# **DeKalb County Government**

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



### **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

## **Special Called Meeting**

Commissioner Jeff Rader, Presiding Officer, District 2 Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 4

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 Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw,
 Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie
 Gannon

**Absent** 

1 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-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. Decide DeKalb Quarterly Update
- C. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for January 14, 2020
- 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

2020-0045

Commission District(s): All

To Convene a Special Called Meeting

MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff
Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson,
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner
Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie
Gannon

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

2020-0046

Commission District(s): All

Add an Item

MOTION was made by Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. Commissioner Larry Johnson was out of the room and returned to the meeting at 9:42 a.m. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-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

2020-0047

Commission District(s): Commission Districts 2 & 6
DeKalb County's Objection to the Petitions for Annexation into the
City of Brookhaven filed by Related Development, LLC
MOTION was made by Commissioner Kathie Gannon,
seconded by Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda
item be to approve to authorize the County Attorney to file
objections to the annexation petitions in a substance approved
by the Chief Operating Officer and in a form acceptable to the
County Attorney and authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or
his Designee to execute all necessary documents. Commissioner
Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was absent from the meeting. The
motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff
Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson,
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner
Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie
Gannon

**Absent:** 

1 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

#### A. Executive Session

2020-0048 Commission District(s): All

To Convene an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be to approve to convene an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff
Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson,
Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner
Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie
Gannon

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

2020-0049 Commission District(s): All

To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting

MOTION was made by Commissioner Nancy Jester, seconded by Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be to approve adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:

 6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

2020-0050

Commission District(s): All

Proposed settlement of lawsuit filed by Daisy Abdur-Rahman against DeKalb County, Civil Action No. 1:18cv00252-AT in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia. MOTION was made by Commissioner Nancy Jester, seconded by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be to approve a total gross payment of \$320,000 (three hundred twenty thousand dollars) to resolve all claims in the lawsuit filed by Daisy Abdur-Rahman against DeKalb County, Civil Action No. 1:18cv00252-At in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia. To resolve this lawsuit, the County will pay to Ms. Abdur-Rahman and her attorneys the total gross amount of \$320,000 in return for and conditioned on their dismissal with prejudice of the lawsuit, execution of a settlement agreement satisfactory to the County Attorney, and provision of a W-9 tax form completed by Ms. Abdur-Rahman. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to sign settlement agreement. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion

Yes:

 6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson,
 Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Kathie Gannon

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.

carried by the following vote:

DeKalb County Government does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities or exclude them from participating in or receiving benefits of its services, programs, or activities, based on disability. Janet Essix, DeKalb County Government's Employee Relations Manager and ADA Coordinator, is designated to coordinate the County's compliance with Part 35 of the Department of Justice regulations regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. Janet Essix may be contacted at 1300 Commerce Drive, 1st Floor, Decatur, GA 30030, 404.371.2309, to request information about access for persons with disabilities to County services, programs and activities, or to discuss a grievance regarding an impediment to such access. Ten days' notice is requested for special accommodations.

### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no futher offical business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Kathie Gannon, seconded by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the January 7, 2020 Special Called Meeting at 10:41a.m. Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was absent from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1- Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Jeff Rader

Presiding Officer

Michael Thurmond

Chief Executive Officer

Barbara Sanders-Norwood

County Clerk