

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Special Called Meeting

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Presiding Officer, District 4
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Deputy, District 7*

Commissioner Nancy Jester, District 1

Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2

Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Super District 6

Commissioner Loraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

- Present** 6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

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

Work Session

I. Committee of the Whole

- A. Committee Reports**
- B. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for Janouary 28, 2020**
- C. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda**
- D. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda**
- E. Items Previously Heard**

II. Special Call Meeting

A. Executive Session

2020-0060 Commission District(s): All
 To Convene a Special Called Meeting
MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

- 2020-0061** Commission District(s): All
To Convene an Executive Session Meeting
MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson
- 2020-0133** Commission District(s): All
To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting
MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioners Nancy Jester and Lorraine Cochran-Johnson were out of the room and not voting. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon
- Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Larry Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

- 2020-0134** Commission District(s): All
Proposed settlement of remaining claims in Donovan Hall, et al., v. McGhee, et al., Civil Action File No: 1:15-cv-00428-MHC.
- MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be to approve a total payment of \$148,000 (one hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars) to resolve the remaining claims in Donovan Hall et al. v. Sgt. McGhee, et al., Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-00428 on the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia. To resolve the remaining claims in the lawsuit, the County will pay the total sum of \$148,000 (one hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars) to Hall and his attorneys in return for and conditioned on dismissal with prejudice of the lawsuit and Hall's execution of a release and waiver of claims satisfactory to the County Attorney. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to sign the settlement agreement. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was out of the room and not voting. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Larry Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- 2020-0135** Commission District(s): All
Proposed Settlement of Threatened Litigation by the City of Dunwoody
- MOTION was made by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be to approve a settlement of threatened litigation by the City of Dunwoody in the total amount of \$120,000.00, in return for the execution of a Release and Settlement Agreement in a form acceptable to the County Attorney. Authorize the County Attorney or her designee to execute the Settlement Agreement. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was out of the room and not voting. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Larry Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Jeff Rader, seconded by Commissioner Nancy Jester, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the January 21, 2020 Special Called Meeting at 11:07 a.m. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was out of the room and not voting. Commissioner Larry Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

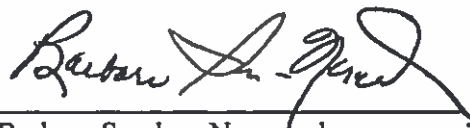
- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Larry Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson



Stephen R. Bradshaw
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
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