



DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030

Meeting Minutes - Final-revised

Committee of the Whole

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

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

9:00 AM

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

Attendance

Robert Patrick - Present

Present: 6 - Michelle Long Spears, Chakira Johnson, Mereda Davis Johnson,
Ted Terry, Nicole Massiah and LaDena Bolton

Tentative Agenda

This Agenda is not final and subject to change, as the agenda for the Regular Board of Commissioners' meeting is set at the Committee of the Whole.

I. Committee of the Whole

A. Committee Reports

B. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for February 10, 2026

PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Budget

[2026-0194](#)

Commission District(s): All

To Adopt the 2026 Annual Budget

This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Public Hearing to the FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee due back on 2/10/2026 .

APPOINTMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Chief Executive Office

- [2026-0282](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Record Chief Executive Officer Cochran-Johnson’s designation of
Commissioner Robert Patrick for Post 1 of the DeKalb County
Board of Health.
This agenda item was Accepted to BOC agenda - Appointment

PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

- [2026-0302](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appoint Dr. Sara Patenaude to Post 2 of the DeKalb Regional Land
Bank Authority.
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda -
Appointment to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development &
Community Services Committee due back on 2/10/2026 .**
- [2026-0308](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appoint Rev. Dr. James Todd Speed to Post 1 of the DeKalb
County Hospital Authority.
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda -
Appointment to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development &
Community Services Committee due back on 2/10/2026 .**
- [2026-0309](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appoint Elizabeth M. Roberts, Esq. to Post 1 of the DeKalb
Regional Land Bank Authority.
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda -
Appointment to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development &
Community Services Committee due back on 2/10/2026 .**

PROPOSED PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Community Development

- [2026-0228](#) Commission District(s): All
Purchase of two Vehicles for the Community Development
Department
**This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and
assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development &
Community Services Committee due back on 2/10/2026 .**

Fire & Rescue Services

- [2026-0210](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
FY26 Grant Award for EMS Trauma Related Equipment with the Georgia Trauma Commission
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .

Human Services

- [2026-0178](#) Commission District(s): All
Acceptance of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Funds from the Atlanta Regional Commission in the Amount of \$73,093.58 for Transportation - at a cost to the County of \$18,273.40.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 2/10/2026 .

Public Works - Roads & Drainage

- [2026-0198](#) Commission District(s): Commission District 1 & 7
Northwoods Historic District (Sign Toppers).
No cost to County.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .
- [2026-0213](#) Commission District(s): County Wide
Reimbursement for Traffic Signal Equipment Relocations, Upgrades, Recycling and Damage
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .

- [2026-0214](#) Commission District(s): County Wide
Request for Funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the FY2-2026 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Program, Cost to the County \$20,000,000.00
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee

- [2026-0256](#) Commission District(s): All
SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD0000172-011 Integrated Security and Surveillance Products and Services. This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let SWC for the purchase of a 5-year agreement for the RAVE Alert solution. This solution will allow the County to send out mass notifications to DeKalb County citizens alerting them of any critical events. Awarded to Motorola Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$687,600.00.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .

Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee

- [2026-0161](#) Commission District(s): All
CO- Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1365362 Solicitor General Lease Agreement (Office and Parking Space) [2-Year Lease]: for use by the Office of the Solicitor-General. This contract consists of the leasing of office and parking spaces at the property 160 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30030, to facilitate the Solicitor-General's daily operations and other essential County activities. This request seeks to increase the contract's term through February 29, 2028, and funds. This request also seeks to add additional leased office spaces. Awarded to Regus Management Group, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$348,000.00.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee due back on 2/10/2026 .

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

- [2025-1661](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1365939 enQuesta Annual Hosting, Maintenance, and Support (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) and the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of the annual hosting, maintenance, and support of state-of-the-art Customer Information System (CIS) solution for the County's customer billing system integration. This request seeks to increase contract funds. Awarded to Systems and Software, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,550,000.00.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .
- [2025-1831](#) Commission District(s): All
SS - Maintenance and Support of the County's Audio-Visual Equipment (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of the maintenance and support of the DCR Digital Recording System audio and video equipment used in the County's courtrooms, conference rooms, and the Maloof Auditorium. This request seeks approval of the sole source and ratification of previously issued Purchase Order No. 5058654. Awarded to BIS (Business Information Systems) Digital, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$266,581.23.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .
- [2026-0110](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1255805 Avolve Software Corporation SAAS ProjectDox Electronic Plan Review (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) to be used by the Department of Planning & Sustainability (P&S). This contract consists of the purchase of ProjectDox Software to allow citizens to submit commercial and residential plans electronically for review and approval. This request seeks to increase funds for continued support, maintenance, and training services. Awarded to Avolve Software Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$134,352.00.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

- 2026-0130** Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Contract No. 1360830 Tree Cutting and Removal Services for RPCA (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of providing tree cutting and removal services for County owned facilities. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided contract term increase. This request also seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through January 31, 2027. Awarded to Sesmas Tree Service LLC. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$250,000.00.
This agenda item was Removed

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

- [2026-0247](#) Commission District(s): All
CO - Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1214031 Granite Rubble Stone (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA), and Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of the purchase of granite rubble stone used to address erosion control issues. This request seeks to increase the contract funds and term through December 31, 2026. Awarded to Bedrock Granite Co., Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$925,000.00.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

- [2026-0231](#) Commission District(s): District 5 and 7
To approve a Tree Trim Easement between DeKalb County and Georgia Power for an easement at 1116 Rock Chapel Road, Lithonia GA, 30002, Parcel ID 18 009 26 001, for \$12,396.00
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee due back on 2/10/2026 .

Watershed Management

- [2026-0212](#) Commission District(s): 1 & 7
Agreement for the Construction and Financing of Sewer Upgrades with JWC Tucker, LLC. with a contribution of \$25,000.00.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .

C. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

APPOINTMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Board of Commissioners - District 7

- [2026-0283](#) Commission District(s): District 7
Record the Appointment of Gabrielle Rogers to the DeKalb Women's Commission
This agenda item was Accepted to BOC agenda - Appointment

PRELIMINARY

Board of Commissioners

- [2026-0229](#) Commission District(s): ALL
Approval of Minutes for the February 3, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Board of Commissioners - District 2

- [2026-0286](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia, Reaffirming the County's Prior Authorization to Seek Recovery of Costs of Impoundment and Care for Court-Held Dogs Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 4-11-9.8; Urging the DeKalb County Law Department to Resume Filing Cost-of-Care Petitions; and to Create a Court-Held Dog Coordinator Position
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the OPS-County Operations Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .

- [2026-0289](#) Commission District(s): Commission District 2
Allocation of \$50,000 from District 2 ARPI Funds to Support Domestic Violence Victims and their Pets
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Board of Commissioners - District 6

- [2026-0221](#) Commission District(s): Super District 6
To Approve a District 6 Allocation Not to Exceed \$33,500.00 for Continued Focus on Super District 6 Related Sustainable Urban Planning and Policy, Energy/Water/Recycling/Composting, Land Preservation, Affordable Housing, Parks, Trails, Initiatives at the Direction of the Commissioner
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

Board of Commissioners - District 7

- [2026-0218](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To establish regulatory oversight of blasting operations in DeKalb County through the adoption of a Control Blasting and Safety Ordinance; to promote public safety, environmental protection, and community stability; and for other purposes.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .

- [2026-0219](#) Commission District(s): District 7
An Item to Allocate an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000 of the District 7 ARP Interest to support youth programming through New Birth Missionary Baptist Church.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

- [2026-0220](#) Commission District(s): District 7
An item to allocate an amount not to exceed \$2,500 of the District 7 ARP Interest to support senior programming through Lou Walker Senior Center.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

- [2026-0222](#) Commission District(s): District 7
An item to allocate an amount not to exceed \$5,000 of the District 7 ARP Interest to support DeKalb Chamber programming that strengthens DeKalb businesses and the local economy through targeted education and connection opportunities.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2026-0223](#) Commission District(s): District 7
An item to allocate an amount not to exceed \$3,000 of the District 7 ARP Interest to support Women's resource center to end domestic violence programming.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2026-0224](#) Commission District(s): District 7
To adopt an ordinance to establish a community-driven process that allows residents to select five miles of roadway to be designated for repaving as the "People's Choice" selection.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda and assigned to the PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee due back on 2/3/2026 .

Clerk to the Board of Commissioner and CEO

- [2026-0251](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of January 20, 2026.
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2026-0270](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of January 27, 2026
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2026-0271](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Zoning Meeting of January 22, 2026
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent
- [2026-0276](#) Commission District(s): All
Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Special Called Parks Zoning Meeting of January 22, 2026
This agenda item was Accepted to the BOC agenda - Consent

D. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda

E. Granicus VoteCast Demonstration

F. Decide DeKalb Quarterly Update

G. Items Previously Heard

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

"DECISION ONLY" ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING

Planning and Sustainability

[2025-0628](#) COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 1 Super District 7
Application of LMPSF Acquisitions, LLC c/o Troutman Pepper Locke, LLP to rezone property from C-2 (General Commercial) zoning district to HR-1 (High Density Residential - 1) zoning district to allow for single-family, attached and multi-family developments, at 3265 Northeast Expressway.

APPOINTMENTS

Chief Executive Office

[2025-1617](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appoint Mr. Nick Nicolosi to the Perimeter Community Improvement District Board

[2026-0191](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appoint Mr. Hunter Hines to the Chamblee-Doraville Community Improvement District Board.

ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

[2025-1189](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution Adopting Digital Accessibility Compliance Measures to Meet the Requirements of Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)

[2025-1695](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Establish a Process for the Selection of Voting Delegates to Represent DeKalb County in Association and Organizational Matters

[2025-1534](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Amend the FY25 Budget to Establish the Office of Legislative Counsel and Authorize the Hiring of Legislative Counsel

[2026-0181](#) Commission District(s): Commission District 2
Allocation of \$3,000 from the 2026 District 2 Reserve for Appropriation Funding to Park Pride to support the 2026 Parks and Greenspace Conference

[2026-0184](#) Commission District(s): Commission District 2
Allocation of \$25,000 from 2026 District 2 Reserve for Appropriation to Compassionate ATL to Support Interfaith Initiative

Board of Commissioners - District 2

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2025-0015](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
An Ordinance to Amend The Code of DeKalb County, Georgia Chapter 16 Pertaining To Regulation Of Sound And For Other Purposes.

[2025-0017](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution to Create an Electric Landscape Maintenance Device Rebate Program, to Encourage Switching from Gas-Powered Landscape Maintenance Devices, and for Other Lawful Purposes.

[2025-1525](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution By The DeKalb County Board Of Commissioners Establishing A DeKalb County Water Customer Bill Of Rights

[2025-1814](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution To Establish A Temporary Moratorium On New Hangar Development At DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK) And To Urge The Federal Aviation Administration To Restrict Nighttime Flights To Emergencies

[2025-1816](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution Of The Board Of Commissioners Of DeKalb County, Georgia To Establish A Formal Process For Appointing A Commissioner To The DeKalb County Continuum Of Care (Coc) Governance Board

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2025-1265](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 25-100070 Consent Decree - Ongoing Sewer Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation (CD-OSCAR): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of performing consent decree assignments along with meeting the urgent needs that arise from operational events of the sewer system. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders: Kemi Construction Company, Inc. and Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$49,752,501.00.

[2026-0103](#) Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 2025-098-ITB CD Trunks - Shoal Creek Section 1: for use by the Department of Wastewater Management (DWM). Consists of providing construction services to replace Section 1 of the Shoal Creek Trunk Sewer and all necessary appurtenances. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder JDS, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed \$51,486,473.55.

II. Special Called Meeting

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2025-1506](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Approve a Resolution to Ensure that the County's Judges Receive the Same Benefits as the Judges of the Superior Court of the DeKalb Judicial Circuit, County Employees, and Judges in Other Counties.

[2026-0205](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution Of The DeKalb County Board Of Commissioners
Concerning Public Safety, The Protection Of Civil Rights, And The
Immediate Withdrawal Of Tactical Federal Immigration
Enforcement Teams From DeKalb County.

A. Executive Session

B. Other Matters