

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF
ESTABLISHING A POLICE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD**

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Police Department serves as the primary law enforcement agency within DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Police Department has a responsibility to protect and serve all residents of the county; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta and other local governments have established police civilian review boards, with apparently positive results; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County seeks to increase transparency and public engagement in public safety operations and services; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County seeks to explore the possibility of creating a police civilian review board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia, requests that the Chief Operating Officer develop a competitive procurement process to hire a consultant to research whether a police civilian review board would be beneficial for DeKalb County's law enforcement and community relations goals, and if so, perform research and make recommendations regarding the following:

- a. What powers and functions should the DeKalb County governing authority consider granting to a police civilian review board?
- b. How should the members of a police civilian review board be chosen, and what criteria and/or qualifications should be required for such members?
- c. What training should be provided to members of a police civilian review board?

When conducting such research, the consultant should consider any and all federal, state, and local laws applicable to DeKalb County. The consultant should also obtain input from the DeKalb County community, consider the work done by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia in developing their Public Safety Civilian Oversight Board, and consider any and all other information deemed relevant by the consultant.

February 13, 2024

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

MEREDA DAVIS JOHNSON
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Board of Commissioners and
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