

**Resolution Regarding the Charter Review Commission’s Report
and Comments on the Charter Review Commission’s Work,
Report and Possible Changes to the Organizational Act**

WHEREAS, the first Executive Order creating a Charter Review Commission was issued in 2019, this Charter Review Commission was established by the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) on March 18, 2021 to comprehensively review DeKalb County’s Organizational Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission, comprised of 15 volunteers, has diligently reviewed the existing Organizational Act of DeKalb County over 18 months and concluded its work in December 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the recommendations provided by the Charter Review Commission offer valuable citizen insights and suggested improvements to DeKalb’s governance structure to bring the Organizational Act up to date and in compliance with state law; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative to adapt to changing circumstances and ensure that DeKalb’s Organizational Act reflects the evolving needs, concerns and aspirations of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission hosted 22 meetings and 6 public hearings which all included public comment; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission held its last meeting on December 14, 2024, and finished its work on that date. The Charter Review Commission’s final report was compiled by the Carl Vinson Institute and was delivered to the CEO and BOC in January, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, members of the Charter Review Commission presented their work to the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday March 5, 2024 at a Committee of the Whole meeting; and,

WHEREAS, each member of the Board of Commissioners has provided their specific individual initial feedback regarding the Charter Review Commission’s work, Report and recommended changes to the Organizational Act to the proposed changes (See Attachment B); and

WHEREAS, the CEO has provided initial feedback regarding the Charter Review Commission’s work, Report and recommended changes to the Organizational Act to the proposed changes (See Attachment C).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT REOLVED THAT the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County do hereby:

1. Commend the Charter Review Commission members for their dedication, expertise, and invaluable contributions to the enhancement of our governance structure;
2. Include initial individual commissioner comments in this Resolution as outlined in Attachment B;

3. Establish a period of ongoing review by the Board of Commissioners from now through August 31, 2024, to include invitations to hear the thoughts or concerns of former DeKalb County CEOs and Commissioners and discussions in the Board of Commissioners’ County Operations (OPS) Committee;
4. Encourage the DeKalb Delegation to establish its own period of review from September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 to carefully review and consider:
 - a. The Charter Review Commission Report included as Attachment A;
 - b. The initial feedback of the individual members of the Board of Commissioners included as Attachment B;
 - c. The initial feedback of CEO Thurmond included as Attachment C; and,
 - d. Any updates, revisions, or supplements to Attachment B or C or additional feedback provided as a result of the Board of Commissioners’ ongoing review.
5. Make available a copy of this resolution, including Attachments A, B, and C to the public through official channels.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____ 2024.

MEREDA DAVIS JOHNSON
 Presiding Officer
 Board of Commissioners
 DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this ____ day of _____, 2024

MICHAEL THURMOND
 Chief Executive Officer
 DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD
 County Clerk
 Board of Commissioners and
 Chief Executive Officer

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES
 County Attorney
 DeKalb County, Georgia