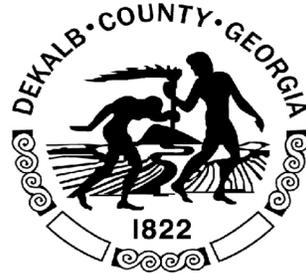


DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

9:00 AM

178 Sam's Street, Decatur, GA 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

- 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

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

Work Session

I. Committee of the Whole

- A. Committee Reports**
- B. Emory Healthcare Brand Relaunch**
- C. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for January 27, 2026**
- D. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda**
- E. Review/ Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda**
- F. Items Previously Heard**

II. Special Call Meeting

2026-0234 Commission District(s): All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears was absent from this meeting. 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

2026-0235 Commission District(s): All

To Recess the meeting

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to recess the Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears was absent from this meeting. 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

2026-0236 Commission District(s): All

To Reconvene the meeting

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Approved to reconvene the Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears was absent from this meeting. 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

2026-0248 Commission District(s): All

To Convene an Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears was absent from this meeting. 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

2026-0249 Commission District(s): All

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears was absent from this meeting. 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

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be Approved to adjourn the January 20, 2026 Special Called Meeting at 12:02 p.m. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears was absent from this meeting. 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



Chakira Johnson
Presiding Officer



Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
Chief Executive Officer


Barbara Sanders Feb 9, 2026 09:18:50 EST

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk