

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 6, 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 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Michelle Long Spears, Steve Bradshaw, Mereda Davis Johnson, Ted Terry, and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent 1 - Larry Johnson

Work Session

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

I. Committee of the Whole

A. Committee Reports

B. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for June 13, 2023

C. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

D. Review/ Recap of New Items for the BOC

E. Items Previously Heard

II. Special Call Meeting

2023-0714 Commission District(s): All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

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

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

2023-0715 Commission District(s): All

To convene an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

2023-0716 Commission District(s): All

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

2023-0717 Commission District(s): all

Proposed approval to authorize the County Attorney to (1) enter into a contingency fee agreement with The Ferraro Law Firm, P.A., Hall Booth Smith, P.C., and Pope McGlamry, P.C. to investigate possible legal claims related to PFAS chemicals contamination and possibly file PFAS chemical litigation on the County’s behalf; and (2) direct those law firms to file such PFAS chemical litigation on the County’s behalf if deemed appropriate after the County Attorney’s review of any proposed complaint.

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

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

2023-0718 Commission District(s): all

Proposed settlement of Lantrip v. Dekalb County, Civil Action No. 21cv9495 I the Superior Court of Dekalb County

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the June 6, 2023 Special Called Meeting at 11:06 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson



Robert Patrick
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer


Barbara Sanders (11/11/2023 18:16 EDT)

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk