

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Special Called Meeting**

*Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1  
Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 5*

*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, Michelle Long Spears, Larry Johnson, Steve Bradshaw, Mereda Davis Johnson, Ted Terry, and 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 25, 2023

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**

**2023-0934**            **Commission District(s):** All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, 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 Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0935 Commission District(s): All**

To convene an Executive Session Meeting

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, 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 Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0936 Commission District(s): All**

Motion to recess the Special Called Meeting

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved to recess the Special Called Meeting until 10:45 am. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0937 Commission District(s): All**

To Adjourn Recess

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to reconvene the Special Called Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**2023-0938 Commission District(s): All**

To adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, 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 Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0815](#)

**Commission District(s):** Commission Districts 2 & 6

DeKalb County’s objection to the proposed annexation of approximately 462 acres of privately-owned land in unincorporated DeKalb County into the City of Brookhaven pursuant to annexation via the sixty percent (60%) method.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved to adopt the attached Resolution and object to the proposed annexation of approximately 462 acres of privately-owned land into the City of Brookhaven pursuant to the annexation application filed by Howard I. Ginsburg; and to authorize an objection to be sent to the City of Brookhaven in a form acceptable to the County Attorney, and authorize the Chief Operating Officer, or his designee, to execute all necessary documents. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, 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 Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the July 18, 2023 Special Called Meeting at 12:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson**



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Robert Patrick  
Presiding Officer



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Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk