



DeKalb County Government

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Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Commissioner Ted Terry (Chairperson)

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Commissioner Chakira Johnson

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 4:04PM

Attendance: Commissioners T. Terry, C. Johnson, M. Long Spears, Dr. L. Bolton, N. Massiah

Present 3 - Chairperson Ted Terry, Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and
Commissioner Chakira Johnson

I. MINUTES

2025-0279 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the February 11, 2025 Finance, Audit, and Budget
Committee

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by
Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears,
and Commissioner Johnson

2025-0280 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the Special Called February 13, 2025 Finance, Audit,
and Budget Committee

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by
Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears,
and Commissioner Johnson

- 2025-0358** Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the February 21, 2025 Special Called Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Johnson

II. APPOINTMENTS

Board of Commissioners

- [2025-0340](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appointment to the Oversight Committee of the Office of the Independent Internal Audit
MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/3/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Johnson

Interviews conducted for following candidates: Additional Q&A

Ms. Melody Curry:

CJ: How can you manage change?

NM: According to resume, did you handle government clients or a specific client? Do regulations differ when it comes to government? Some related to county? How would you handle state/federal/County and be proficient although never worked in government entity?

Mr. Eric McGlothen

NM: Regulations - Have you worked for any government entity? What are thoughts on being proficient on county regulations? Any preparations for today's meeting? Who asked you to submit your name?

***Q&A and candidates advised that they will be contacted regarding next steps.*

III. DISCUSSION

FAB Committee Goals for 2025

Goal Setting:

- 1) MLS: Quarterly Financial Updates - First financial discussion on 3/25 and will do every other month; Detailed fund discussion (Fire fund, for example) in the first FAB meeting in April: Police , Fire, Hospital etc. Why do we have these funds? To be included in financial discussion (COO Z. Williams responded)*
- 2) CJ: What were previous goals from previous years? Based on the Constitutional budget discussions would be good to create a formatted budget request template should be created so that all presentations will be uniform when having discussion (COO Z. Williams responded)*
- 3) TT: Constitutions/Court – Have discussion (between now and mid-year) on status of where courts stand (Budget, where are they falling short? Improvements? Status of court hearings, backlogs?)*
- 4) Audit Discussion: Risk based process where will look at elected offices, agencies, funding, fraud, efficiency within government, basically everything the county touches. (Director L. Campbell responded)*
- 5) TT: Can Director L. Campbell come back to give an overview/annual Review? Schedule to discuss audit work/action plan quarterly? (Director L. Campbell responded)*
- 6) TT: Can Director Campbell offer thoughts on Independent CIP Auditor? (Central Staff will send all updated independent auditor information to Director Campbell)*
- 7) Director Campbell: In terms of independence – How will committee guarantee independence of that auditor?(TT responded)*
- 8) NM: Ensuring what appointees are coming from governing body – make sure appointments are being made in timely matter*
- 9) NM: What are thoughts of having someone more generalized that responds to and answers BOC questions and concerns? (Director L. Campbell responded)*
- 10) CJ: Constitutionals – Can they each come to discuss exactly what they do in their office in order to minimize questions regarding budget?*
- 11) TT: CEO mentioned operational audits; Is the intention to come back to committee of jurisdiction to discuss findings or discuss with audit committee? (COO Z. Williams responded)*

IV. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items

District 5

[2025-0240](#)

Commission District(s): District 5

A Resolution of The Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County Establishing and Identifying the Roles and Responsibilities of an Independent CIP Auditor to Monitor Implementation of the County's Capital Improvement Program and Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget to Fund an Independent CIP Auditor and Necessary Staff

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/25/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Terry, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Johnson

Meeting Ended at: 5: 07PM

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC