

# **DEKALB COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

**October 12, 2023**

**In Person Meeting**

**Manuel J. Maloof Center**

## **SUMMARY**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Steve Henson, Chairman

Virginia Harris, Vice Chair

Rep. Karen Bennett

Sen. Sally Harrell

Claudette Leak

Mary Hinkel, Secretary

Lance Hammonds

Robert Wittenstein

Susan Neugent

Bobbie Sanford

Clara DeLay

Jim Grubiak

Dwight Thomas

Vickie Turner

John Turner

Dr. Gerald Austin Sr.

### **ABSENT:**

Ex Officio Rep. Karla Drenner

Ex Officio Sen. Kim Jackson

### **STAFF:**

Representatives of the Carl Vinson Institute

Zach Williams, COO

Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney

III. MINUTES: The minutes from the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were not available to approve.

IV. INTRODUCTION of INVITED GUESTS and ELECTED OFFICIALS: None

V. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Henson briefly recapped the purpose of the meeting and his intentions that the Commission vote on each section of the Organizational Act that had suggested changes. He reminded everyone that 10 votes in favor of any change were required for passage of said change. He also spoke to how amendments to any section would be handled.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Former CEO Burrell Ellis asked to be recognized and made brief remarks concerning the Commission's work.

Commission members then voted section by section on suggested changes to the Organizational Act in the Organizational Act Draft 10.12.23 distributed by the Carl Vinson Institute. Charter Review Commission Members Grubiak, Hammonds, Hinkel, Leak, Neugent and Wittenstein offered amendments to various sections and members voted on the amendments. *[NOTE: Both the 10.12.23 draft and the final draft reflecting any approved amendments and the vote tabulation will be posted as soon as they are made available by the Carl Vinson Institute.]*

VIII. REMARKS OF INTERESTED CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Binney

Andrew Bell

XI. NEXT MEETING DISCUSSION & ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be a public hearing tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> in District 3 at the South DeKalb Senior Center, 1931 Candler Rd, Decatur, GA 30032.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.