

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Special Called Meeting

Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Presiding Officer, Super District 6

Commissioner Jeff Rader, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 2

Commissioner Nancy Jester, District 1

Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2

Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Super District 6

Commissioner Greg Adams, Super District 7

- Present** 6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve R Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Gregory Adams
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Kathie Gannon

Administration: Michael Thurmond, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Office, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, O.V. Brantley, County Attorney, Viviane Ernestes, Deputy County Attorney

Work Session

I. Committee of the Whole

A. Committee Reports

B. Atlanta Regional Commissioner (ARC) Update

C. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for October 10, 2017

II. Special Call Meeting

2017-1151 To Convene a Special Called Meeting
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Adams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

2017-1150 To Convene an Executive Session Meeting
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Adams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

2017-1153 To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Adams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

2017-1155 Commission District(s): All
Proposed retention of Napoli Shkolnik PLLC law firm to investigate and possibly file claims against manufacturers and distributors of opioid medications on behalf of DeKalb County for damages from the opioid crisis.

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Steve R Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved to authorize the County Attorney to retain Napoli Shkolnik PLLC to investigate and possibly pursue lawsuits against manufacturers and distributors of opioid medications, seeking recovery of damages to DeKalb County from the opioid crisis. I move that the County Attorney be authorized to execute a retention letter, in a form satisfactory to the County Attorney, that would provide the Napoli Shkolnik law firm a contingency fee of 25% of the County's net recovery in such litigation, along with reimbursement of litigation expenses from and limited to the amount of the County's recovery in the litigation. I further move that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Attorney to direct the Napoli Shkolnik law firm to file litigation against opioid manufacturers and distributors after the County Attorney reviews and approves proposed complaints. Commissioner Jeff Rader recused himself and Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Adams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

Recused: 1 - Commissioner Rader

2017-1152 To Adjourn a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Nancy Jester, seconded by Gregory Adams, that this agenda item be approved. Commissioner Kathie Gannon was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Jester, Commissioner Rader, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bradshaw, Commissioner Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Adams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Gannon

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Nancy Jester and seconded by Commissioner Gregory Adams to adjourn the October 3, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting at 11:15 a.m.



Kathie Gannon
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk