

DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 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. Discussion of Roll Back Rate

C. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for May 13, 2025

D. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

E. Review/ Recap of New Items for BOC Agenda

F. Items Previously Heard

II. Special Call Meeting

2025-0689 **Commission District(s): All**

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made 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

2025-0690 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

2025-0691 Commission District(s): All

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

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

2025-0646 Commission District(s): Commission Districts 1 & 7

DeKalb County's objection to the proposed annexation of approximately 3.49 acres of land in unincorporated DeKalb County into the City of Chamblee pursuant to annexation via the one-hundred percent (100%) method.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be approved. 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

2025-0692 Commission District(s): all

Proposed settlement of Benjamin v. Dekalb County, Civil Action No. 23cv4838, Superior Court of Dekalb County.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved to Approve payment in the total amount of \$1,215,000 (which includes \$1,170,000 to purchase Heidi Benjamin's property at 540 Kirk Road, Decatur, Georgia, plus \$45,000 for attorney fees and expenses), plus certain closing costs, in return for and conditioned on Ms. Benjamin's: 1) dismissal of her lawsuit; 2) execution of a settlement agreement and waiver and release of all claims satisfactory to the Interim County Attorney ; and 3) ability and willingness to take all necessary actions to convey to Dekalb County sufficient fee simple title to 540 Kirk Road, Decatur, Georgia 30030. Authorize the Interim County Attorney or his designee to sign the settlement agreement and closing settlement statement if the foregoing conditions are satisfied. 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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the May 6, 2025 Special Called Meeting at 12:00 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

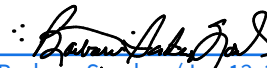


Michelle Long Spears (Jun 11, 2025 08:43 EDT)

Michelle Long Spears
Presiding Officer



Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders (Jun 12, 2025 15:07 EDT)

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk