

# DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street  
Decatur, GA 30030*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, August 5, 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. Purpose Possible- Public Art Council Process

###### C. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for August 12, 2025

###### D. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

###### E. Review/ Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda

###### F. Items Previously Heard

##### II. Special Call Meeting

#### [2025-1098](#)

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

Approve a resolution approving and ratifying the delay in implementation of the ten percent water and sewer rate increase as approved through Agenda Item 2025-0259 from July 1, 2025 to August 1, 2025.

**MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item substitute be approved to Adopt a resolution approving and ratifying the delay in implementation of the ten percent water and sewer rate increase as approved through Agenda Item 2025-0259 from July 1, 2025 to August 15, 2025. 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

**2025-1145 Commission District(s): All**

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

**MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Robert Patrick, 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

**2025-1146 Commission District(s): All**

To Convene an Executive Session

**MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by Chakira Johnson, 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

**2025-1147 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.. 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 August 5, 2025 Special Called Meeting at 11:41 a.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 (Aug 25, 2025 15:22:35 EDT)


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Michelle Long Spears  
Presiding Officer

  
Lorraine Cochran-Johnson (Aug 25, 2025 15:42:39 EDT)

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Lorraine Cochran-Johnson  
Chief Executive Officer

  
Barbara Sanders-Norwood (Aug 25, 2025 15:44:00 EDT)

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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk