

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Special Called Meeting

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Presiding Officer, District 4
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Deputy, District 7*

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 Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner 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. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for July 13, 2021
- C Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda
- D. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda
- E Items Previously Heard

II. Special Call Meeting

2021-2837 Commission District(s): All
To Convene a Special Called Meeting
MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, 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: 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

- 2021-2838** Commission District(s): All
To convene an Executive Session Meeting
MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, 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 Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- 2021-2839** Commission District(s): All
To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting
MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Larry Johnson, 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 Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- 2021-2841** Commission District(s): All
Proposed settlement of Latashae Walker v. DeKalb County, Civil Action No. 20cv3571 In the Superior Court of DeKalb County.
MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve a total payment of \$80,000 to settle Latashae Walker's lawsuit against DeKalb County, Civil Action No. 20cv3571 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County. To resolve Ms. Walker's lawsuit, the County will pay the total sum of \$80,000 to Ms. Walker and her counsel in return for and conditioned on Ms. Walker's dismissal with prejudice of her lawsuit and Ms. Walker and her counsel's execution of a settlement agreement, release and waiver of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to sign the settlement agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

2021-2842

Commission District(s): All

Proposed payment to complete settlement of lawsuit filed by Georgia Conference of the NAACP and Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda, Inc. against the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections, Anthony Lewis, Susan Motter, Samuel Tillman, Dele Lowman Smith, Baoky Vu and Erica Hamilton in their official capacities, Civil Action No. 1:20cv00879 in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve a total payment of \$82,500 to complete the settlement of a lawsuit filed by Plaintiffs Georgia State Conference of the NAACP and Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda, Inc. against the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections, Anthony Lewis, Susan Motter, Dele Lowman Smith, Samuel Tillman, Baoky Vu, and Erica Hamilton in their official capacities, Civil Action no. 1:20cv00879 in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia. To complete the resolution of this lawsuit, the County will pay the total sum of \$82,500 to the Plaintiffs and their counsel for attorneys' fees and litigation costs, in return for and conditioned on their dismissal with prejudice of the lawsuit and their execution of a settlement agreement, release and waiver of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to execute the settlement agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

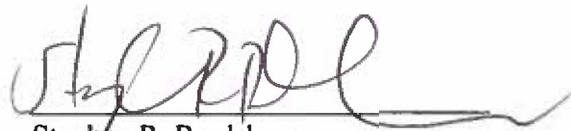
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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the July 6, 2021 Special Called Meeting at 10:53 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson



Stephen R. Bradshaw
Presiding Officer

Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk