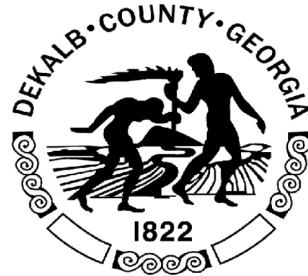


# DeKalb County Government

*178 Sams Street  
Decatur, GA 30030*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 4, 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, Chakira Johnson, Mereda Davis Johnson, LaDena Bolton, Michelle Long Spears, and Nicole Massiah

**Administration:** Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Viviane Ernestes, County Attorney

**Work Session**

**I. Committee of the Whole**

**A. Committee Reports**

**B. MARTA Quarterly Briefing**

**C. CEO- Comprehensive Police Recruitment and Retention Strategy**

**D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for February 11, 2025**

**E. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda**

**F. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda**

**G. Items Previously Heard**

**II. Special Call Meeting**

**2025-0261 Commission District(s): All**

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

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

**2025-0262 Commission District(s): All**

To Convene an Executive Session

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

**2025-0263 Commission District(s): All**

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, 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 Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, 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 Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the February 4, 2025 Special Called Meeting at 12:42 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Ted Terry, Commissioner Chakira Johnson, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner LaDena Bolton, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Nicole Massiah**

  
Michelle Long Spears (Mar 10, 2025 12:35 EDT)

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Michelle Long Spears  
Presiding Officer

  
Lorraine Cochran-Johnson (Mar 10, 2025 21:06 EDT)

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Lorraine Cochran- Johnson  
Chief Executive Officer

  
Barbara Sanders-Norwood (Mar 10, 2025 21:40 EDT)

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Barbara Sanders-Norwood  
County Clerk