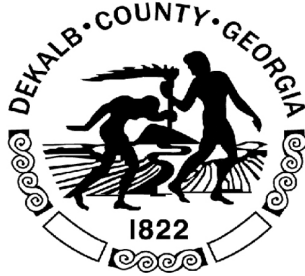


DeKalb County Government

*Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Special Called Meeting

Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Presiding Officer, District 5

Comm. Robert Patrick, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 1

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Present 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Mereda Davis Johnson, Michelle Long Spears, and Steve Bradshaw

Administration: Michael Thurmond, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney

Work Session

I. Committee of the Whole

A. Committee Reports

B. VRE Election Update

C. BOC Temporary Relocation

D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for October 8, 2024

E. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

F. Review/ Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda

G. Items Previously Heard

II. Special Call Meeting

2024-1227 Commission District(s): All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

2024-1228 **Commission District(s): All**

To Convene an Executive Session

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

2024-1229 **Commission District(s): All**

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

[2024-1165](#) **Commission District(s): District 3 & 6**

DeKalb County’s objection to the proposed annexation of approximately 23 acres of land in unincorporated DeKalb County into the City of Atlanta pursuant to annexation via the sixty percent (60%) method.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

[2024-1168](#)

Commission District(s): District 2 & 6

DeKalb County’s objection to the proposed annexation of 1481 Lavista Road in unincorporated DeKalb County into the City of Brookhaven pursuant to annexation via the one hundred percent (100%) method.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

2024-1232

Commission District(s): all

Add an item

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

2024-1234 Commission District(s): all

Proposed authorized for County Attorney to direct the filing of a lawsuit on behalf of Dekalb County to challenge certain rules adopted by the Georgia State Election Board (“SEB”) on or about September 20, 2024.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to move that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Attorney to direct the filing of a lawsuit on behalf of the County to challenge certain rules of the Georgia State Election Board that were adopted on or about September 20, 2024. The Chief Operating Officer and/or others designated by the County Attorney are authorized to sign verifications of the complaint on the County's behalf. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

Recused: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

2024-1235 Commission District(s): all

Add an item

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to add item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

2024-1236 Commission District(s): All

Proposed settlement of litigation filed by the City of Brookhaven, Civil Action No. 20cv7727 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to move that the Board of Commissioners approve payment in the total amount of \$30,000 to settle the City of Brookhaven's lawsuit against DeKalb County, Civil Action File Number 20cv7727 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the October 1, 2024 Special Called Meeting at 11:50 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw



Mereda Davis-Johnson
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk