

# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, August 24, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Special Called Meeting**

*Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1  
Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 5*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1  
Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2  
Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3  
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4  
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5  
Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6  
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

- Present**            5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Steve Bradshaw, Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Michelle Long Spears, and Larry Johnson
- VoteViaPhone**    2 - Commissioner Ted Terry, and Mereda Davis Johnson

**Administration:** Michael Thurmond, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney

**I. Committee of the Whole**

- A. Committee Reports
- B. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for September 12, 2023
- C. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda
- D. Review/ Recap of New Items for BOC Agenda
- E. Items Previously Heard

**II. Special Call Meeting**

**2023-1086            Commission District(s): All**

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, 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 Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

[2023-0992](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Intergovernmental Agreement for distribution of special purpose local option sales tax (“SPLOST II”) proceeds and Resolution to call for an election to approve the continued imposition of an equalized homestead options sales use tax (“EHOST”) and reimposition of a SPLOST.

**MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item's substitute be approved to adopt agenda item 2023-0992 and to adopt the attached IGA and Resolution, both in substantially final form; authorize the County Attorney and Chief Of Operating Officer to finalize and revise the documents, and add the Cities' portions for each document, as such are approved by Mayor and City Council for each of the 12 cities wholly located in the special district; and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents in a form approved by County Attorney. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**2023-1087**

**Commission District(s):** All

To convene an Executive Session Meeting

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Larry Johnson, 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 Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**2023-1088 Commission District(s): All**

To adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**2023-1094 Commission District(s): all**

Proposed settlement of Hart v. Dekalb County, Civil Action No.21A03810 in the State Court of Dekalb County.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item to Approve payment in the total amount of \$329,500 (which includes \$269,500 to purchase Estella Hart’s property at 4407 Bridle Bluff, Stone Mountain, Georgia, 30083, plus \$60,000 for attorneys’ fees and other claimed relief) in return for and conditioned on Ms. Hart’s: 1) dismissal with prejudice of her lawsuit; 2) execution of a settlement agreement with waiver and release of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney; and 3) ability and willingness to take all necessary actions to convey to DeKalb County good, marketable and insurable title to the residential property at 4407 Bridle Bluff, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083. Authorize the County Attorney or her designee to sign the settlement agreement if the foregoing conditions are satisfied. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson

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ADJOURNMENT:

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the August 24, 2023 Special Called Meeting at 11:00 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson



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Robert Patrick  
Presiding Officer



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Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer

  
Barbara Sanders (CA), 2023.19:43 EDT

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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk

# 2023 8.24 SC Minutes

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