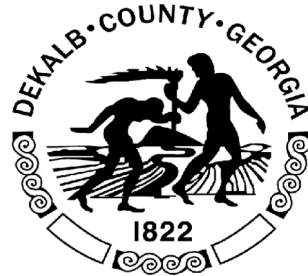


DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

9:00 AM

178 Sams Street, Decatur, Georgia, 30030

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 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

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. Purpose Possible- Public Art Council Process

C. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for August 12, 2025

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

2026-0878 **Commission District(s): All**

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Mereda Davis 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 Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

2026-0879 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. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

2026-0880 Commission District(s): All

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Mereda Davis 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 Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

2026-0881 Commission District(s): All

Proposed refunds of real estate property taxes for six commercial properties pursuant to O.C.G.A.

§ 48-5-380.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved certain refunds of real estate taxes pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-380 with respect to the taxpayers' requests for refunds in conjunction with a pending tax refund action. Commissioner Michelle Long Spears was absent during this vote. 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 Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Approved to adjourn the May 5, 2026 Special Called Meeting at 12:39 p.m. Michelle Long Spears was absent during this vote. 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 (May 11, 2026 12:48:30 EDT)

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk