

DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2026

6:05 PM

Parks Zoning Meeting

178 Sams Street, Decatur, Georgia, 30030 (Multipurpose Room A1201)

Special Called Meeting

Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Presiding Officer, District 4

Commissioner Dr. LaDena Bolton, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 7

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2

Commissioner Nicole Massiah, District 3

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Call To Order

Citizens may speak for or against an item that is considered by law to be a zoning ordinance and each side will have ten minutes to present its case. Citizens may also speak for or against an item that is placed on the public hearing agenda but is not a zoning ordinance. In that case, each side will have five minutes to present its case. In the event there is more than one speaker per side, speakers must divide their time in order to complete their full presentation within the ten-minute time allotment, or the five minute time allotment. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to leave the podium area. Prior to speaking, a speaker shall complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If a speaker has any documents for the commissioners, the speaker shall provide 10 copies when approaching the podium. Seven copies are for the commissioners and the remaining copies are for the planning director, the county attorney and the clerk. Applicants or citizens speaking in favor of an item shall speak first and applicants in zoning ordinance cases shall have the right to reserve time for rebuttal. Opponents of a zoning ordinance item shall have no right of rebuttal. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the Commission. At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

I. Roll Call

Present	6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton
Absent	1 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

II. Special Call Meeting

2026-0265 COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): All Commission Districts
Convene the Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

[2025-1730](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 3 and 7

Request for a Resolution authorizing the acquisition of certain property located at
3488 Mosley Road, Ellenwood, GA: 15 027 02 007.

Favor: Tommy T Travis (No Address)

Against: None

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

[2025-1731](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 3 and 7

Request for a Resolution authorizing the acquisition of certain property located at
4075 Old River Road, Ellenwood, GA: 15 028 05 003

Favor: Tommy T Travis (No Address)

Against: None

MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

[2025-1733](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 3 and 7

Request for a Resolution authorizing the acquisition of certain property located at 4071 Old River Road, Ellenwood, GA: 15 028 05 010.

Favor: Tommy T Travis (No Address)

Against: None

MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

[2025-1734](#)

Commission District(s): Districts 3 and 7

Request for a Resolution authorizing the acquisition of certain property located at 4083 Old River Road, Ellenwood, GA: 15 028 05 004.

Favor: Tommy T Travis (No Address)

Against: None

MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Approved to adjourn the January 22, 2026 Board of Commissioners Parks Zoning Special Called Meeting at 7:23 p.m. Commissioner Long-Spears was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Bolton, Commissioner Terry and Commissioner Massiah
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears



Chakira Johnson
Presiding Officer



Barbara Sanders (Feb 2, 2026 23:50:02 EST)

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk