

DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

9:00 AM

178 Sam's Street, Decatur, GA 30030 (Multipurpose Room A1201)

Special Called Meeting

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Presiding Officer, District 2

Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 3

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Commissioner Chakira Johnson, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Commissioner Dr. LaDena Bolton, Super District 7

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

Absent 1 - Nicole Massiah

Administration: Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Matthew Welch, Interim County Attorney

Work Session

I. Committee of the Whole

A. Committee Reports

B. SPLOST II

C. Continuum of Care

D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for December 9, 2025

E. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

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

G. Items Previously Heard

II. Special Call Meeting

2025-1804 Commission District(s): All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. Commissioner Nicole Massiah was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

2025-1805 Commission District(s): All

To Convene an Executive Session

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be Approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Nicole Massiah was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

2025-1806 Commission District(s): All

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

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

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

2025-1808 Commission District(s): All

Add an Item

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to add an item.

Commissioner Nicole Massiah was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Michelle Long-Spears recused from this item.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

Recused: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

2025-1807 Commission District(s): All

Proposed settlement of LaToya Wiley v. Board of Ethics of Ethics of Dekalb County, et al., Civil Action No. 1:23cv00574, U.S. District Court, N.D. Ga.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved for payment in the total amount of \$107,500 to settle LaToya Wiley's lawsuit against the Board of Ethics of Dekalb County and David Moskowitz, Civil Action No. 1:23cv00574 in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia. Commissioner Nicole Massiah was absent from the meeting. Commissioner Michelle Long-Spears recused from this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

Recused: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the December 2, 2025 Special Called Meeting at 1:07 p.m. Commissioner Nicole Massiah was absent from the meeting. Commissioner Michelle Long-Spears was not present for this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Michelle Long Spears
Presiding Officer

Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
Chief Executive Officer

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk