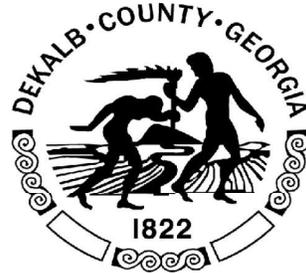


# DeKalb County Government

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

**9:00 AM**

**Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium**

### **Special Called Meeting**

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Presiding Officer, District 4  
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Deputy, District 7*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1*

*Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2*

*Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3*

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4*

*Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5*

*Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6*

*Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7*

**Present**        7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and 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. Legislative Update Briefing**

**C. Youth Farm Update**

**D. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for April 13, 2021**

**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**

**2021-2450**      Commission District(s): All  
To Convene a Special Called Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ted Terry, 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 Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

- 2021-2451** Commission District(s): All  
To Convene an Executive Session Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ted Terry, 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 Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- 2021-2452** Commission District(s): All  
To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Robert Patrick, seconded by Commissioner Mereda Davis 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 Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- 2021-2453** Commission District(s): All  
Proposed lawsuit against Wells Fargo Bank and related companies under the Fair Housing Act.  
**MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to authorize the County Attorney to file federal Fair Housing Act litigation on behalf of DeKalb County against Wells Fargo & Co.; Wells Fargo Financial, LLC; Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; Wells Fargo Financial Georgia, Inc.; and related corporations, alleging claims based on discriminatory and predatory mortgage lending practices in DeKalb communities with substantial populations of minority residents. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the April 06, 2020 Special Called Meeting at 11:18 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Robert Patrick, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Ted Terry, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson



Stephen R. Bradshaw  
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond  
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-  
Norwood County Clerk