

DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 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. MARTA Quarterly Briefing

C. Decide Dekalb Quarterly Update

D. Hurricane Helene Response

E. Water & Sewer Rate Discussion

F. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for October 22, 2024

G. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

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

I. Items Previously Heard

II. Special Call Meeting

2024-1309 Commission District(s): All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, 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

2024-1310 Commission District(s): All

To Convene an Executive Session

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Ted Terry, 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

2024-1311 Commission District(s): All

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, 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

2024-1312 Commission District(s): ALL

To Recess Special Called Meeting.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to convene recess the Special Called 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

2024-1320

Commission District(s): ALL

To Reconvene Special Called Meeting.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to reconvene the Special Called 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

[2024-0868](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 04 Super District 06
Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability for a Text Amendment to Chapter 5: Small Area Plans of the DeKalb County Comprehensive Land Use Plan to Consider the GSU/Willow Branch Revitalization Plan Document for Inclusion.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved to 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

[2024-1231](#)**Commission District(s): 4 & 6**

Appropriation Of Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA 2) Funds to Assist In the Rehabilitation of an Affordable Housing Project - “Willow Branch Apartments” in Clarkston, Ga. The Proposed Multi-Family Rehabilitation Loan is in An Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000,000. This Loan Commitment must be Memorialized in a Letter to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved To approve a commitment letter to reflect the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners desire to loan \$2,000,000.00 of Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (“ERA 2”) Program funds to Z. P. Willow Branch, LP to support the rehabilitation of 186 units of rental family housing for very-low income families at “Willow Branch Apartments” in Clarkston, Georgia upon completion of the necessary due diligence, including but not limited to a determination related to satisfaction of the requirements of the federal guidance associated with ERA 2 and future adoption and approval through appropriate formal action by the Governing Authority of a loan at the appropriate time; and authorize the Presiding Officer to execute the commitment letter in a final form acceptable to the County Attorney or her designee 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 Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved substitute to adjourn the October 15, 2024 Special Called Meeting at 12:50 pm. 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