

DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 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, Interim County Attorney

Work Session

I. Committee of the Whole

A. Committee Reports

B. Grady Update

C. Update to Boards and Appointments Process

D. Water Billing, Delinquent Accounts & Payments

E. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for May 29, 2025

F. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

G. Review/ Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda

H. Items Previously Heard

II. Special Call Meeting

2025-0800 **Commission District(s): All**

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

[2025-0654](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

To adopt a resolution designating the area located at 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032 as an urban redevelopment area pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Law.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

[2025-0655](#)**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

To adopt a resolution approving an urban redevelopment plan entitled “DeKalb County, Georgia Urban Redevelopment Plan - 4380 Memorial Drive” related to an urban redevelopment area located at 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved substitute To adopt a resolution approving an urban redevelopment plan entitled “DeKalb County, Georgia Urban Redevelopment Plan – 4380 Memorial Drive” related to an urban redevelopment area located at 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

No: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

2025-0770

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN 2025B) for 2025, due September 1, 2025 in the aggregate principal amount of \$98,700,000 to xxx Bank, for the purpose of obtaining a temporary loan to pay current capital expenses during the 2025 calendar year.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved substitute A resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN – 2025B) for 2025, due September 1, 2025 in the aggregate principal amount of \$98,700,000 to xxx Bank, for the purpose of obtaining a temporary loan to pay current capital expenses during the 2025 calendar year. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

Recused: 1 - Commissioner Robert Patrick

2025-0774

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A resolution authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN 2025A) for 2025, due December 16, 2025 in the aggregate principal amount of \$114,480,000, to xxx Bank, for the purpose of obtaining a temporary loan to pay current expenses during the 2025 calendar year.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved substitute A resolution authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN 2025A) for 2025, due December 16, 2025 in the aggregate principal amount of \$114,480,000, to xxx Bank, for the purpose of obtaining a temporary loan to pay current expenses during the 2025 calendar year. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

Recused: 1 - Commissioner Robert Patrick

2025-0756

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Appoint Mr. Michael Lopata to Post 1 of the Audit Oversight Committee

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved Appoint Mr. Michael Lopata to Post 1 of the Audit Oversight Committee The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

2025-0758

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 3 & 6

Expansion of the Metro South Community Improvement District (CID)

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved substitute to Authorize the Expansion of the Metro South CID. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

[2023-1331](#)**Commission District(s): 1 & 6**

RFP - Request for Proposal No. 22-500625 Eastside Aviation Development on DeKalb Peachtree Airport (Multi-Year Lease): for use by the DeKalb Peachtree (PDK) Airport. Consists of the design, construction, and management of business directly related to aviation for corporate aviation hangar development on the eastside of the airfield at the PDK Airport. Recommend award to the sole proposer: Sky Harbour, LLC. Estimated 50-Year Total Revenue Amount: \$576,607,163.00 (\$211,270,337.00 estimated towards DeKalb County).

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be deferred for 30 days to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/24/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

2025-0801**Commission District(s): All**

To Convene an Executive Session

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, and Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah

2025-0802 Commission District(s): All

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Nicole Massiah, 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

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the May 20, 2025 Special Called Meeting at 2:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Patrick, Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Massiah, Commissioner Bolton, and Commissioner Johnson

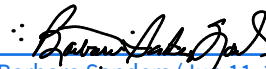


Michelle Long Spears (Jun 10, 2025 16:03 EDT)

Michelle Long Spears
Presiding Officer



Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders (Jun 11, 2025 18:09 EDT)

Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk