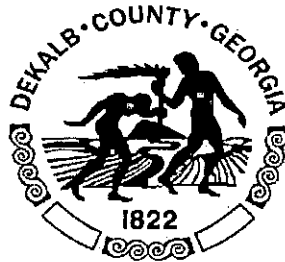


# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Special Called Meeting**

*Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1  
Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 5*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1  
Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2  
Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3  
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4  
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5  
Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6  
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

**Present** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Michelle Long Spears, Larry Johnson, Steve Bradshaw, Mereda Davis Johnson, and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**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. SPLOST Update
- C. Review of Proposed Executive Agenda for August 22, 2023
- D. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda
- E. Review/ Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda
- F. Items Previously Heard

**II. Special Call Meeting**

**2023-1214 Commission District(s): All**

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**2023-1215****Commission District(s):** All

To convene an Executive Session Meeting

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

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**2023-1216****Commission District(s):** All

To adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

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

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**2023-1230****Commission District(s):** all

Proposed settlement of Felita Alexander v. Dekalb County, Civil Action No. :23cv1320 in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia.

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**



**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**2023-1231 Commission District(s): all**

Proposed settlement of claims of Rosalind Meyers asserted in a demand letter dated June 13, 2023.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item to approve payment in the total amount of \$100,000 to settle claims Rosalind Meyers asserted in a June 2023 demand letter, related to the death of her husband Thomas Reynolds after he sustained injuries at the Dekalb County Jail in 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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ADJOURNMENT:

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the September 19, 2023 Special Called Meeting at 11:30 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson**



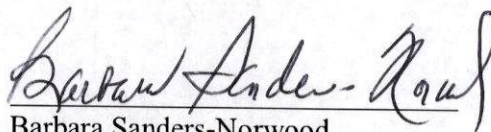
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Robert Patrick  
Presiding Officer



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Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk

**Signature:**

**Email:** [bhsander@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:bhsander@dekalbcountyga.gov)