DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030

Minutes - Draft

ERPS-Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee

Commissioner LaDena Bolton (Chairperson)

Commissioner Nicole Massiah

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson

Tuesday, July 7, 2026	2:15 PM	178 Sams Street, Decatur, GA 30030 (Multipurpose Room A1201)

Meeting Started At: 3:39pm

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

Present 2 - Commissioner LaDena Bolton, and Commissioner Nicole Massiah

Absent 1 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson

I. MINUTES

2026-1068 Commission District(s): All
Minutes for the June 18, 2026 Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Bolton, and Commissioner Massiah

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

II. DISCUSSION

EMS Services Update

-presentation provided by Chief Carter - Fire & Rescue Services
-comments provided by Commissioner Massiah
-Question RP: is there an update on the average wall times?
-response provided by Chief Carter
-Question LB: what is the reason for the increases in call volume?
-response provided by Chief Carter
-Question LB: you stated the goal of 10 ambulances operating at the 240 unit hour; is that for AMR vehicles and DeKalb EMS or just AMR?
-response provided by Chief Carter
-Question LB: how is the data being collected? Do you have to work with the call center on that?
-response provided by Chief Carter
-Question MLS: when your data manager is prepared could you send me January - June data for review?
-Chief Carter: yes ma'am
-Question NM: having the ability to do the triage, is there a savings estimate for the Nurse Navigator?
-response provided by Chief Carter

III. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Finance

2026-0941 Commission District(s): All
Home Rule Ordinance to amend the Pension Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, 1962 Ga. Laws 3088, as amended, to add a death benefit for beneficiaries of certain plan participants who die in the line of duty as officers, employees or deputies of DeKalb County on or after September 1, 2026, and to provide for compliance with certain updates to federal tax law.
MOTION was made by Nicole Massiah, seconded by LaDena Bolton, that this agenda item be Recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/14/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Bolton, and Commissioner Massiah

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

-information provided by Director Larry Jacobs

Board of Commissioners - District 1

2025-0683 Commission District(s): All Districts
To Approve a Resolution to Address Egregious Littering and the Illegal Dumping of Scrap Tires
This agenda item was Recommended for approval. to the

Board of Commissioners due back on 7/14/2026 .

-information provided by BOC Policy Analyst Marcus Allen and Nichole Simms - Assistant to the COO
-overview of departmental responsibilities, key initiatives to run concurrently with the legislation by Ms. Simms
-Public Works will strictly be the intake and tracking hub, and inspection and enforcement actions will remain in Code Compliance
-comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding the business license requirements
-Question TT: for the first violation an officer may issue a written warning, is it ok for officer discretion?
-response provided by Mr. Allen
-Question TT: for violations that continue day to day, those violations constitute separate violations?
-response provided by Mr. Allen
-Question NM: have discussions been had with both the Police Chief and Sheriff as it relates to the potential jailing of individuals for violations?
-response provided by Mr. Allen
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick
-Question RP: how are we relating this to our cities? Has there been a conversation with our cities regarding this legislation? -response provided by Mr. Allen
-additional comments provided by Commissioner Patrick for the possibility of creating mirroring legislation throughout DeKalb
-comments provided by Commissioner Bolton

Board of Commissioners - District 2

2026-0596 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
An Ordinance to Regulate the Restraint and Transportation of Animals and for other Purposes.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 7/14/2026 .

-item not discussed in committee

2026-0728 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
An Ordinance to Amend the Code of DeKalb County, Georgia, Chapter 5, to Regulate the Sale of Dogs, Cats and Rabbits in Pet Shops
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 7/14/2026 .

-item not discussed in committee

Board of Commissioners - Super District 6

2026-0769 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution Requesting the Administration to Establish Independent Civilian Oversight and Auditing For DeKalb County's Digital Shield Initiatives and Surveillance Infrastructure
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 7/14/2026 .

-item not discussed in committee

Meeting Ended At: 4:25pm

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

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Bolton, and Commissioner Massiah

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Davis Johnson

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC