

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



January 07, 2026
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: January 21, 2026

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
Mo Ivory, 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

PLEASE SWITCH ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (CELL PHONES, PAGERS, PDAs, ETC.) TO THE SILENT POSITION DURING THIS MEETING TO AVOID INTERRUPTIONS.

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CONSENT AGENDA**26-0001 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 First Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item #26-0006 as requested by the County Manager. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

26-0002 Board of Commissioners

Proclamations for Spreading on the Minutes. **(SPREAD ON THE MINUTES UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Proclamation recognizing "Deloris Hughes Appreciation Day." **(Pitts)**
December 19, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Joe Beasley Remembrance Day." **(Arrington)**
December 19, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Joseph H. Beasley Remembrance Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)
December 19, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Level 10 and Friends Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
December 21, 2025

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**26-0003 Board of Commissioners****FULTON COUNTY CITIZENS COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment shall consist of citizens from throughout Fulton County to be appointed by the Members of the Board of Commissioners. There shall be fourteen (14) members to serve on the Commission. In making such appointments, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners shall ensure that the terms of appointment are staggered. Each District Commissioner shall appoint one Commission member to a four (4) year term. Each District Commissioner shall also appoint one Commission member to a two (2) year term to ensure staggered terms. After the expiration of each appointee's initial term, the regular term of office for such an appointee shall be four (4) years. No term of any member shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who appointed the member to serve on the Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment; however, each member may continue to serve beyond his/her term until replaced. After the expiration of any appointee's initial term, the Commission may recommend to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners a list of eligible persons for consideration as appointees to the Commission. The Appointing member of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners may remove his/her appointee(s) to this Commission at any time and within the sole discretion of that individual of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

Term = 4 Years, staggered

Term below expires: 12/31/2025

Lynn McIntyre (**Thorne**)

Commissioner Thorne nominated Lynn McIntyre for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2029.

Open & Responsible Government

26-0004**Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 762 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from PPF / Royal Airport West Venture, LLC, individuals, for the purpose of constructing the Lincoln - AWDC 600 Project at 0 Naturally Fresh Boulevard, College Park, Georgia 30349.
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

26-0005 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 13,862.4 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Gary B. Coursey Jr. and Yvette G. Coursey, as executor of the estate of Gary B. Coursey, individuals, for the purpose of constructing the SoFu Commerce Center Project at 0 Georgia 14, South Fulton, Georgia 30349. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Justice and Safety**26-0006 Solicitor General**

Request approval of recommended and required personnel and operating funding for the Solicitor-General, State Court Clerk and Public Defender necessary to fully support the implementation of the two (2) new State Court Divisions. **(REMOVED)**

FIRST REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**26-0007 Board of Commissioners**

Adoption of the First Regular Meeting Agenda. **(ADOPTED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to adopt the First Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

26-0008 Board of Commissioners

Appointment of the Vice-Chairman **(APPROVED)**

Appointment of the Vice-Chairman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners for a one-year term, in accordance to the current Fulton County Code § 101-36 (b), amended by the Board on October 20, 2021 (Item #21-0839).

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ellis, to appoint Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman as Vice-Chairman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners for 2026. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Barrett, and Ivory

Did Not Vote: Arrington

26-0009 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

First Regular Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2025

Second Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, December 17, 2025

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

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

26-0010 Board of Commissioners

Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. **(NONE)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS**26-0011 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 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)**

7 Speakers: Camealaina H. Jackson (Cleaner Georgia); Kevin Anderson (Public Defender's Office Relocation); LA Pink (Fulton County Jail); Maggie Goldman (Homeless Families); Brother Anthony Muhammad (Animal Control); Eldson McGhee (Veteran's Commission); Darius Cache (Noah's Fund Non-Profit)

1 Zoom Speaker: Robby Caban (Sheriff/Animal Services)

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****26-0012 Finance**

Review and approval of the FY2026 Final Adopted Budget and FY2026 Resolutions. **(DISCUSSED)**

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**25-0895 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners amending policies limiting the use of Fulton County staff for certain events by members of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners; and for other purposes. **(Ellis/Thorne) (HELD ON 11/19/25 AND 12/3/25) (FAILED ON 12/17/25) (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, and Abdur-Rahman

Nay: Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

25-0935 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to affirm that reproductive rights are human rights; to condemn the criminalization of abortion and related services; to urge the Georgia State Legislature to repeal the six-week abortion ban that endangers lives, and for other purposes. **(Barrett) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 12/3/25 AND 12/17/25) (FAILED)**

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

Yea: Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Nay: Pitts, Thorne, and Ellis

Abstain: Abdur-Rahman

25-0936 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to establish a Fulton County Women's Commission to advise the Board of Commissioners on policies, strategies, and community partnerships that advance gender equity and address the systemic barriers impacting women; and for other purposes. **(Barrett) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 12/3/25 AND 12/17/25) (FAILED)**

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

Yea: Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Nay: Thorne

Abstain: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Ellis

25-0937 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to establish a "Healthy Women, Healthy Families" grant program in Fulton County; to provide \$1M in annual funding for the grant program to fund organizations focused on improving women's health outcomes and ensuring access to quality care; and for other purposes. **(Barrett) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 12/3/25 AND 12/17/25) (FAILED)**

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

Yea: Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Nay: Thorne

Abstain: Pitts, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Ellis

25-0939 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners supporting its ability to govern local affairs and urging the Georgia General Assembly to preserve the Board of Commissioners' involvement in matters affecting Fulton County residents. **(Ivory) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 12/3/25 AND 12/17/25) (FAILED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ivory and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

Nay: Pitts, and Thorne

Abstain: Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Ellis

25-0993 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to amend Resolution no. 22-0644 and Resolution no. 21-0282 that created and established the Fulton County Veterans' Empowerment Commission by revising its purpose and to establish funding for specific programming for Veterans through existing Fulton County programs; and for other purposes. **(Ellis/Abdur-Rahman) (HELD FOR A LACK OF A QUORUM ON 12/17/25) (APPROVED)**

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, Ivory, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

25-0994 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to establish a Fulton County Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee to advise the Board of Commissioners on policies, strategies, and community partnerships that advance Fulton County's redevelopment plans pursuant to the Redevelopment Powers Law; and for other purposes. **(Ivory) (HELD FOR A LACK OF A QUORUM ON 12/17/25) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ivory and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

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

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments**25-0995 Board of Commissioners****DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (HELD FOR A LACK OF A QUORUM ON 12/17/25) (APPROVED)**

Development Authority of Fulton County, amended (#21-0337) by revising subsection 118-50, entitled "Board of Directors, Membership and Qualifications," to provide as follows: (a) The Board of Directors shall consist of a board of not less than seven and not more than nine directors to be appointed by resolution of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Each Commissioner shall have one appointment which shall be submitted to the full Board of Commissioners for approval. Two additional members shall be "at large" members, with one member selected and nominated by the Fulton County Board of Education for final approval by the full Board of Commissioners, and the other representing member selected and nominated by the Atlanta Board of Education for final approval by the full Board of Commissioners; (b) The members of the Board of Directors shall be taxpayers residing in Fulton County; (c) The members of the Board of Directors shall not be officers or employees of Fulton County.

Term = 4 Years

Term below expired: 5/31/2025

Mike Looney (Fulton County Board of Education)

The Fulton County Board of Education appointed Yngrid Huff for a Full Board appointment to a term ending May 31, 2029.

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

25-0996 Board of Commissioners

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (HELD FOR A LACK OF A QUORUM ON 12/17/25) (APPROVED)

Term = 4 Years

Term below expired: 5/31/2025

Erica M. Long (**Atlanta Board of Education**)

The Atlanta Board of Education appointed Dr. Bryan Johnson for a Full Board appointment to a term ending May 31, 2029.

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, Ivory, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****26-0013 External Affairs**

Presentation - Fulton County Preparations for 2026 World Cup. (**PRESENTED**)

EXECUTIVE SESSION**26-0014 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, SECURITY AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, Commissioners: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; Deputy County Attorney Shalanda Miller; Chief Financial Officer Sharon Whitmore; Assistant Chief Strategy Officer Steve Nawrocki; Police Chief W. Yates and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to enter into Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve the request for representation in item #3 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.