

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, July 20, 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**        6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent**         1 - Commissioner Jeff Rader

**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. Decide DeKalb Quarterly Update**

**C. Tax Anticipation Notice (TAN)**

**D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for July 27, 2021**

**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**

**2021-2885**

**Commission District(s): All**

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. Commissioner Jeff Rader was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jeff Rader

**2021-2886**

**Commission District(s):** All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Jeff Rader was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jeff Rader

**2021-2887**

**Commission District(s):** All

To Adjourn Executive Session.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Jeff Rader was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jeff Rader

**2021-2888****Commission District(s):** all

Proposed settlement of Brittany Rogers v. DeKalb County, Civil Action No. 1:20cv04145-JPB in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia.

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be to approve a total payment of \$25,559.28 to settle Brittany Rogers' lawsuit against DeKalb County, Civil Action No.1:20cv04145-JPB in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia. To resolve Ms. Rogers' lawsuit, the County will pay the total sum of \$25,559.28 to Ms. Rogers and her counsel in return for and conditioned on Ms. Rogers' dismissal with prejudice of her lawsuit, Ms. Rogers and her counsel's execution of a settlement agreement, release and waiver of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney, and receipt of any necessary approval of the Court. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to sign the settlement agreement. Commissioner Jeff Rader was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jeff Rader

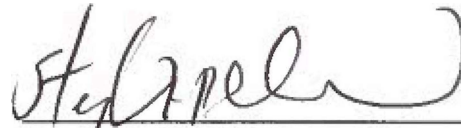
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the July 20, 2021 Special Called Meeting at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Jeff Rader was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

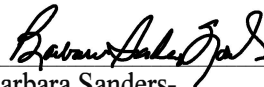
- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jeff Rader



Stephen R. Bradshaw  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond Chief  
Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-  
Norwood County Clerk