

DeKalb County Government

Minutes - Draft

PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

Commissioner Nicole Massiah (Chairperson)

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Commissioner Robert Patrick

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 3:40 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Massiah, Patrick Long-Spears, Johnson, and Terry;

I. MINUTES

- 2026-1243** Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for August 11, 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
- Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

II. APPOINTMENT

- [2026-0924](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appoint Dr. Lynette Wilson-Phillips, MD, to Post 5 of the DeKalb
County Community Service Board.
**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
9/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Yes:** 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and

Commissioner Patrick

No additional information requested.

- 2026-1130 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appoint Ronald Mangum to Post 7 of the DeKalb County Board of Family and Children Services.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/15/2026 .

Item not heard in committee.

III. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

- 2026-0915 Commission District(s): 5
CA - Cooperative Agreement - Open Air Structures with Related Equipment and Services (Sourcewell Contract No. 092325-RMT). For use by Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs to obtain a viewing platform pavilion. Awarded to Romtec Inc.: Amount Not To Exceed: \$178,450.00.
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 9/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

TT: Requests a review of the name of the park, per the passed legislation.

- 2026-1228 Commission District(s): All Districts
To Approve the 2026/2027 Agreement with DeKalb County School Nutrition Services for \$76,140.00 to Furnish After School Snacks for the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs.
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 9/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Commissioner Patrick

No additional information requested

Board of Commissioners

[2026-1215](#)

Commission District(s): Super District 6 and District 2

A Resolution of the DeKalb County Board of Commission to Name the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center Amphitheater in Honor of Andrew Keenan

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

MLS: I recuse myself from this decision as a member of the Callenwolde Board.

TT: Comments on item.

Previously Heard Items

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 Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be Recommended for withdrawal to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

TT: Comfortable with decibels, because of objective enforcement.

MLS: Also comfortable with decibels, requests response from admin. Consider buying some decibel meters for precincts to run a pilot.

ZLW: Public safety would prefer plainly audible, but we do have some meters already. TT: we bifurcated day and night, in the night section plainly audible at 100 feet after 11pm.

Chief: Comments on meters and pilot program.

Comments on viability of meters and process for use.

RP: Comments from citizen email, comments on proposed ordinance.

TT: Comments on proposed ordinance and reasoning.

MLS: Requests the consideration of a pilot program on a small scale.

CJ: Concerns about decibel level, concerns about subjective plainly audible determination, question about time frame in ordinance.

NM: Comments on efficacy of the proposed ordinance, concerns with cost prohibitive aspects.

TT: Comments on rebate program. Happy to consider addressing specific issues, like human produced sounds, and party noises.

CJ: Comments on next steps.

RP: Supports addressing party houses specifically.

TT: Question about impact on blasting ordinance.

TP: Response.

TT: I will withdraw this and come back and a new agenda item on just the party house issue. Then we can hold some meetings for how to address other sounds.

MLS: Motion to withdraw, RP second.

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.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/15/2026 .

TT: Explanation of program.

NM: Recommends that we start internally within the administration as a pilot program with this policy before we offer it to the public, cites concerns from citizen about efficiency of using battery powered equipment.

MLS: In support of item.

CJ: Would like to see a pilot program to see impact on property owners, not owners. \$75 is good but may not be incentive enough to spur what you're trying to spur. In order to gather data and ensure that the program has a true impact.

RP: Suggests that the pilot be held internally by DCOO Gordon

TT: Originally discussed a \$50k pilot for this program, the technology has gotten much better. So yes I agree with the pilot, start somewhere.

ZW: Requests that the Board not select a department, request that the admin be able to determine which business unit is best suited for this. Requests that CRO Millagro be allowed to review this policy.

RHC

[2026-0244](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Requiring an Independent, Third-Party Health and Environmental Study of Data Centers and Their Possible Impact on DeKalb County and Board of Commissioners Review of the Study Before DeKalb County's Data Center Moratorium Can Be Lifted.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/15/2026 .

Substitute introduced in committee.

IV. DISCUSSION

Operational Assessment Update - PECS Depts

Item not heard in committee.

Meeting Concluded At: 4:55 PM

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

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

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC