

# DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street  
Decatur, GA 30030*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

**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** 7 - Commissioner Ted Terry, LaDena Bolton, Mereda Davis Johnson, Chakira Johnson, Michelle Long Spears, Nicole Massiah, and Robert Patrick

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

**Work Session**

**I. Committee of the Whole**

**A. Committee Reports**

**B. Unhoused Planning**

**C. SPARC**

**D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for January 13, 2026**

**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**

**2026-0153** Commission District(s): All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

**MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, and Commissioner Robert Patrick

**2026-0154 Commission District(s): All**

To Convene an Executive Session

**MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, and Commissioner Robert Patrick

**2026-0155 Commission District(s): All**

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, 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 LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Nicole Massiah

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robert Patrick

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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 January 6, 2025 Special Called Meeting at 1:48 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 - Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, and Commissioner Robert Patrick**

  
Michelle Long Spears (Jan 12, 2026 14:47:54 EST)

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Michelle Long Spears  
Presiding Officer



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Lorraine Cochran-Johnson  
Chief Executive Officer

  
Barbara Sanders-Norwood (Jan 13, 2026 03:06:50 EST)

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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk