



DeKalb County Government

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Decatur, GA 30030

Minutes

OPS-County Operations Committee

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson(Chairperson)

Commissioner Robert Patrick

Commissioner LaDena Bolton

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

1:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 1:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Davis Johnson, Patrick, Bolton, Terry, Long Spears

Present 3 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner LaDena Bolton

I. MINUTES

2026-0366 Commission District(s): All Districts
Minutes for the March 26, 2026 County Operations (OPS) Committee Meeting;
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

2026-0752 Commission District(s): All Districts
Minutes for the Special Called April 14, 2026 County Operations (OPS) Committee Meeting;
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

2026-0753 Commission District(s): All Districts
Minutes for the Special Called April 16, 2026 County Operations (OPS) Committee Meeting;
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items

Facilities Management

[2026-0278](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1384581 On Call Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew). For use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Watershed Management (DWM) and Fire Rescue (FR) to obtain on-call HVAC services. Seeking contract funds increase. Awarded to B&W Mechanical Contractors, Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed \$300,000.00.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/28/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Information provided by David Ford, Facilities Management

Q RP: Do you all do assessments of where repairs are needed, Dunwoody has reached out about the library's HVAC.

DF we have assessments done and can take a look at the Dunwoody library

Q LB: We have exhausted the funds? This is just in case we need repairs or are we antipatent repairs?

DF: We are anticipating repairs. Additional details provided

-RP: Motion to approve

2026-0279

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1244308 and Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1244310 Uniforms for Public Safety Personnel (Annual Contract with 4 Options to Renew). For Police Services and E911 to obtain work uniforms. Ratifying term increase and an increase in contract funds and term through December 31, 2026. Awarded to Galls, LLC and Smyrna Police Distributors: Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$560,000.00.

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/28/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Information provided by Chief Patrick

-LB: Motion to approve

2026-0761

Commission District(s): All

SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000210-0004 Audiovisual Equipment and Related Services. For use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM) to obtain audiovisual equipment for the Maloof Annex Auditorium. Awarded to Atlanta Soundworks, LLC: Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/28/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Information provided by David Asbell, Facilities Management

Q RP: What is the new target deadline for Maloof

COO Williams: We are aiming a November Timeframe

MDJ: I am aiming to hold an update discussion on the auditorium in May

-LB: Motion to approve

Board of Commissioners Office

2026-0729

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Request to Update the Board of Commissioners' Committee Areas of Responsibility

MOTION was made by LaDena Bolton, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/28/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Information provided by COS Lee May

Q TT: Would the movement of animal enforcement also include lifeline?

COS: The enforcement activities are under police. Director Fullum does manage all of them, it would make sense to keep them together.

-LB: Motion to approve

III. DISCUSSION

Standing Procedural Rules

2024-0842

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Resolution to Review and Amend the Board of Commissioners
Standing Procedural Rules

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners

Information provided by COS May - introduction of new tracker to support getting final recommendations before the full board

MDJ: I'd like to see the items that are not at issue designated on here. Otherwise it would seem as if we are starting over. I want us to drill down on what is remaining

COS: We can update this and bring it back

Q TT: the question of making small changes in anticipation of this review has been brought up, specifically around our speaking time

MDJ: yes I believe law said they would have something to us

TGP: the direction I received was to provide two things, 1. whatever was necessary to provide an immediate change on the 28th as a temporary item for that meeting and 2. whatever is necessary to make that a permanent change moving forward.

MLS: what I was suggesting was making the changes effective at the meeting of the 28th and moving forward, ultimately it being wrapped up into the procedural rule book.

Q LB: Would that need to be from the OPS chair

TGP: if you like however that directive came from Commissioner Spears

MLS: my goal is that it becomes effective at the next meeting

TGP: since it is orally presented today this can be considered item discussion allowing a vote next Tuesday.

Charter Review Recommendations

[2025-1577](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Resolution of the DeKalb County Governing Authority Regarding the Charter Review Commission's Report and Recommended Changes to the Organizational Act

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners

Q TT: I wanted to clarify something about section 6 discussion. Did the state pass something clarifying when we had to have special elections?

TGP: the state did pass an update to the amount of time, I believe now we have a 29 day window. Additional context provided.

Review of Section 9 (pg. 9) from December 12th Memorandum- Powers and Duties of the Commission

Rp: I am in agreement with Madam CEO's feelings on this change and do not support it.

LB: I would not support the change at this time.

MDJ: I also support the CEO's position.

Q TT: Could a compromise here be taking the departments out of it and subpoenaing the CEO directly? If the board finds itself in a situation where a request was made and the administration declines to provide information, what option does the board have?

Response provided by Interim County Attorney Phillips

MDJ: I am still not in support of the board having subpoena power

Q LB: how would subpoena powers provide additional information that an open records request wouldn't?

Response provided by Interim County Attorney Phillips

Q MLS: regarding the community engagement programs, does this note from the CEO also impact that? Can we get that point of clarification. Secondly we did find governments with similar structures to ours allowing subpoena powers.

RP: I know we wanted to get more information and have a discussion on NPU's

Meeting Concluded At: 2:14 PM

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

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Davis Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bolton

Barbara Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC