

**Draft -Minutes**

**PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services  
Committee**

*Commissioner Nicole Massiah (Chairperson)*

*Commissioner Michelle Long Spears*

*Commissioner Robert Patrick*

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Tuesday, March 24, 2026

3:30 PM

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Meeting Started At: 3:44 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Massiah, Patrick, Long Spears, Terry, Johnson

**Present**      3 - Chairperson Nicole Massiah, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears,  
and Commissioner Robert Patrick

**I. MINUTES**

**2026-0546**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for February 26, 2026, Planning, Economic Development,  
and Community Services Committee Meeting,  
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole  
Massiah, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

**II. APPOINTMENT**

[2026-0442](#)      Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Appoint Mr. Sheldon Fleming to Post 8 of the Recreation, Parks &  
Cultural Affairs Board.  
**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by  
Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be Recommended for  
approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on  
4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and  
Commissioner Patrick**

*Committee conducted an interview of Mr. Fleming*

*-MLS: motion to approve*

### **III. STATUS UPDATE**

County Operational Assessment

*-presentation provided by Ms. Lakeisha Sesay - the Momentum Firm*

*Q NM: You do not have specific amounts on potential cost savings?*

*LS: Correct, we think in the next cycle we will be able to provide specific numbers*

*Q TT: The recommendations under COD R23 and COD R24 seem to be under finance can we review and ensure these are in order*

*Q RP: can we get this compiled into a more readable document and possibly send it out to residents*

*Q NM: I'm curious about the recommendations that were rejected. Are there details as to why, maybe costs associated, why were they rejected?*

*LS: We are asking departments to self-report on the status of recommendations. We do ask for a justification as to why they want to reject it. That information should be in your index. We could bring the COO back to discuss them and gather more internal feedback.*

*Q NM: Please send us a copy of the rejection rationales*

Community Academy 101

*Presentation provided by LaSonji Marshall and Eva Chauveau, Planning and Sustainability*

*Comments provided by Commissioner Massiah*

*Comments provided by Commissioner Patrick*

*RP: my only recommendation is engagement with cities in district 1.*

### **IV. AGENDA ITEM**

*New Agenda Items*

**GIS Department**

[2026-0491](#)

Commission District(s): 4 & 7

To consider consenting to the deannexation of property located at 5499 Woodsong Trace, Stone Mountain, GA, 30087.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick**

*Q CJ: Can we clarify the goal of the item that they are de-annexing from the city of Stone Mountain? COO Williams: We will bring a substitute to the next Board meeting with that clarification outlined*

*-RP: motion to approve pending additional information (substitute)*

#### Planning and Sustainability

[2026-0384](#)

Commission District(s): All

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Information Technology Products and Services (Omnia Partners Contract No. 2024056-02): for use by the Department of Planning and Sustainability (P&S). Consists of purchasing of the competitively let Omnia Partners Contract No. 2024056-02 for implementation of a Cloud-Based Short-Term Rental Monitoring and Compliance Platform. Awarded to Deckard Technologies. This request also seeks to ratify Purchase Order No. 5066515. Amount Not to Exceed: \$120,720.43

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick**

*Information provided by Rachel Bragg, Deputy Director Planning and Suitability  
And Racquel Jackson, project manager*

*Q NM: how can residents submit complaints*

*RJ: they will be submitted online and be reviewed in real time for best department to handle the complaint  
be it Police or Code Compliance*

*Q RP: Will this track bookings within the county, can it project capacity?*

*RJ: Yes, it will provide us with that data. Additional details provided.*

*Q TT: are the fees that are we charge going to cover the contract cost?*

*RJ: yes they will*

*Q NM: How are complaints currently handled?*

*RJ: yes we currently have a short term rental inbox that is managed by staff*

*-RP: motion to approve*

**Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs**

2026-0433

Commission District(s): 4

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Playground, Water Play and Aquatic Equipment, Site Amenities, and Outdoor Fitness Equipment with related Accessories and Services (Sourcewell Contract #101625-PLP): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of purchasing through the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 101625-PLP for renovations and upgrades to the amenities at parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas. This request is for a replacement shelter at Lithonia Park Shelter and modifications to the playground at Cedar Park. Awarded to PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$134,170.97.

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick**

*Information provided by Christopher Bass, RPCA Director*

*-MLS: motion to approve*

2025-1759 Commission District(s): 4 and 7  
Park Pride Atlanta, Inc. Grant Award for Wade Walker  
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick**

*Information provided by Christopher Bass, RPCA Director*

*CB: there is no match for the County*

*Comments provided by Commissioner Patrick*

*-RP: motion to approve*

2026-0409 Commission District(s): All Districts  
Approval of a Contract between DeKalb County Government and the DeKalb County School District  
**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick**

*Information provided by Christopher Bass, RPCA Director*

*Q RP: how can we have a conversation with BOE about setting up a district 1, summer camp specifically, Pleasantville?*

*CB: we have a work session coming up soon, we can find some possible locations and costs and see what the school board is open too*

*-MLS: motion to approve*

*Previously Heard Items*

**Chief Operating Office**

[2026-0458](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Authorizing \$9,067,525.00 of SPLOST II Funding for Facilities Improvements to Include Roofing and HVAC System Repairs and Replacements for DeKalb County Physical and Mental Health Facilities.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

*Information provided by Chris Kingsbury, SPLOST Manager and additional staff*

*Q NM: What about the total for department of health?*

*DF: the crisis center \$1.25 million*

*Q MLS: We have \$15 Million reserved for development of a new crisis center, this \$13.5 for repairs would pull that away, has there been conversations with Claratel about the funding goals?*

*COO: yes we have, the professional option is to deal with these repair issues. Additional details provided Q RP: has the item has been sent to audit*

*COO: yes, he supported the original amount we are waiting for feedback on the additional amount.*

*Q RP: What would the timeframe be to begin construction?*

*COO: as soon as possible. Additional information provided.*

*-RP: motion to approve pending additional information (OIIA Review)*

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2024-1237](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
A Request for the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the DeKalb County Nuisance Ordinance to Add a Closure of Chronic Nuisance Properties Ordinance Chapter.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

*County Attorney: Law is comfortable with the language the only outstanding issue is the operational concerns from user departments. My recommendation would be to connect with them on operations.  
RP: COO Williams, Lets review these items at our next I-I meeting so we can be ready for committee.*

*-RP: motion to defer for 30 days*

2024-1239 Commission District(s): All Districts  
An Ordinance to Amend the Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, As Revised 1988, Chapter 18, Article III, Property Maintenance to Establish Minimum Standards for Vacant Property, Require Property Owners to Apply for a Board-up Permit, and for Other Purposes.  
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

*-RP: motion to defer for 30 days*

**Board of Commissioners - District 2**

2026-0385 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
A Resolution of the Governing Authority of Dekalb County, Georgia, Urging Adoption of the Unhoused Support and Services Plan; Establishing Implementation Expectations and Accountability; and for Other Lawful Purposes  
**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

*Information provided by Commissioner Long Spears*

*Further information provided by Dr. Ferguson and Allen Mitchell, Director of Community Development*

*AF: our goal is to take these recommendations, connect with other stakeholders, from the originating body, DeKalb CoC, and community development in a collaborative effort to determine where to state but also ensure that any action is consistent with the Comp housing plan and align with our goals*

*MLS: We will add Commissioner Terry as a co sponsor of this item*

*-MLS: motion to approve*

**Board of Commissioners - Super District 6**

2025-0015

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

An Ordinance to Amend The Code of DeKalb County, Georgia Chapter 16 Pertaining To Regulation Of Sound And For Other Purposes.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

*Information provided by Matthew Perry, Law Department*

*MP: We have proposed amendments for day time hours. We have night time standards. Additional details provided*

*Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

*Q RP: can we get some data on noise complaints from the last two years, a breakdown of how many, were and time of day.*

*NM: There is an option for a civilian to sue for violation of quiet hours.*

*MP: I believe you are right however off the top of my head I don't know the statue off the top of my head.*

*-RP: motion to defer for 30 days*

2025-0017

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Create an Electric Landscape Maintenance Device Rebate Program, to Encourage Switching from Gas-Powered Landscape Maintenance Devices, and for Other Lawful Purposes.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

*-RP: motion to defer for 30 days*

Meeting Concluded At: 6:02 PM

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC