

# DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street  
Decatur, GA 30030*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

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

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

**Work Session**

**I. Committee of the Whole**

**A. Committee Reports**

**B. SPLOST II- Update**

**C. Decide Dekalb- Quarterly Update**

**D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for October 28, 2025**

**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**

**2025-1633      Commission District(s): All**

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

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

**2025-1634 Commission District(s): All**

To Convene an Executive Session

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

**2025-1636 Commission District(s): All**

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

**MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting, Commissioner Robert Patrick and Commissioner Ladena Bolton was absent during this vote. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Nicole Massiah

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

**2025-1635      Commission District(s): All**

Proposed settlement of County Rountree v. Dekalb County, Georgia, Civil Action  
No. 23cv3901, Superior Court of Dekalb County

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be approved for payment in the amount of \$205,000 to settle Carolyn Rountree's lawsuit against Dekalb County, Civil Action Number 23cv3901 in the Superior Court of Dekalb County. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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


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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the October 21, 2025 Special Called Meeting at 1:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

  
Michelle Long Spears (Nov 2, 2025 12:46:00 EST)

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Michelle Long Spears  
Presiding Officer



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Lorraine Cochran-Johnson  
Chief Executive Officer

  
Barbara Sanders (Nov 2, 2025 16:59:26 EST)

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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk