's Healthiest Employers since 2021, the Aetna Platinum Award for Workplace Wellbeing since 2022, and landing on the list of The Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America since 2022. She obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees from Liberty University and has ten years of experience in human resources. Karissa is also a graduate of Gwinnett County's LEAD and Internal Management Academy, facilitated by the University of Georgia. She is currently working on her Certified Employee Benefit Specialist® (CEBS®) certification through the International Foundation of Employee Benefits Plans, recently earning the GBA® designation.