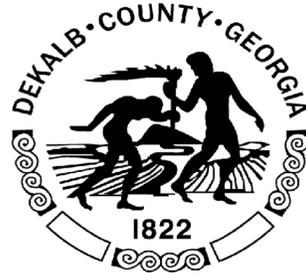


DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

9:00 AM

178 Sams Street, Decatur, Georgia, 30030

Special Called Meeting

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

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

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

C. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

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

E. Granicus VoteCast Demonstration

F. Decide DeKalb Quarterly Update

G. Items Previously Heard

II. Special Call Meeting

2026-0345 Commission District(s): All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

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

[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.

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Tabled. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be Taken off table. Commissioners Nicole Massiah and Ted Terry were absent during this vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah, and Commissioner Ted Terry

MOTION was made that this agenda item be Deferred to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/10/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[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.

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Tabled. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Taken off table. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be Deferred to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/10/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

No: 1 - Commissioner Ted Terry

2026-0346 Commission District(s): All

To Convene an Executive Session

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

2026-0347 Commission District(s): All

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be Approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioners Michelle Long-Spears, Nicole Massiah, and Ted Terry were absent during this vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Nicole Massiah, and Commissioner Ted Terry

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Approved to adjourn the February 3, 2026 Special Called Meeting at 1:19 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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



Chakira Johnson
Presiding Officer



Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders Feb 12, 2026 09:24:30 EST
Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk