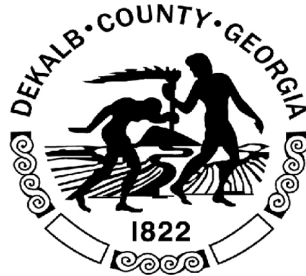


# DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street  
Decatur, GA 30030*



## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, August 28, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**178 Sam's Street, Decatur, GA 30030 (Multipurpose Room A1201)**

### **Special Called Meeting**

*Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Presiding Officer, District 2*

*Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 3*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1*

*Commissioner Chakira Johnson, District 4*

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5*

*Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6*

*Commissioner Dr. LaDena Bolton, Super District 7*

**Present**            5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, LaDena Bolton, Chakira Johnson, and Michelle Long Spears

**Absent**            2 - Mereda Davis Johnson, and Nicole Massiah

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

**Work Session**

**I. Committee of the Whole**

**A. Committee Reports**

**B. Marathon Health**

**C. Pathways to Home: DeKalb's Texas Delegation Debrief**

**D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for September 9, 2025**

**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**

**2025-1379            Commission District(s): All**

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. Mereda Davis Johnson and Nicole Massiah were absent from this meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Nicole Massiah

2025-1256

**Commission District(s):** All

Adopt the Attached Resolution Designating a Member of the DeKalb County Governing Authority as DeKalb County's Voting Delegate for the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia ("ACCG") for 2025-2026.

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved substitute to adopt the attached resolution designating a member of DeKalb County's Governing Authority as DeKalb County's voting delegate for the ACCG for 2025 and authorize the Clerk to the CEO and BOC to notify the ACCG of this designation.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Nicole Massiah

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ADJOURNMENT:

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the August 28, 2025 Special Called Meeting at 11:13 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**            5 -    Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

**Absent:**        2 -    Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Nicole Massiah

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Michelle Long Spears  
Presiding Officer

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Lorraine Cochran-Johnson  
Chief Executive Officer

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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk