

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SECOND REGULAR MEETING**

April 17, 2024
10:00 AM



Fulton County Government Center
Assembly Hall
141 Pryor Street SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303



POST AGENDA MINUTES

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Scheduled date for ratification: May 1, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts

10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)

PRESENT

Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1)

PRESENT

Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)

PRESENT

Dana Barrett, Commissioner (District 3)

PRESENT

Natalie Hall, Commissioner (District 4)

PRESENT

Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Commissioner (District 5)

PRESENT

Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Vice Chair (District 6)

PRESENT

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONSENT AGENDA**24-0255 Board of Commissioners**

Adoption of the Consent Agenda - All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Second Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

24-0256 Board of Commissioners

Proclamations for Spreading on the Minutes. **(NONE)**

Open & Responsible Government**24-0257 Registration & Elections**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement, Registration & Elections, to conduct Special Elections in conjunction with the General Election / Non-Partisan Election on May 21, 2024, and General Election Runoff on June 18, 2024, for the City of Atlanta and City of College Park. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0258 Registration & Elections

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding, Registration & Elections to conduct the Georgia Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors Election in conjunction with the General Election on November 5, 2024, and Runoff Election on December 3, 2024. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0259 Registration & Elections

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement, Registration & Elections to conduct Special Elections in conjunction with the General Election on November 5, 2024, and the General Election Runoff on December 3, 2024, for City of Atlanta and City of East Point. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0260 Registration & Elections

Request approval of Right of Entry and Access Agreement, Registration & Elections with City of Sandy Springs to utilize existing facility located at 6110 Blue Stone Road, Fulton County, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328 during 2024 Elections: General Election / Non-Partisan Election on May 21, 2024, General Election Runoff on June 18, 2024, November 5, 2024, and the General Election Runoff on December 3, 2024. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

24-0261 Finance

Ratification of March 2024 Grants Activity Report. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

SECOND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**24-0263 Clerk to the Commission**

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Recess Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2024

Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, April 10, 2024

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to ratify the meeting minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts

24-0262 Board of Commissioners

Adoption of the Second Regular Meeting Agenda. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to adopt the Second Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by revising items #24-0275 as requested by the County Manager, #24-0280, #24-0281 as requested by Commissioner Barrett; removing item #24-0215; and by a super majority vote adding item #24-0286. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

24-0264 Board of Commissioners

Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. **(PRESENTED)**

Proclamation recognizing "Autism Awareness Month." **(Abdur-Rahman/Ellis)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS**24-0265 Board of Commissioners**

Public Comment - Citizens are allowed to voice County related opinions, concerns, requests, etc. during the Public Comment portion of the Commission meeting.

Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, whether such persons are commenting in-person, via emails or via Zoom or other electronic media (i.e., phone call). Non-Fulton County citizens will only be heard after all in-person Fulton County citizens, representatives of business and organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, have been heard and the time allotted for public comment has not expired, except as otherwise provided in this code section. County staff shall verify the residency of each public speaker prior to such person being heard by the board. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. Members of the public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The Public Comment portion of the meeting will not exceed sixty (60) minutes at the First Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed sixty (60) minutes at the Second Regular Meeting. In the event the 60-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office.

(CONDUCTED)

8 Speakers: Greg Fann (Public Speaking); L.A. Pink (Fulton County Jail); Vakelvion Holmes (Item #24-0264/Crime); Mike Russell (Fulton County Sheriff Office); Paul Hershey (Decorum); Maria Gaudio (Board of Registration and Elections); Janet Hill (Deed Fraud) and Robby Caban (Lifeline/Fulton County Animal Services)

3 Zoom Speakers: Ben Howard (Senior Services/Housing); Caressa Kao (Crime) and Derrick D. Blassingame (Fulton County System)

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority**

24-0266 Board of Commissioners
MARTA Quarterly Update (PRESENTED)

Invest Atlanta

24-0267 Board of Commissioners
Invest Atlanta Briefing (PRESENTED)

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****24-0268 County Manager**

Presentation of the Fulton County Operational Report. **(PRESENTED)**

24-0269 Finance

Presentation, review, and approval of April 17, 2024, Budget Soundings and Resolution. **(PRESENTED/APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Pitts

24-0270 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB138805C-GS, Carpet, Carpet Installation and Repair Services Countywide in the total amount of \$345,000.00, with (A) G.S.A.T. Restoration, Inc. dba Paul Davis of North Atlanta (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$145,000.00; (B) HPI Floor, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$125,000.00; and (C) Brad Construction Company II, LLC (Fayetteville, GA) in the amount of \$75,000.00, to provide carpet, carpet tile installation and repair services for Countywide facilities. Effective upon execution of contracts through December 31, 2024, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

24-0271 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23ITB122123K-DB, Demolition Services for the Super Inn Hotel and the Executive Inn Hotel in an amount not to exceed \$1,071,000.00 with Complete Demolition Services, LLC (Carrollton, GA) to provide demolition services for the Super Inn Hotel and the Executive Inn Hotel. Effective upon issuance of Notice to Proceed for a period of 160 calendar days. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

24-0272 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid #23ITB138801C-GS, Janitorial Services for Selected Fulton County Facilities (Groups C, D & G) in an amount not to exceed \$981,071.00 with (A) American Facility Services, Inc. (Alpharetta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$679,630.00 for Group C (Central Libraries) and Group D (North Fulton Libraries); and (B) Good Success Company, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$301,441.00 for Group G (North and Central Senior Centers), to provide janitorial services for selected Fulton County facilities for Fulton County for the remaining eight (8) months of FY2024. Effective dates: May 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Health and Human Services**24-0245 Community Development**

Request approval of a contract between Fulton County and Destination Tomorrow, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000.00 to support the Wellness Journey Program, a comprehensive HIV testing program aimed at increasing awareness, reducing stigma, improving access to testing services within the community and addressing all the barriers which impede a healthy productive lifestyle for individuals; and to authorize the Chairman to disburse funds and execute and administer contracts, and other related documents consistent with any necessary agreement in support of this funding allotment. The term of this Contract shall be upon approval through December 31, 2024. **(HELD ON 4/10/24) (APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

24-0273 Community Development

Request approval of a contract between Fulton County and Inner-City Muslim Action Network Corp (IMAN Atlanta) in the amount of \$75,000.00 to complete Phase I renovations of the Wellness Center & Food Pantry located at 2179 MLK Dr. SW, Atlanta GA 30310; and to authorize the Chairman to disburse funds and execute and administer contracts, and other related documents consistent with any necessary agreement in support of this funding allotment. The term of this Contract shall be upon approval through December 31, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

Justice and Safety**24-0274 Superior Court Administration**

Request approval to extend an existing contract with A & A All County Monitoring Services, Inc. (Lawrenceville, GA), in an amount not to exceed \$305,000.00, for an additional 30 day period in order to complete the transition to the new service provider for 23RFP1208B-RT, Electronic Pretrial Monitoring Services. Effective May 1, 2024 through May 30, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington to call the question.

Chairman Pitts ruled item #24-0274 was not before the Board and entertained a motion to be overruled. No motion to overrule the Chairman was made.

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Abstain: Hall

24-0275 Superior Court Administration

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Superior Court Administration, 23RFP1208B-RT, Electronic Pretrial Monitoring Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 with A 2nd Chance Monitoring (Marietta, GA), to provide electronic pretrial monitoring services for the County's Electronic Monitoring Program by coordinating and providing electronic monitoring services for those participants the County has determined to be eligible for pretrial electronic monitoring awaiting trial by and under the jurisdiction of the County. Effective May 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

a. A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve sounding and voting on items #24-0274 and #24-0275 together. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Barrett, Hall, and Arrington

b. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to hold. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Hall, and Arrington

Nay: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Abdur-Rahman

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Arrington

Abstain: Hall

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**24-0247 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution establishing policies limiting the use of Fulton County staff for certain events by members of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners; and for other purposes. **(Thorne) (HELD ON 4/10/24) (APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve with a friendly amendment by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman to allow six (6) events per quarter utilizing staff instead of once per month. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Hall, and Arrington

Abstain: Barrett

24-0276 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2 of the Code of Laws of Fulton County to clarify the definition of "officer or employee" in the Code of Ethics. **(Ellis) (APPROVED)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Hall, and Arrington

Abstain: Barrett

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to call the question. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Barrett, Hall, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Pitts

24-0277 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of Fulton County Anti-Nepotism Policy. **(Ellis) (APPROVED)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Barrett, and Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hall

b. A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to hold. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Barrett, Hall, and Arrington

Nay: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Abdur-Rahman

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments**24-0278****Board of Commissioners****HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (NORTHSIDE) (APPROVED)**

The Board of Commissioners shall submit a slate of three (3) names, per position, to the Hospital Authority of Fulton County, for selection of one (1) person to be appointed by the Authority for each position.

Term = 4 years, staggered

Terms below expired: 4/1/2024

Anthony Salvatore **(BOC 1)**

Kenneth Kupke **(BOC 2)**

Thomas Hills **(BOC 3)**

The Board of Trustees of the Hospital Authority of Fulton County (Northside) submitted the following slate of names for the Board of Commissioners' consideration to terms ending April 1, 2028. (Ellis)

Position #1 - Anthony Salvatore, Douglas Olson, M.D. Adam Marchak, M.D.

Position #2 - Kenneth Kupke, M.D., Brian Sydow, M.D., Carolyn Weaver, M.D.

Position #3 - Thomas Hills, Marc Sonenshine, M.D., Jennifer Amerson, M.D.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Pitts

Did Not Vote: Arrington

24-0279 Board of Commissioners
BOARD OF ETHICS (APPROVED)

Each member selected after the initial terms of office have expired shall serve a term of three (3) years or until the termination of his or her membership in the organization from which he or she was selected. The chair shall serve as chair for the remainder of the calendar year and until a successor is chosen. (See Fulton County Code of Laws, Section 2-80).

Term = 3 years

Term below expired: 2/12/2019

Vacant (**Atlanta Business League/BOC**)

The Atlanta Business League recommended Judy Walker for a Full Board appointment to a term ending February 12, 2025.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Arrington

24-0280**Board of Commissioners****BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS (APPROVED)**

The board shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall be an elector and resident of Fulton County, who shall be appointed in the following manner:

(1) Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County from nominations made by the chairperson of the county executive committee of the political party whose candidates at the last preceding regular general election held for the election of all members of the General Assembly received the largest number of votes in this state for members of the General Assembly;

(2) Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County from nominations made by the chairperson of the county executive committee of the political party whose candidates at the election described in paragraph (1) of this section received the second largest number of such votes; and,

(3) One member shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County, which member shall be designated permanent chairperson of the board.

Term = 2 Years

Term below expires: 6/30/2025

Patrise Perkins-Hooker **(Chair)**

Chairman Pitts nominated Cathy Woolard to serve as Interim Chair replacing Patrise Perkins-Hooker for a Full Board appointment to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Abstain: Thorne

Did Not Vote: Ellis

24-0281 Board of Commissioners**BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS (WITHDRAWN)**

The board shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall be an elector and resident of Fulton County, who shall be appointed in the following manner:

(1) Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County from nominations made by the chairperson of the county executive committee of the political party whose candidates at the last preceding regular general election held for the election of all members of the General Assembly received the largest number of votes in this state for members of the General Assembly;

(2) Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County from nominations made by the chairperson of the county executive committee of the political party whose candidates at the election described in paragraph (1) of this section received the second largest number of such votes; and,

(3) One member shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County which member shall be designated permanent chairperson of the board.

Term = 2 Years

Term below expires: 6/30/2025

Patrise Perkins-Hooker (**Chair**)

Commissioner Barrett has nominated Cathy Woolard to serve as ~~Interim~~ Chair replacing Patrise Perkins-Hooker for a Full Board appointment to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2025.

ITEM WITHDRAWN AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER BARRETT

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**24-0215 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Time-keeping and use of temporary/part-time positions. (**Ellis**)
(HELD ON 4/10/24) (REMOVED)

ITEM REMOVED AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ELLIS

24-0251 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Election (**Thorne**) **(HELD ON 4/10/24) (HELD)**

ITEM HELD AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER THORNE

24-0282 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: County Vehicles (**Ellis**) **(DISCUSSED)**

24-0283 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Follow-up to Cherry Bekaert Procurement Review **(Pitts)**
(DISCUSSED)

24-0284 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Decorum **(Barrett)** **(DISCUSSED)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION**24-0285 Board of Commissioners**

Executive **(CLOSED)** Sessions regarding litigation **(County Attorney)**, real estate **(County Manager)**, and personnel **(Pitts)**. **(APPROVED)**

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, Commissioners: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to enter into Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Pitts, Hall, and Arrington

ADDED TO THE MEETING**Items Added to the Agenda****24-0286 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Animal Control Services between Fulton County, Georgia and the City of Atlanta. **(Pitts)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve adding item #24-0286 to the Second Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve item #24-0286. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.