

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Special Called Meeting**

*Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Presiding Officer, District 5*

*Comm. Robert Patrick, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 1*

*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 Ted Terry, Michelle Long Spears, Larry Johnson, Steve Bradshaw, Mereda Davis Johnson, 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. Budget Overview**

**C. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for January 23, 2024**

**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**

**2024-0173** Commission District(s): All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

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

**2024-0174 Commission District(s): All**

To convene an Executive Session Meeting

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

**2024-0175 Commission District(s): All**

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Robert Patrick was absent during this vote. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robert Patrick

**2024-0176 Commission District(s): all**

Proposed settlement of Marsha Johnson (for Tessa Bowers) workers' compensation claims against DeKalb County.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that the Board of Commissioners authorize a total payment of up to one hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$137,500) to settle a workers' compensation claim filed against DeKalb County by Marsha L. Johnson as surviving spouse and claimant for Tessa Bowers, with such payment to be made only after receipt of any necessary state approval and an appropriate release signed by Marsha Johnson that acknowledges there will be no further payment from the County for medical bills or otherwise. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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ADJOURNMENT:

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the January 16, 2024 Special Called Meeting at 10:07 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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



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Mereda Davis Johnson  
Presiding Officer



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Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk