



DeKalb County Government

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Decatur, GA 30030

Agenda Item Substitute

File #: 2025-1695
File Status: Action

2/10/2026

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners - District 2

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Establish a Process for the Selection of Voting Delegates to Represent DeKalb County in External Association and Organizational Matters

Information Contact: Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this resolution is to create a formal and consistent process for how DeKalb County selects voting delegates to represent the County in external organizations such as the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG), the National Association of Counties (NACo), and similar bodies.

NEED/IMPACT:

This item will ensure that DeKalb County's interests are represented with ACCG, NACo and other external organizations and protect the health, safety and welfare of the County's citizens.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the resolution and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to execute all necessary documents.

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF VOTING DELEGATES TO REPRESENT DEKALB COUNTY IN EXTERNAL ASSOCIATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (“ACCG”) and the National Association of Counties (“NACo”) have procedures whereby member counties are permitted to vote on certain matters, with said votes to be cast by designated voting delegates; and

WHEREAS, ACCG’s procedures provide that the governing authority of each member county is allowed one vote, to be made by a voting delegate, on policy agendas and related legislative and policy matters; and

WHEREAS, NACo’s procedures provide that member counties cast votes, through designated voting delegates, on proposed amendments to association bylaws, NACo’s policy agenda, and the election of NACo officers; and

WHEREAS, other external organizations, associations, or governing bodies in which DeKalb County participates may similarly require the designation of a voting delegate to represent the County’s interests; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia recognizes the importance of ensuring a transparent and consistent process for the selection of voting delegates to represent DeKalb County in such external organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority desires to formalize a procedure for designating voting delegates in a manner that reflects the collective will of the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia hereby establishes the following process for the selection of voting delegates:

1. Applicability – This process shall apply to the selection of voting delegates for ACCG, NACo, and any other external entities requiring an official voting delegate to represent DeKalb County. For clarity, this process shall not apply to the selection of representatives of the DeKalb County Governing Authority to serve on any public authority, board, commission, or other body or agency as referenced in Section 13A of the DeKalb County Organizational Act and the processes outlined in said Section 13A shall continue to control where applicable.
2. Nomination – Any member of the Board of Commissioners may nominate a member of the Governing Authority to serve as the County’s voting delegate for a specified organization or event requiring such representation.
3. Agenda Items – The Clerk to the Chief Executive Officer and Board of Commissioners shall prepare and bring forward agenda items for Board of Commissioners’ consideration within the parameters and timeframes outlined in this Resolution.

4. Selection – The voting delegate shall be selected by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners during a duly noticed business meeting held at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the voting delegate is required to serve.
5. Alternates – The Board of Commissioners may, at its discretion, also designate up to three (3) alternate delegates to serve in the absence of the primary voting delegate. If more than one alternate is designated, the alternates shall be ranked in order of proposed substitution.
6. Certification – Upon selection, the Clerk to the Chief Executive Officer and Board of Commissioners shall certify the name of the designated voting delegate (and alternate, if applicable) to the relevant organization.
7. Duration – The designation of a voting delegate shall remain in effect solely for the specific meeting, vote or event for which that the delegate was appointed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this process shall govern all future designations of voting delegates to external organizations requiring official representation from DeKalb County that are not otherwise addressed in Section 13A of the DeKalb County Organizational Act.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CHAKIRA JOHNSON
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON
Chief Executive Officer
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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
Clerk to the Chief Executive Officer and
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