



# DeKalb County Government

178 Sams Street  
Decatur, GA 30030

## Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

### FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

*Commissioner Ted Terry (Chairperson)*

*Commissioner Michelle Long Spears*

*Commissioner Chakira Johnson*

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Tuesday, July 22, 2025

3:30 PM

178 Sam's Street, Decatur, GA 30030  
(Multipurpose Room)

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Meeting Started At: 4:30PM

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

#### **Present**

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

#### **I. MINUTES**

**2025-1051** Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the July 8, 2025 Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee  
**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by  
Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The  
motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**2025-1081** Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the July 17, 2025 Special Called Finance, Audit, and  
Budget Committee  
**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by  
Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The  
motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**II. DISCUSSION****Budget Amendments****Sheriff Dept Questions:**

- 1) MLS: Top 4 highlighted in presentation - Are those priorities? (Sheriff responded)*
- 2) LB: Anticipate not needing additional funds per document? Is 5 year plan for everything, so that will not need to keep repairing? (including maintenance for 2025) while replacement taking place through FY 2030? (Sheriff responded)*
- 3) MLS: Total needed for 5 year plan? Asking for clarification - (Sheriff responded)*
- 4) TT: Clarification for ask on presentation that is on screen (Sheriff responded)*
- 5) TT to COO: Have the most up to date requests from Sheriff? Add to list of amendments (COO Williams responded)*
- 6) TT to COO: When it comes to those requests/investments over 5 years might offset a create savings? (COO Williams responded)*
- 7) TT: SPLOST II moved forward, would that be helpful? (Sheriff responded)*
- 8) TT: Have funding in place to get started? (Sheriff responded)*
- 9) TT to Sheriff: Make sure that COO has up to date 5 year plan*

**OIIA Audit Discussion: Water Sewer Billing Delinquent Accounts**

*\*\*Will be discussed in either Special Called or August 12th FAB*

**OIIA's 2025 Annual Work Plan**

*\*\*Reschedule for August 12th FAB*

**III. AGENDA ITEM**

*Previously Heard Agenda Items*

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2025-0814](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
A Resolution Requesting the Implementation of a Means-Tested Water Bill Amnesty Program for Income-Qualified Customers and Requesting a Targeted Review of Uncollectible Debt in Blighted Condominium Communities

*Motion to approve sub*

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/12/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[2025-1060](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
A Placeholder To Approve The 2025 BOC Mid-Year Budget Amendment Requests

*Per Commissioner, staying in committee; Updates to be made in spreadsheet*

**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/12/2025 .**

#### *New Agenda Items*

#### **Executive Assistant - Chief Operating Office**

Walk-On (Implementation of the ten percent Water & Sewer Rate increase

*Item 2025-1098 will be added; Motion to approve w/friendly amendment, changing from Aug. 1st to August 15th*

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item was recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/12/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### **Finance**

[2025-0912](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Issuance of Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds (Second Resolution), Series 2025A (the Series 2025A Bonds) in the aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$450 million.

**MOTION was made by Chakira Johnson, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/12/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### Superior Court

[2025-1014](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts  
FY2026 Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Grant By Way Of The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to the DeKalb County Felony Drug Court - \$197,500.00

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Chakira Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/12/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Meeting Ended At: 5:12PM

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