

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECESS MEETING**

February 15, 2023
10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: March 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts **10:00 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, Vice-Chairman (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, Commissioner (District 6)	PRESENT

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONSENT AGENDA**23-0101 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 Recess Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item #23-0107 for separate consideration as requested by Chairman Pitts; and removing item #23-0105 to be brought back to a later meeting as requested by Commissioner Abdur Rahman. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Hall

Absent: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

23-0102 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Taurin Rahmon Arrington Remembrance Day."

(Arrington)

January 26, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Michael S. Ross Remembrance Day." **(Arrington/**

Abdur-Rahman/Hall)

February 1, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Eugenia L. Bolton Appreciation Day."

(Abdur-Rahman/Barrett/Hall)

February 4, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Reverend Dr. James H. Butler, Jr. Remembrance Day."

(Abdur-Rahman/Hall)

February 4, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Dorothy Anita Allen Remembrance Day." **(Arrington)**

February 10, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Bunnie Jackson Ransom Remembrance Day."

(Abdur-Rahman/Hall/BOC)

February 13, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Jessica Towns Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**

February 13, 2023

Commissioners' District Board Appointments

23-0103 Board of Commissioners

ANIMAL WELFARE HEARING BOARD (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

The Animal Welfare Hearing Board shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Each Commissioner shall appoint one member to serve for two years. Thereafter, all members may be appointed for an additional term of three years and until their successors are appointed.

Term = 2 Years/3 Years

Terms below expired: 12/31/2022

Linda Johnson (Vacant) **(Hausmann)**

Marisa Miller **(Abdur-Rahman)**

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Yoshina Colbert-Bradford for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2025.

23-0104 Board of Commissioners

BELTLINE TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT (TAD) ADVISORY COMMITTEE (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Fulton County Board of Commissioners is responsible for appointing 10 members.

Term = 2 years, with such term commencing upon approval of the Atlanta City Council.

VACANT **(District 6)**

Terms below expired: 12/31/2022

M. Dawn Brockington-Shaw **(Abdur-Rahman) (Atlanta City Council Approval - 3/2/2020)**

Retina Burton **(Pitts) (Atlanta City Council Approval - 1/19/2021)**

Gabriel Sterling **(Ellis) (Awaiting Atlanta City Council Approval)**

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Lamar Willis for a District appointment to a two-year term, commencing upon approval of the Atlanta City Council.

23-0105 Board of Commissioners

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (REMOVED)

The Commission on Disability Affairs shall consist of a total of sixteen (16) members to serve staggered two (2) year terms and appointed as follows:

Each member of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint two (2) members; one of them said appointees shall have an initial term, of one (1) year; No term of any member shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who appointed the member to serve on the Commission for Disability Affairs;

Term = Staggered two (2) year terms

Terms below expired: 12/31/2020

Yvette Pollard (**Arrington**)

Sheneice Willis (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Elijah Tutt (**Hall**)

Term below expired: 12/31/2022

Vernitia Shannon (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Vincent Gould and Bianca Shelby for District appointments to terms ending December 31, 2024.

ITEM REMOVED AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN

23-0106 Board of Commissioners

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ALLOCATION PROCESS
CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT
AGENDA)**

The CDBG Allocation Process Citizen Review Panel shall consist of fourteen (14) citizens. Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members from his/her district for a two (2) year term, subject to ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Such term shall not extend beyond the term set for the Commissioner who made the appointment. Panel members may be reappointed to serve additional terms.

Term = 2 years

Terms below expired: 12/31/2022

Robin Washington (**Pitts**)

Bob Regus (**Ellis**)

Karen Segar (**Ellis**)

Mary Jordan (**Abdur-Rahman**)

**Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Mary Jordan for a District
reappointment for a term ending December 31, 2024.**

**23-0107 Board of Commissioners
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (APPROVED)**

At the Special Call Meeting, May 30, 1973, the Board of Commissioners appointed seven (7) members to serve on this Authority. In 1992, two more members were added to this board bringing the total to nine (9) members appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County. Historically, each Commissioner has appointed one person to serve on this board. In addition, two persons are appointed and confirmed by the full Board of Commissioners.

Term = 4 years staggered

Terms below expire: 5/31/2025

- Michel M. Turpeau (**Arrington**)
- Jo Anna Potts (**Resigned**) (**Abdur-Rahman**)
- Brandon Breach (**Ellis**)
- Erica Long, Esq. (**Atlanta Board of Education**)
- Dr. Mike Looney (**Fulton County Board of Education**)
- Mike Bodker (**Hausmann**)
- Pinky Cole (**Pitts**)

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Kwanza Hall to replace Jo Anna Potts for an unexpired District appointment to a term ending May 31, 2025.

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

- Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman
- Absent:** Arrington
- Did Not Vote:** Ellis

23-0108 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.

Staggered Terms

Term = 2 Years

Term = 4 Years

Term = Four-year terms, however initially each District Commissioner appoints one member to a two-year term and one member to a four-year term.

Terms below expired: 12/31/2020

Edith Ladipo (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Bill Eisenhauer (**Hall**)

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Edith Ladipo for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

23-0109 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

One (1) representative will be nominated by each of the Commission Districts for a total of seven (7) members; this includes one representative from District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Each representative will serve a two-year term and could be re-appointed to serve additional terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no term of any member nominated by a District Commissioner shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who nominates that member.

Term = 2 Years

Terms below expired: 12/31/2022

Mary Gay **(Arrington/BOC-5)**

Vacant **(Abdur-Rahman/BOC-6)**

Martha Myers **(Hausmann/BOC-1)**

Manfred L. Michel **(Ellis/BOC-2)**

Peter Hausmann **(Morris/BOC-3)**

Lucy Hall **(Pitts/BOC-At-Large)**

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Kareemah Hanifa for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

23-0110 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

One (1) representative will be nominated by each of the Commission Districts for a total of seven (7) members; this includes one representative from District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Each representative will serve a two-year term and could be re-appointed to serve additional terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no term of any member nominated by a District Commissioner shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who nominates that member.

Term = 2 Years

Chairman Pitts nominated Lucy Hall for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

23-0111 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

One (1) representative will be nominated by each of the Commission Districts for a total of seven (7) members; this includes one representative from District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Each representative will serve a two-year term and could be re-appointed to serve additional terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no term of any member nominated by a District Commissioner shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who nominates that member.

Term = 2 Years

Vice-Chairman Ellis nominated Michel Manfred for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

**23-0112 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY REPARATIONS TASK FORCE (APPROVED UPON
ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Reparations Task Force shall have the following members: Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members, for a total of 14 members. Each member shall be a resident of Fulton County at the time of the appointment. A member shall serve for a two-year term and subject to removal by the appointing Commissioner for cause. No member's term shall exceed that of the appointing Commissioner but shall remain as a voting member until replaced or reappointed by the successive Commissioner.

Term = 2 Years

Terms below expire: 12/31/2023

Marcus Coleman (**Arrington**)

Vacant (**Arrington**)

Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado (**Hall**)

Vacant (**Hall**)

Khalid Kamau (**Resigned**) (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Vacant (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Shanti Oleti Vissa (**Hausmann**)

Vacant (**Thorne**)

Tamika Jackson (**Pitts**)

Vacant (**Pitts**)

Elon Butts (**Morris**)

Vacant (**Barrett**)

Vacant (**Ellis**)

Vacant (**Ellis**)

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Michael Simanga for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Rodney Littles to replace Khalid Kamau for a District appointment to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2023

23-0113 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY VETERANS' EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION, INC.
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

The Veterans Commission shall have the following members: Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members. Such appointees shall be residents of, or work in Fulton County and shall have military experience or expertise in the areas affecting military veterans. Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members.

Term = 3 Years

Terms below expire: 12/31/2024

Shawn Hanley (**Ellis**)

Earnest Allen (**Pitts**)

Jim Garcia (**Pitts**)

Eldson McGhee (**Arrington**)

Patricia Lewis (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Vacant (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Anthony Merritt (**Arrington**)

Mike Mizell (**Hausmann**)

Richard H. White (**Hausmann**)

Stephen Leake (**Ellis**)

Michael Moore (**Morris**)

Samantha K. Brown-Parks (**Morris**)

James "Jim" Currie (**Pitts**)

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Walter Mitchell for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

**23-0114 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ZONING BOARD (APPROVED UPON
ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners shall appoint seven (7) members to a Community Zoning Board for unincorporated Fulton County. Each member of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners shall nominate, for full Board approval, a member to the Community Zoning Board. All members shall be residents of Fulton County. From the membership of the Community Zoning Board, the Board of Commissioners shall appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair, to serve no more than two (2) years. Members of the Community Zoning Board serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners and may be removed upon motion of the nominating Commissioner and affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Commissioners.

Term = The members shall serve a term consistent with that of the member of the Board of Commissioners making the nomination. Members shall serve no more than two (2) terms, either consecutive or non-consecutive.

Terms below expired: 12/31/2020

James K. Moss (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Chris Copenhaver (**Ellis**)

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Pastor Frederick Caldwell for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

**23-0115 Board of Commissioners
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (APPROVED UPON
ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Nine (9) members serve on this authority. Seven (7) regular members (each Commissioner appoints one person to serve) and two (2) housing resident members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The enabling statute calls the Housing Authority Board members "Commissioners."

Term = 5 Years for BOC Appointees
1 Year for Resident Members

Terms below expired: 7/13/2022

Claudia E. Colichon (**Pitts**)

Chairman Pitts nominated Hazel Jacobs to replace Claudia E. Colichon for a District appointment to a term ending July 13, 2027.

23-0116 Board of Commissioners**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Nine (9) members serve on this authority. Seven (7) regular members (each Commissioner appoints one person to serve) and two (2) housing resident members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The enabling statute calls the Housing Authority Board members "Commissioners."

Term = 5 Years for BOC Appointees
1 Year for Resident Members

Term below expires: 7/13/2026

Dr. Lamar J. White (**resigned**)

Commissioner Hall nominated Antavius Weems to replace Dr. Lamar J. White for a District appointment to an unexpired term ending July 13, 2026.

23-0117 Board of Commissioners**PUBLIC FACILITY NAMING ADVISORY BOARD (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Commission will be composed of the County Manager, the Director of the Department that will manage, maintain, or use the facility on behalf of Fulton County Government (if applicable), the Director of the Public Buildings and Grounds Department, the Director of the Public Works Department, two members of the public on a rotating basis, who reside in the community and two open members slots. Special consideration to fill the open slots should be given to selecting citizens who are from the community in which the facility is located.

Term = The terms of any member of the public appointed to this Commission by the Board of Commissioners shall not exceed the term of the Board of Commissioner who nominated that Commission member for an appointment.

Debra Ewing (**Ellis**)

Lynn McIntyre (**Ellis**)

Courtney Newman (**Boxill/Garner**)

Ronald Galvin (**Boxill/Garner**)

Sandra B. Hardy (**Arrington**)

Warren (Pastor) Henry (**Arrington**)

Cleve Gaddis (**Hausmann**)

VACANT (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Tillman Ward as a District 6 Appointee.

Open & Responsible Government**23-0118 Finance**

Ratification of January 2023 Grants Activity Report. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services**23-0119 Public Works**

Request approval of a change order less than 10% - Public Works Department, 22ITB134130K-JAJ, in an amount not to exceed \$236,000.00 with Reeves Young, LLC (Sugar Hill, GA 30518) to provide preferred KSB pumps and associated equipment for the Graham Drive Pump Station. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0120 Senior Services

Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fulton County, through its Department of Senior Services, and the Center for the Visually Impaired. The MOU continues a partnership to provide Uber/Lyft services to seniors with disabilities. Effective upon execution through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Infrastructure and Economic Development**23-0121 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 12,661 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Pulte Home Company, LLC for the purpose of constructing the Enclave at Parkway Village Project at 0 Thompson Road, Union City, Georgia 30213. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

RECESS MEETING AGENDA**23-0122 Board of Commissioners**

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

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ellis, to adopt the Recess Meeting Agenda as amended by including held item #23-0088 as requested by the County Manager; revising items #23-0086, #23-0050 as requested by the County Manager; and adding #23-0141 with a super majority vote. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Hall

Absent: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

b. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to amend the Recess Meeting by moving up items #23-0134 and #23-0141 as requested by Vice-Chairman Ellis. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

23-0123 Clerk to the CommissionRatification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Recess Meeting Minutes, January 18, 2023

Regular Meeting Minutes Minutes, February 1, 2023

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Hall

Absent: Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Pitts

23-0124 Board of CommissionersPresentation of Proclamations and Certificates. **(NONE)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS**23-0125 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 30 minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed thirty minutes at the Recess Meeting.** In the event the 30-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. Similarly, written comments (that were timely submitted) not previously read, may be read at the end of the meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office. **(CONDUCTED)**

20 Speakers: Brian Dunn (Elections); Foris Webb, III (Elections); Anita Lane (Elections); Lucia Frazier (Elections); Jason Frazier (Elections); Candy Muldowney (Elections); Melissa Fiorillo (Elections); Sarah Pedro (Elections); Kevin Muldowney (Elections); Julie Allen (Elections); Lawrie Deinmoresh (Elections); Muara Gavdro (Elections); Lauren Waits (Elections); Art Gambill (Elections); Matt Rowenczak (Elections); Mary Jo Peed (Elections); Jane Zoellick (Elections); Lori Altman (Elections); Anne Gray Herring (Elections) and Phil Lunney (Elections)

3 Zoom Speakers: Robby Caban (Lifeline/Fulton County Animal Services); Ben Howard (Senior Services) and Brett Chromy (Public Comments/Elections)

6 Emailed Comments: Altn Powell (Elections); Michele Sarkisian (Elections); Jennifer Lynn Dinkins (Elections); Cami Nail (Elections); Keith Thieme (Lifeline/Fulton County Animal Services) and Alexa Finke (Elections)

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

- 23-0126** **Board of Commissioners**
MARTA Quarterly Update **(PRESENTED)**

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government**

- 23-0127** **County Manager**
Presentation of the Fulton County Operational Report. **(PRESENTED)**
- 23-0128** **External Affairs**
Presentation of the 2023 Legislative Session Update. **(PRESENTED)**
- 23-0129** **Purchasing and Contract Compliance**
Request approval of a Resolution to extend emergency purchasing authority of the Chairman and County Manager for COVID-19 related purchases; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED AS AMENDED)**
A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve with a friendly amendment by Commissioner Hall to amend the date of emergency purchasing authority from April 11, 2023 to May 11, 2023 coinciding with the end of President Biden's Administration's National Emergency Order. The motion passed by the following vote:
Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman
- 23-0130** **Finance**
Request approval of a recommended proposal - Finance Department, 22RFP092722C-MH Healthcare Benefits Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$269,743.00 with The Segal Company (Southeast), Inc. (d/b/a Segal) to provide professional healthcare benefit consulting services effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**
A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:
Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman
Did Not Vote: Arrington

23-0086 Human Resources Management

Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the Fulton County Sheriff to offer above the minimum salaries; authorizing a ~~cost of living adjustment for certain employees of the Fulton County Sheriff; confirming the Fulton County Sheriff's authority to pay overtime pay as earned; directing an amendment to the Overtime Pay and Compensatory Time Personnel Policy (108-16); authorizing increased overtime pay; and for other purposes.~~ **5% base pay rate increase for certain employees of the Fulton County Sheriff, directing an amendment to the Overtime and Compensatory Time Personnel Policy (108-16); authorizing increased overtime pay; and for other purposes. (HELD ON 2/1/23) (APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

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

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

Nay: Pitts

23-0088 Registration & Elections

Request approval of a statewide contract - Registration & Elections, SWC99999-001- SPD0000136, Temporary Staffing - Clerical & Light Industrial in an amount not to exceed \$304,619.52 with Dover Staffing, Inc. (Smyrna, GA) to provide temporary staffing services to assist in preparation for the move to the new warehouse location at 5600 Campbellton Road, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30331. Effective upon BOC approval. **(HELD ON 2/1/23) (HELD)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve. **(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

Health and Human Services**23-0131 Senior Services**

Request approval to amend a Memorandum of Understanding - Department of Senior Services with Quality Living Services, Inc., for the provision of financial support in the amount of \$500,000.00 to provide Life Enrichment, Fitness and Congregate Dining services for the senior population of Fulton County within the County owned facility located at 4001 Danforth Street, Atlanta, GA by Quality Living Services, Inc., as the Lessee of the building; to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement and related documents; to authorize the County Attorney to approve as to form and make modifications as necessary to protect the County's interests prior to execution; and for other purposes. Effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman 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

23-0132 Public Works

Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Fulton County and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD) for continued participation in the District-wide Single-Family Residential Toilet Retrofit program, in the total amount of \$25,000.00 for one year; to authorize the Chairman to execute each agreement and related documents; to authorize the County Attorney to approve as to form and make modifications as necessary to protect the County's interests prior to execution; and for other purposes. Effective upon execution. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

23-0133 Public Works

Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Fulton County and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD) for continued participation in the District-wide Multi-family High Efficiency (HET) Toilet Rebate Program administered by the MNGWPD and pursuant to the requirements of the MNGWPD's Water Resource Management Plan, in the amount of \$25,000.00, for one year; to authorize the Chairman to execute each agreement and related documents; to authorize the County Attorney to approve as to form and make modifications as necessary to protect the County's interests prior to execution; and for other purposes effective upon execution. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

Infrastructure and Economic Development**23-0050 Juvenile Court**

Request approval of a statewide contract - Juvenile Court, SWC 99999-SPD-SPD0000202-0002, **Website/system Development Services Media Buying and Advertising Services** in the amount not to exceed \$115,000.00 with Jacob's Eye, LLC (Atlanta, GA) ~~to provide configure and develop a website and provide ongoing maintenance service~~ design and configure a new website application for the Fulton County Juvenile Court ("FCJC") that will automate manual court processes. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2023. **(HELD ON 2/1/23) (APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**23-0134 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners urging the General Assembly to amend State Law to prohibit the personal retention of Passport Execution Fees as personal compensation by Superior Court Clerks and to provide that such fees shall instead be remitted to a County's General Fund; and for other purposes (ref. #23-0095). **(Ellis/Thorne) (APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Arrington

Abstain: Abdur-Rahman

23-0135 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners repealing Resolution 22-0995 and re-affirming Fulton County's participation in the Princeton Lakes and Eastside TADS as previously authorized by Resolution 02-1414 and Resolution 03-1465; and for other purposes. **(Hall/Barrett) (APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve. **(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

b. A substitute motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to direct the County Manager to verify the County's obligation to the Princeton Lakes TAD is complete and if confirmed discontinue the incremental payments, and by thanking Invest Atlanta for the supplemental information on the Eastside TAD and to advise them on our continued participation in the Eastside TAD. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, and Arrington

Nay: Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

23-0136 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to abolish certain Boards, Commissions, Task Forces, Committees, and Councils due to their failure to conduct meetings within the past twenty-four months, contingent upon verification by County Staff; and for other purposes. **(Ellis) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Nay: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hall

23-0066 Board of Commissioners
FULTON-DEKALB HOSPITAL AUTHORITY D/B/A GRADY HEALTH SYSTEM
(HELD ON 2/1/23) (APPROVED)

Consists of ten (10) trustees (members). The Board of Commissioners of Fulton County appoints seven (7) trustees (members) and the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County appoints three (3). (See Fulton County Code § 13-2-11). The Fulton County Code does not prescribe the method of appointment; however, historically, each Commissioner has appointed one person to serve.

Term = 4 years

Term below expired: 12/31/2022

Bernie Tokarz (**Hausmann**)

Commissioner Thorne nominated Bernie Tokarz for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.

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

Yea: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Arrington

Nay: Pitts

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments

**23-0137 Board of Commissioners
BOARD OF ETHICS (HELD)**

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

Terms below expire: 2/12/2023

Benjamin E. Fox (**Atlanta Bar Association/BOC**)

Daraka Satcher (**Gate City Bar Association/BOC**)

The Gate City Bar Association has recommended Daraka Satcher for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending February 12, 2026.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve.

Commissioner Hall withdrew the second.

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve. (**NO VOTE TAKEN**)

c. A substitute motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to hold. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Pitts

Did Not Vote: Arrington

23-0138 Board of Commissioners
SOUTH FULTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD (HELD)

Term = 2 years/Except the appointed members serve at the pleasure of the governing body which appointed them.

Kent Mason **(BOC-1/Carn/Abdur-Rahman)**
Jim Sams **(BOC-2/Abdur-Rahman)**

Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Reverend Tonjie Clark to replace Jim Sams for a Full Board appointment.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve. **(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

23-0097 Board of Commissioners
Discussion: Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 (Administration), Article III (Finance), Division 2 (Budget) of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances to modify Code Section 2-261 to require the County Manager to present the budget requests for the next fiscal year to the Board of Commissioners no later than sixty (60) days before the millage rate is set; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (HELD ON 2/1/23) (HELD)**

ITEM HELD AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON

23-0139 Board of Commissioners
Discussion: Abolishment of certain Boards, Authorities, Committees, and Task Forces. **(Pitts) DISCUSSED)**

DISCUSSED WITH ITEM #23-0136

EXECUTIVE SESSION**23-0140 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-Chairman Ellis, Commissioners: Thorne, Barrett, Hall, Arrington and Abdur-Rahman; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; Chief Human Resources Officer Kenneth Hermon; Chief Financial Officer Sharon Whitmore; BRE Chair Cathy Woolard via Zoom/phone; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

a. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to enter into Executive Session.. The motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve the requests for representation in items #1 and #2 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve settlement in the matter of St. Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, Inc. v. FULTON County and The City of Sandy Springs in the amount of \$260,505.83 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the settlement in the matter of DCRC complaint No. 22-651 in the amount of \$7,133.33. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve settlement in the matter of Philip Trampe and Devon Van Beek regarding 768 Belt Loop in an amount of \$5,179.89. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

f. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the recommendation of the Board of Registration and Elections to appointment Nadine Williams as the Director of Elections with an annual salary of \$185,000.00 effective February 15, 2023. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Thorne, and Ellis

ADDED TO THE MEETING

Items Added to the Agenda

23-0141 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners standing against Antisemitism, supporting Legislation that clearly defines the meaning of Antisemitism under State Law; and for other purposes. **(Barrett/ Abdur-Rahman) (APPROVED)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve adding item #21-0141 to the Recess Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Hall

Abstain: Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ellis, to approve item #23-0141. 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 4:13 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
RECESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solutions, LLC

(Whereupon, the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Good morning, everyone and welcome to the Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Today is February 15th. It is exactly 10:00 a.m, February 15, 2023. Madam Clerk, please call the roll."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bridget Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Vice Chairman Bob Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Dana Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Natalie Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr., Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman. Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Please, rise for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance."

(Whereupon, the invocation was given by Reverend Dawkins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.)

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CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **23-0101**, 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 Recess Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have one item on page 4 to be removed."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "For separate discussion or removed?"

CLERK GRIER: "It will be removed and brought back at the March 1st meeting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Which one?"

CLERK GRIER: "The first item, 23-0105, Commission on Disability Affairs. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman will bring that appointment back at the next meeting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Any others?"

CLERK GRIER: "That's all I have "

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. On page 5, No. 23-0107, held off for further discussion. Anything else, Commissioners?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve as amended. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please, vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 13, **23-0122** Recess Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have an item requested by Commissioner Barrett to be added to today's Recess Meeting Agenda, 23-0141: Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners standing against anti-Semitism supporting legislation and clearly defines the meaning of anti-Semitism under state law and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Barrett."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. What's the emergency, Commissioner?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "This is an item that is being discussed at the State House right now. It will -- they're trying to move it to the floor for a vote at the State House and then get it ready for Crossover Day all with are very time sensitive; and I felt like it was important for us to support that prior that movement to help move it along."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, let me make sure I understand the purpose."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "If we waited two more weeks to do it, it may not move along in the House the way that it should. So --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- when you say that it may not --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- well, it may not get to the floor, or if it gets to the floor, or may not get to the floor in time for Crossover Day; and it's important. So, you know, I think our encouragement as certainly the largest county in the state is important, and I want to make sure it happens in a timely manner, so that it can be considered by the folks in the General Assembly."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I mean, it's an important subject matter, but on the question whether or not it's an emergency, I don't -- I mean. All right. It requires -- this will require five affirmative votes. And this legislation was put in place for us not to -- not to -- before we would just load up on the day of the meeting with actions that were not on the agenda, and we haven't had a chance to review, so I hope that we would really utilize this for a true emergency. We actually have time on this one, but."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I mean, I hear what you're say. I beg to differ, but I hear what you're saying."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Brief remark. I mean, we -- we do have an item on our agenda in which this does sort of fit with it any way with our external affairs updates where we do typically take, you know, we do bring sometimes to the floor, on that day of positions on certain things. And I think this has a little more strength to it. So let's just codify it in the form of a Resolution. But, you know, I do think it fits with the agenda item we have here and it will be appropriate to kind of, you know, for us to be able kind of speak with one voice on this particular topic and convey thing. So, while it may not be sort of technically in the way that we designed this as an emergency, you know, I think it fits with something that's on our agenda for discussion. And Commissioner Barrett has the language here for us to specifically vote on it. We'd probably take an action on it if we didn't do this in our legislative package anyway, so we're going to have -- likely have a discussion on it one way or the other. So I would move that we move forward with approval of the item; add to the agenda and hear it at the time we hear the legislative update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: All right. Motion to approve to add this as an emergency item by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But I'll remind us, we need to -- true emergencies. Okay, continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "The next item, -- this item was held on the first meeting in February."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Where are you, Madam Clerk?"

CLERK GRIER: "I'm on adding an item that was omitted from the Recess Meeting Agenda, 23-0088. It was held at the last meeting, but it was not -- it didn't appear on the printed agenda for today's meeting. It's Registration and Elections: Request approval of a statewide contract to provide temporary staffing services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You're adding that?"

CLERK GRIER: "It needs to be put on this agenda, yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, anything else?"

CLERK GRIER: "And we have two items for revision. On page 15, 23-0086, Sheriff. The requested item has been amended. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the Sheriff to offer above the minimum salaries, authorizing the five-percent base rate increase for certain employees of the Fulton County Sheriff, directing an amendment to the Overtime and Compensatory Time Personnel Policy; and authorizing increased overtime pay and for other purposes. Next item on page 16, it's been revised to amend the requested action; 23-0050, Juvenile Court: Request approval of a statewide website system development services in the amount not to exceed \$115,000."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anything else, Commissioners?"

CLERK GRIER: "That's all I have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. On the agenda as amended. All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Vice Chair Ellis. Please, vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0123**, Ratification of minutes. Recess Meeting Minutes, January 18th. Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, February 1st, 2023."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Vice Chair Ellis. Please, vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; four yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "23-0124, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. We do not have any proclamations or presentations today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Praise the Lord. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 14, Public Hearings, 23-0125, Public Comment - Citizens wishing to participate in public comment will be allowed to appear in person or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom videoconferencing or by submitting their comments in writing by registering on the county website, www.fultoncountyga.gov. Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes. In the event the 30-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. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we'll start with the speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received 20 speaker cards."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Twenty?"

CLERK GRIER: "Twenty. Will the first five speakers, please come down: Brian Dunn, Foris Webb, Anita Lane, Lucia Frazier, and Jason Frazier."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Speakers, as always, when you have 15 seconds left, I'll say --- simply say, 15 seconds and that'll be your clue to conclude your remarks."

BRIAN DUNN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Brian Dunn, and I live in Fulton County."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Speak up, sir."

BRIAN DUNN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Is this better?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Much better."

BRIAN DUNN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "My name is Brian Dunn, I live in Fulton County. The position that pays a hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars a year you're looking to fill for Fulton County Election's Director is an important decision. From my understanding, this person would oversee most, if not all, of the election processes and procedures to ensure our elections run smoothly. That all laws are followed and all legal votes are protected and counted. So how is Ms. Williams still being considered after so many issues being identified including: Poll workers being overworked with

over 12-hour days for 19 days straight' also paying out a lot of costly overtime; long two- to three-hour election lines even during the Runoff. Thousands of voter challenges not being addressed. Many voters were not made aware that they were redistricted to find out after waiting in long lines. Many probably just went home after that and did not even vote. Lack of security at some voting locations and the list can go on. Even with all of the public comments of issues, some that are very serious, you publicly claim that the elections ran smoothly. Just because you state that the elections went well, that does not mean it's true. After speaking with many voters around different parts of Fulton County, discussing how the vote went and what was exposed in '20 and '22, I was not surprised how many felt like I did. Knowing and seeing obvious evidence being brought forth; of laws being violated, feeling disenfranchised and ripped-off is not a good place for the Fulton voters. However, not all voters are aware of the issues, but they should be. Some people that do know the issues do not even vote because they don't think their vote is even going to count. We need someone in this position that will restore confidence --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

BRIAN DUNN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and protect the vote. If Fulton County is truly honest with our tax money to running our elections and were transparent, the correct person would be put into place, not breaking laws and regulations. Please vote, no, to Nadine Williams. Thank you."

FORIS WEBB, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Chairman Pitts and Members of the County Commission, my name is Foris Webb, III, the City of Atlanta Municipal Clerk. I rise today after 34 years of never addressing this governing authority in support of the nomination of Ms. Nadine Williams as the Office of Registration and Elections Director. I would like to also say publicly, thank you, Chairman Pitts, thank you for the County Commission current as well as the past County Commission, the County Manager, the county and city -- the County Attorney as well as the external affairs director for empowering and supporting this office of registration and elections when it came to successful elections. I'll also say there are no perfect elections. But the goal is to achieve a successful election; and I feel under the leadership of Nadine Williams during the pandemic, and the appointment that she received as the interim director and prior to that, as the elections chief, she has accepted the role of public service. And I strongly support her nomination by the Board of Registration and Elections to this County Commission. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

ANITA LANE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. It's an honor to stand before you and I thank you for your public service, and God bless you. I'm here to speak on the Election Board Director position, also. And I work in Pittsburgh. I've been there for 30 years helping the homeless and I live in Midtown. And so, there's so much chatter about every type of population on this particular position. If this position was to be filled and the topic was a Holocaust Museum, you would be incredibly sensitive about the person that you would put in the position. If this position was for commercial sexually

exploited children, likewise, you'd be incredibly sensitive as to who you would appoint to this position. All public servants, like myself, are dedicated, and I do not deny the dedication of Ms. Williams. I just think with the great divide in our country, with the slander on our amazing state, we need to appoint somebody who's bipartisan. It's not about color or gender, it's about what's right for Georgia so that Georgia could stand with integrity for elections. Thank you so much."

LUCIA FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Lucia Frazier, Fulton County resident. The Fulton County Election Director is accountable to every single one of us Fulton residents. It's a position of integrity where you constantly seek ways to ensure that the liberty of one resident, one vote and the delivery of an accurate tally of votes with the minimal amount of our tax dollars. It really takes an engineering degree level, technical knowledge, and influential leadership to pull the necessary work out of the departments. This could be the greatest success story in the country for election integrity if we get the right person. There has not been one resident, one vote, as the SOS voter files have shown. There has not been assurance of accurate vote tallies because the tally operation is completely hidden. These can easily be addressed with smart process changes; and the spending has been excessive because the processes are excessive, but they can easily become lean with the proper analysis. If we're going to ask a hundred and eighty-five K for this position, then we can definitely get someone with relevant technical experience. I've worked with plant managers, and they get paid less and are responsible for hundreds of processes with tedious steps to deliver parts accurate to .001 of an inch. With proper outreach, we can get the right person. Many previously uninvolved Fulton residents have stepped up to help work our elections so that we could learn and help identify weaknesses in the processes. We didn't start coming here over a year ago with empty complaints, we came here month after month with solutions to make our elections more secure and cheaper. As poll workers, many of us perform so well, the poll managers requested us over and over again. So you've seen our integrity, --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LUCIA FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- our, passion, our determination to make Fulton County look good and to benefit every Fulton resident. So why would you doubt our intentions now? Thank you very much."

JASON FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Jason Frazier from Roswell. I sent you all an e-mail yesterday and I hope you've received that; but I wanted to speak on the record for everyone hear. I found a copy of the elections director job description, and it states in there and I quote, the BRE ensures accurate collection and maintenance of voter registration data. I think we can all agree that's not happening. Also, OGA 21-2-28A states in a number of words that each county or municipality shall have the right and the duty to maintain their own voter rolls. Habba 52USC 21.083 stipulates in a number of words that you need to be maintaining your voter roles, which again is not happening. It even calls out specifically the duplicate names are to be eliminated from this

computerized list. Well, that wasn't happening, but now some of them are because I've turned in 20,000 of these, okay? So, HAVA precedents has already been set with a case in Minnesota where Public interest legal foundation found 73 duplicates, and they won their complaints. Again, I've turned in 20,000 in Fulton. That's a little bigger than 73 for those that aren't real good in math. But at any rate, after that case was won, the results were forcing of the hand of this county in Minnesota to, and I quote, "take additional steps to locate and remove duplicate registrations." Why can't we do that without me forcing the hand of a HAVA complaint? It is the law. We need to be doing this, and it's not happening. It's very disappointing for me to spend all of these hours to do this work for you guys, for an election's director to be dropping the ball. So at any rate, it's pretty clear that the director of elections position is required to be doing this. It is state law, it is federal law."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

JASON FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "So, at any rate, Fulton County is in violation of HAVA, OCGA, and the BRE's own job description. End mismanagement of Nadine Williams. I hope you will do better. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. Will the next five speakers, please come down: Candy Muldowney, Melissa Fiorillo, Sarah Pedro, Kevin Muldowney, and Julie Adams -- excuse me, Julie Allen."

CANDY MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Candy Muldowney from Milton, District 2. I'm here today to state my opposition to the permanent hiring of Nadine Williams as the Fulton County Election's Director. Honestly, I am disappointed as a citizen, but I feel I need to say that. I have listened to other public comments at these meetings citing the laws that have been broken which include not having a real process to validate new voter registrations or clean existing rolls. The best one of all is when I received the notice of a security incident in a letter sent by Ms. Williams. It stated that my poll worker information was sent to outside sources and several media outlets by an employee responsible to Ms. Williams. How many poll workers were affected by this breach? And how much added cost does the county have to pay to offer 24 months of credit and identity monitoring? This further shows me that employees, whether permanent or temporary, are not thoroughly screened or trained; not to mention all of the issues brought out by the financial audit released in 2021 that have not been addressed. Why hasn't a suitable candidate been found in the last two years? Some of you must feel that it is wrong to reward this important position to someone that has so many complaints against them. How can the taxpayers feel good about their representatives considering and possibly voting for someone that does not seem to protect one of our most valuable rights; the right to vote? Every legal citizen should be --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

CANDY MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- should be protected and counted. We deserve a candidate that will follow the law, protect our vote, and have transparency. Please continue your search. Thank you."

MELISSA FIORILLO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Melissa Fiorillo, and I live in Fulton County Milton, Georgia. It is my understanding that you're here today to vote on whether to make Nadine Williams your official election's director for Fulton County. You've had many public comments against hiring and a lot of supporting examples of the issues. You've also had some public comments supporting her. Those that support her, I would ask why? What are their reasons for supporting her? What examples do they have? And I know one said last week longevity. Longevity should be rewarded they said, but longevity does not give you the skill set that's needed to run the elections of a county that's one of the largest counties in the state. Do the supporters think that it's not important to follow the law? Do the supporters think that it's, okay, not to uphold -- upkeep the voter rolls? Verify new voter registrations or address voter roll challenges? Do supporters think that it's okay to agree to spend taxpayer money for elections without supporting invoices with detail, documents or agreements? There are just too many examples to mention here with so little time. It is concerning that such serious issues seem to be, okay with some of you. Is Nadine Williams your only candidate? If she is, does that mean you have to vote for her? Don't your constituents deserve better? Most employers would keep looking to find a candidate --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MELISSA FIORILLO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "- with all the skills set needed. Shouldn't you? Thank you for your time and consideration. Please, vote, no."

SARA PEDRO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners and Chairman Pitts. My name is Sara Pedro. I'm a Fulton County resident. It's time to change election leadership in Fulton County. Being a leader means having the courage and humility to accept that things might not be working, and to make the hard choices to remove people not doing their jobs. As a poll watcher, I followed much of what was happening, not only at my precinct, but many others as well. It was definitely a tale of two counties here in Fulton, the south and the north. This included the disparity and the level of poll worker's ability, wait times, voter processing times, and count tallies. Many issues stemming from election law violations were raised during the Primaries, Runoff, and General Elections in 2022 across the county, but especially in North Fulton. Just about every day during early voting, I would hear of more instances of machine issues, violations of policy, poll watcher intimidation, and voter suppression. Good clean voting procedures should never be so arduous and riddled with irregularities. And why has Fulton been at the center of so much controversy? I believe it is related to cronyism versus the focus on hiring qualified nonpartisan professionals, especially in leadership positions. We need a leader who can restore dignity, respect, and trust to this county and change course. I oppose the permanent placement of Nadine Williams as

election's director. She's not lived up to the job expectations. Let's try this again with a new fresh perspective and focus on strong job qualifications. The last thing we need is one county of 159 dragging this great state down, and it starts with strong --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

SARAH PEDRO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- righteous leadership. Thank you for your time and consideration."

KEVIN MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. Kevin Muldowney, Fulton County resident. You guys know I'm usually a friendly, optimistic, guy. Believe it or not, I don't usually complain a lot. But the fact that you're still trying to get Nadine Williams across the finish line has really got my goat. The problem with Nadine, Richard Barron 2.0, have been pointed out multiple times: lack of leadership, lack of clear vision for ethical and efficient election's department, and not abiding by Georgia election laws have been highlighted on numerous occasions. I'm thinking it may have something to do with you, Chairman Pitts. You proudly declared a while back that your election's department delivered Joe Biden, Raphael Warnock, and John Ossoff in 2020, and you will do it again in 2024. Is this why you want Ms. Williams as your election's director, so she could carry your water and do as your party wants? That's not supposed to be how it works. The election's department should be responsible for the voting public, not a political party. The election's department should be nonpartisan and completely transparent. Fulton deserves a director of election's that will tally the votes efficiently, accurately, and let the voters deliver their actual election winner. I urge you to continue the interview process and hire the qualified election's director that Fulton deserves. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Next five speakers: Lawrie Demoreh, Muara Gaudro, Matt Rowenczak, Lauren Waits, and Art Gambill."

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners, my name is Julie Allen. And again, thank you, Commissioner Barrett for being my voice from midtown and serving. And thank you, too, for following legislation and advocating for the needs for addressing anti-Semitism. Hatred of any form in our community is unacceptable. Thank you for your voice. I've come before you multiple times today, February 1st, January 18th, December 13th. I thank you for ears to hear my concerns. Each time I spoke about the extreme management including voter suppression experienced by myself here in Midtown searching for a place to vote early as well as what I saw in North Fulton, what they were experiencing in the Runoff as I looked for a place to vote with wait times of a hundred and twenty to 80 minutes, kind of all around in a lot places. Nadine Williams failed the test as interim election's director and must not be hired. The vote for Nadine Williams as election director has been deferred multiple times, why? When did Fulton County Election's Director become a partisan position? The Democratic Party posted this call to action February 10th stating e-mail messages are needed to make sure that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hires Nadine

Williams as election director right away. Why is the Fulton County Board of Commissioners so partisan when it comes to elections that you delay a vote by more than two months so that you can call in the Calvary, intentionally wasting the time of concerned citizens like myself, who take time off work to come before you with documented concerns? Many Fulton County residents are asking why the County Commission would continue to consider hiring an election director with a lengthy track record of issues including failing to follow Georgia law with regard to election operations? You all have been provided with evidence of confirmed problems with elections under Ms. Williams. Multiple, multiple duplicate voter registrations that have not been addressed. All public record. Please review that evidence and --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and vote, no on Ms. Williams. Fulton County deserves better than Nadine Williams who is a clear partisan choice of the Democratic Party. Our elections must be fair and free of partisan domination. I urge you to continue the search for a qualified candidate who can manage the logistics of our county. Thank you."

LAWRIE DEINMORESH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Lawrie Deinmoresh. I'm a Fulton County resident, and I'm here to speak in support of the selection of Nadine Williams as election's director. I just wanted to note that notwithstanding the number of opposing voices you've heard this morning, there's, I think about ten of us in the audience hear to speak in support of her, and I'm not sure how many you'll be able to hear before your break, so I just wanted you to be aware of that. I had the opportunity to observe the results of Ms. Williams' leadership during the last election in a couple of different ways; one as a voter, but also as a poll watcher for the Democratic Party of Georgia. And I was able to watch a couple of different precincts, and everywhere I went, I was very impressed with the poll workers themselves who clearly had excellent training, and the poll managers particularly were just very impressive. And the results I saw were a very smooth election, not to say there aren't problems that are caused by a variety of different beings, but they were all addressed. I also since last summer, started watching the Board of Elections meetings and saw Ms. Williams' reports and her responsiveness to the Board and thought that she did a terrific job reporting and responding; and clearly the Board of Elections itself has confidence in her, given that they have unanimously recommended her for this position. In addition to that, the Carter Center report --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LAWRIE DEINMORESH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and the report by the independent panel support these observations and one quote in that report applies here. 'Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration is engaged in helping to drive these improvements, replacing the Board would not be helpful and would, in fact, hinder the ongoing improvement of Fulton County elections'. Thank you."

MUARA GAUDRO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commission. Muara Gaudro, a Fulton County resident. As being a poll watcher and also witnessing the cheating firsthand, I know that it comes from the top. You know, the Georgia Record, John's Creek Post, made a three-page litany of Nadine Williams crimes, criminal offenses, and many of which I've witnessed firsthand -- so as a poll watcher and filmed. So, you know, I just can't believe she's still up for this position? Why she hasn't -- she isn't in handcuffs and taken away. For a hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars, you could have somebody with two Ph.D.'s who could do simple math and maintain voter rolls accuracy. You know, a vote for Nadine is a vote for election fraud. It is a vote for incompetence, it's a vote -- you know, when the cheating goes on, there's a lot of little side things going on that look like it's, oh, simple incompetence and little mistakes while somebody else is doing the real work, and that is being allowed. So, if anybody votes for Nadine Williams, you're voting to continue election fraud in Fulton County. Thank you."

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Matt Rowenczak, Fulton County, resident, and this is very simple. I mentioned a couple weeks ago at our previous meeting, do you believe in following the law? I would hope so. If you don't, that's a whole different matter. I shared several examples last meeting of last year where the law was violated, both state and federal. We shouldn't even be having this conversation. That should be the end of it. If you can't follow the law, you don't deserve to be the election's director. This is such an important and critical position, and I feel silly and ridiculous to even put this argument out there today. If you can't follow the law, you don't deserve to be election's director, and especially not at a hundred and eight-five thousand dollars a year. I've seen Ms. Williams come before you more than once; you have questions for her, she doesn't have answers. Who does that remind you of? And this is all while in the last year she's essentially been in the interview process, so this is the performance that you get for a hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars during an interview process. So I think anybody with a rational mind would understand it's certainly not going to get better if you confirm her. I mean that's really it. I could share a lot of examples with you. I guess I'll just close with a lot of the supportive comments are very subjective; the Carter Center report was very subjective. We brought concrete examples with you. I myself was locked out of a poll as an observer and there were two of the members there --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MATT ROWENCZAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- trying to observe. That is a violation of the law. That's it. Your candidacy, it should be done. So -- and Ms. Williams was not supportive of resolving that. So vote, no for Nadine. Thank you."

LAUREN WAITS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Lauren Waits. I'm a 20-year resident of Fulton County. For a little bit on my background, I want to touch about government today. I have spent 25 years most

recently as the Government Affairs Director at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. I'm not representing them today. I have been a lobbyist for Voices for Georgia's Children for five years and the first policy director. I have spent 25 years in nonpartisan roles, and I believe in good government. I appreciate each of you giving your time to work on this important issue today. Since leaving the nonprofit sector, I volunteered with the Fulton County Democratic Party through the 2022 election cycle. I gave 400 hours to coordinating our volunteers for the vote review and the ballot duplication panels that we provided down at the election center. Of the people who have spoken today against Ms. Williams, I have seen exactly two of them providing any time for any party down at the election center while 50+ of us did the hard work on behalf of the Republicans and the Democrats for processing ballots. If people believe these allegations, they need to go to the form of government that requires an attorney and a judge. These challenges are not substantiated; however, you have a bipartisan Board of Registrations and Elections. Mark Wingay, Kathleen Ruth, Terry Crawford, Aaron Johnson, and a chair that you all, this body, elected. They, Republicans and Democrats together, have recommended a candidate to you --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LAUREN WAITS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- I want to ask that you continue to follow the governmental structures we have and take their good advice. Thank you."

ART GAMBILL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners, my name is Art Gambill. I am an attorney and a resident of Fulton County. I live in Midtown, and I am here speaking today to support the hiring of Nadine Williams as the director of election's, and my comments here today are based on my personal experience serving as an official election observer for the Democratic Party of Fulton County at the English Avenue election center, both on Election Day in November of 2022, as well as the Runoff Election in December 2022. On both days, I was there at the election center from 8:00 a.m. until almost midnight, and I can tell you that for me and everyone else who was observing there, it was the most boring and uneventful days of our lives, and that's exactly what you want when you're carefully tabulating votes and trying not to, you know, become the subject of national news media stories. Several of the observers that I was there with had been present for those processes in 2020 and told me that it was night-and-day difference in terms of the improvements. These were Republicans telling me that. Nobody of any party who was a partisan observer had anything of any import to report back to their campaigns or back to their parties. It made me proud to be a Fulton County citizen that day, that we were avoiding the kind of issues that you see national media seizing upon of giving the improvements that have happened under Ms. Williams' leadership as interim director. I can't imagine why we would change course given the improvements that have happened since 2020. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: Last five speakers in Assembly Hall, please come down. Mary Jo Peed, Jane Zollen, Lori Altman, Ann Gray Herring, and Phil Lunney."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, the 30 minutes have expired, colleagues. How many do we have here? Five more here in Assembly Hall? How many on Zoom?"

CLERK GRIER: "And we have three on Zoom and six e-mailed in comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. You want to hear from them? All right, continue."

MARY JO PEED, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you. My name is Mary Jo Peed. I'm a resident and a voter of Fulton County. I am appearing today in support of the decision by the BOC to approve the recommendation of the BRE to hire Ms. Williams as the Director of Fulton County's Department of Registration and Election. I've appeared before this board a number of times speaking on behalf of the -- of the department and of the BRE. I also want to state that there are four very specific items that you ought to consider. The first being, it is my career as a corporate attorney for BellSouth, I had the privilege of having your county manager, Dick Anderson as my client and to work with him for many years. I supported two of the business units that Mr. Anderson led while at BellSouth. As you all do, I trust his business judgment and his organizational aptitude. I understand that Mr. Anderson is in favor of this appointment, and I think that's an important distinction to make. The BRE, which is a bipartisan organization, unanimously, Republicans and Democrats together, have recommended the hiring of Nadine Williams. The performance review board and the Carter Center have both issued their reports. The performance review board individually donated hundreds of hours to their endeavor of observing and reviewing practices and procedures and other documents from the department. And the Carter Center donated over 4,000 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MARY JO PEED, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- man hours observing the department. Both of these entities and their reports support where the Department of Registration and Elections is now and where it is going in the future under the leadership of Nadine Williams. Thank you very much."

JANE ZOELICK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners and thank you for your service and for this opportunity to speak to you. My name is Jane Zoelick. I'm a resident of Fulton County. And I'm here today because I was absolutely delighted to see that Fulton County Board of Registrations and Elections unanimously chose Nadine Williams to become their election director. This bipartisan group worked hard to review her work, and I believe she's been really transparent and conscientious and courageous in stepping forward at a time of great turmoil when the BRE's been under intense scrutiny, both nationally and at the state level. Personally, I have served as a poll worker. I've worked as bipartisan citizen vote review board on the behalf of the Democrats. I've been a ballot duplication panelist, a volunteer of logistics and testing observer, and a volunteer of risk audit observer. Through that work, I have had the opportunity to see the results of Ms. Williams' work and her staff and to work with people who are Republicans in a bipartisan manner and as an earlier speaker said,

there were not problems. Very conscientious, very thorough issues. No one there had an issue with anything that was happening on the ground in any of the days that I was there. I enthusiastically support her promotion and I encourage you to do the same and expeditiously hire her as Fulton County's next election director. She's been very neutral and nonpartisan in her outlook and approach, and works well with all kinds of people on all issues, and I hope that you will vote, yes, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

LORI ALTMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi. My name is Lori Altman and I live in Fulton County, live in Sandy Springs. First of all, I want to see from the people that are here, who has worked in the elections? Who's actually volunteered? Okay. I've actually done it myself and I've worked in North Fulton and South Fulton, and I've seen a big difference in the way the elections were handled in North Fulton. There were so many problems, so many issues. I also worked at South Fulton where it went off without a hitch. So, yeah, there were discrepancies. We really should be looking at this as what is -- what gives us the clearest, best, most honest elections, and it should not be a partisan issue; it should just be cut and dry. What is the right thing to do? We've got people here that have shown week after week, month after month, that there are so many laws broken. If Nadine Williams was so conscientious, then why are these things not addressed and they just keep happening? You guys -- I'm going to say with that being said, the Commission has made decisions in the past that could be forgiven due to unknowing. It could be accepted that -- that you didn't realize there was so much fraud --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LORI ALTMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- inconsistencies, and voter suppression in the most obvious ways and incompetence, broken machines, and I can go on and on, but now there is no excuse. The investigations have been done and there are facts and lawsuits that back up the allegations. The election was not fair, it was not transparent." So now they --"

ANN GRAY HERRING, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name Ann Gray Herring, and I'm the policy analyst for Common Cause Georgia. Common Cause is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization that works to strengthen public participation in our democracy. We actively engage in elections and election administration across the state. We would like to encourage this Body to finalize the appointment of a Director of Registration and Elections for Fulton County. With municipal elections on the horizon, the county will be better served by the stability of having a permanent appointee in place. Interim Director Nadine Williams has served during the 2022 election cycle, and previously served as Elections Chief and Elections Equipment Manager, and on January 12th, was voted the sole finalist by the Fulton County Board of Registrations and Elections following a national search. A permanent appointee in the role will help Fulton County better prepare, not just for that upcoming

municipal elections, but the presidential election in 2024. This next year will involve a lot of preparation and problem-solving to lay a solid foundation for the busy 2024 cycle. This is likely to go more smoothly with an experienced and established director at the helm. Common Cause Georgia values equity and efficiency in the administration of elections, transparency in the elections process, and ensuring that all citizens have access to the ballot box. We believe that Nadine Williams will uphold these standards as election/s director, and that finalizing her appointment will serve to move Fulton County forward. Thank you for your time."

PHIL LUNNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Phil Lunney. I live in Roswell, Georgia for the second half of my life. I enjoy it. Thank you so much. Somebody earlier had said -- I serve as legislative liaison, a volunteer position, for the Fulton County Democrat. I've worked the State Capitol for the last decade. Somebody said all of these things come from the top. You're right, SB 202. We didn't have enough time to adapt, but we did. We also had the situation where someone on this very panel won by a very slim margins, and I didn't hear any complaints from that person. So I would assume that this was an honest election. One of the things that caused this was the lack of drop boxes, which was done by the state to eliminate an ease of voting for the most handicapped in our county. When I voted in the pandemic at East Roswell Library, I did it with the drop box. When I voted again this year in the election, I watched as they had to walk all the way into the voting room to deposit in the drop box, which nobody was watching because we had voters there. So we had a late census where it seems that we didn't get in Georgia, the extra person that we should have, but somebody up in the Montana area got an extra congressperson. And you see that the removal of the drop boxes, the late redistricting, which was very confusing, that we had done the job we did, and as the Carter Center came in --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

PHIL LUNNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and approved it. And why would they do the Carter Center? Because the state that instituted this law didn't have the capability to do it. I support Nadine Williams. Thank you so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: Any other speakers here in Assembly Hall? All right. How many were there on Zoom?"

CLERK GRIER: "I have three speakers on Zoom."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "How many?"

CLERK GRIER: "Three."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, quickly. You have 10 minutes."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good morning, Commissioners. Good morning, Commissioners. The first person to speak is Robby Caban."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you. I'm reaching out because we need reform county animal control (inaudible) since you all received the whistleblower statements in November of 2022, six of them, forward from 2022, and we have since then increased the animal control budget to 5 million, which you all approved in December of 2022 with the exception of the two newest Commissioners who joined in 2023. Please be aware that the no-kill data that you are receiving is not verified, and that is why we have been requesting an audit. The no-kill data that the vendor claims, Lifeline, does not include animals that are not picked up left in our streets. As you know, they haven't picked up animals for quite some time, that just changed yesterday. That is a mandate required by our county contract. Also, it doesn't include the animals that die in our facility due to maulings -- due to the overcrowding or the disease. It doesn't include the cats not picked up that are scavenging throughout our county, multiplying, attracting coyotes as dangerous condition, as well as other animals. I'd also like to add that the marketing that is included on county platforms claiming that the no-kill equation is being implemented is false, and those are county platforms misinforming the public. Further, the Georgia Animal Control Welfare board, which is again required by the state, has not met, and there is no information on it whatsoever. We've actually had to increase funding for satellite facilities due to the overcrowding, and I've spoken directly with the Department of Public Safety employee, Alton Adams, who's told me that his priority were the animals in the facility, the employees, as well as the public receiving services. Well, the animals in our facility are impacted because they're riddled with disease, and it's due to poor sanitation, due to poor sanitation, because we're understaffed. We're understaffed due to the --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- toxic --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- environment that is being allowed and cultivated by Lifeline. If you're okay with guns in our facility, if you're okay with our animals being attacked for their sperm, literally sexually attacked in our kennel, then don't do an audit. We need an audit. They're voiceless animals and our employees and the public --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next speaker. Next speaker. All right. That's it."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings -- greetings one and all. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. Seniors and friends of senior citizens, let's create Notebook 51 to take to the polls on Election Day. Every now and then, an issue comes along that needs to be remembered at election time. Such an issue is

Fulton County Auditors, 23-0-0051. An audit that's 51, six Fulton County Commissioners gave the Atlanta Housing Authority the right to have two votes on the Board of Directors of the Fulton County Commission on Elder Affairs, the guardian of senior citizens in our county. With two potential votes on each Commission on Elder Affairs agenda item, the Atlanta Housing Authority, as twice as many votes as nine other board members on the Commission on Elder Affairs including North Fulton Senior Services, South Fulton Senior Services, and the representative of each of the seven Fulton County Commissioners who have only one vote each. That Atlanta Housing Authority double vote needs to be recorded in election date notebook 51. In parting, go to www.atlantahousing.org and just try to find the next meeting dates for the Atlanta Housing Authority Board of Directors. Stay tuned."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there one more? Yes, no?"

BRETT CHROMY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "My name is Brett Chromy; I'm a Milton resident in Fulton County. Two weeks ago, you cut me off from my two minute commentary. I shouldn't need to remind you, but you work for me, for the public, for we, the people. You've provided plenty of time for the people that work for you, who are paid by us, the taxpayers. You provide endless amount of time for all your proclamations. Give these items as much time as they need, yet you only give the public only 30 minutes. My ability to readdress my government is more important than your lunch appointment. Two weeks ago, there were 14 people on Zoom to allow each of them to speak for the full two minutes instead of one minute would have cost you only 14 minutes. However, at least five of those speakers did not respond, so they would cost you less time. You need to increase the amount of time for public commentary period to be longer than 30 minutes and allow all speakers to have their full two minutes. The most egregious of all government tyrannies is to take away our First Amendment rights, for people that come down in person or sign up on Zoom to speak; they deserve to be heard, especially if they have a disagreement with our government. It is your responsibility to sit there and listen to your constituents. Hopefully, you will do more than just listen; think, ponder, and act on the information you received. Today, I will finish my point about Nadine Williams who two weeks ago joined this election cycle; she was made aware of at least eight people who are disenfranchised on their ability to vote properly to the problems with the incorrect time of voting. Her response was that it was no big deal, there's only eight people, and it didn't affect the election results. This is a horrible precedent to set that disenfranchised voters only matter if it affects the outcome of an election. How can she accept any disenfranchisement? Has she given you all a satisfactory explanation of the situation? Do you even know about the situation? She's unqualified for this job because of her lack of consideration of each and every voter is obvious, and you need to keep looking to find a more competent elections director. The remainder of my time allotted, I also want to bring up the mask mandate during the jury duty. It's well past time to let the judge know he's infringing on our rights and it's time for you --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

BRETT CHROMY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- to put pressure on him to remove this mandate. At the March 22nd, 2022 Election, a full year ago, you correctly realized to remove mask mandates from all government buildings and services, but you've done nothing about the court, even though Dr. Paxton said wearing a mask is a personal risk decision."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anyone else on Zoom? All right. How many e-mails?"

CLERK GRIER: "We have six e-mail comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Six. Can you summarize them quickly?"

REGINA WALLER, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The first e-mail comment is from Alan Powell. My wife, Betty, and I are old hands at campaigning, especially in GOP presidential elections. We have been engaged since Ronald Reagan and worked really hard in '16 and '20. One thing stands out, and I want to speak about a lack of enthusiasm we run into and ask for campaign signs and stickers. I usually just make my own signs. This past election cycle it was very hard to get signs, even with our usual donations to put out for GOP persons. There seems to be a shortage of signs available, especially late in the election cycle. We consistently saw more of Democratic signs. I see a failure at the grassroots level to supply signs to folks like us who travel all over the state. Don't discourage the grassroots volunteers by being chintzy with the signs. Our strength is in changing with the times, not beating the same old drum. The next comment is from Michelle Certessey. Hiring an election's director should not be a partisan issue and for me along with countless others in Fulton County, it is not. We simply want you, as oath based County Commissioners to serve us and the entire county well. Nadine Williams is not qualified, and you know this. She does not follow the law. She does not even be prepared for meetings with you. The Commissioners have pages upon pages of documented errors and outright lawbreaking from our last couple of elections with Williams at the helm. She was the election's team, remain in violation, and you sit there today in the numerous filed complaints, were not responded to in the required ten days of receipt of the complaint. You have thousands of those specific examples of bad votes based on voter home addresses listed as empty lots, PO boxes, warehouses, and commercial buildings. Finally, let's remember that you have a fiscal responsibility to the county in addition to paying five times as much per voter in Fulton as our neighboring county, Cobb County largely based on outrageous overtime. You want to pay an unqualified election's director \$185,000. We have similar comments from Jennifer Lynn Deakins, Candy Nell, and Alexa Fink. The last comment is from Key Things. Comment: Please investigate and audit Lifeline Fulton and DeKalb counties whistleblower complaints, abuse of animals, selling of drugs out of Fulton animal control pickup vehicles, hostile work environment towards whistleblower employees, coverup of illicit activities track and account for donations to shelters, allegations of masturbating male pit bulls, need to encourage backyard breeders, and

the lack of proper action by Lifeline places of the lives of Fulton County residents as a risk of injury and/or death. This concludes the comments."

CLERK GRIER: "No further speakers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 14, presentations to the Board, **23-0126**, MARTA quarterly update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Greenwood, welcome. Come on down, sir."

COLLIE GREENWOOD, CEO, MARTA: "Thank you, Chairman Pitts. Good morning, everyone, Chairman Pitts and Commissioners. It's Collie Greenwood. I'd like to bring our Q1 briefing to all. I also wanted to acknowledge and thank our board members, Freda Herndon, Stacey Blakely, and Al Pond who are watching remotely, and also thank the MARTA folks that are here this morning, Shirley Burke, Colleen Kiernan, Carrie Rozier, Ian Cara. If I may -- is there a clicker somewhere? Thank you. All right. First slide, please, thank you. This -- I won't spend a lot of time talking about this. We'll talk about it a little bit later in the presentation, but this was a fantastic event on December 16th, and in the images you'll recognize some familiar faces, Joe Carn of College Park, Lance Robson of East Point, Chairman Pitts, Natalie Hall, and Mary Margaret Oliver to name a few. But again, we'll get into the event itself later on today. Next slide, please. Our typical agenda includes operations updates and an update on the 2040 Capitol expansion. Next slide. And one more slide, please. As we get into the nuts and bolts of our operation, largely the riderships. So this is a review of, you know, what our ridership has been doing since February of 2020. Year over year increases, steady increases. I would say to you, even though December shows a dip, I would say if you look along the bar or the line graph, you will see that it's a seasonal dip, so every December we experience a similar reaction. Thank you. I would also point out that we have 62 -- rail is about 52% of pre-COVID ridership and buses at about 62% of pre-COVID ridership. You can see mobility at 80% percent and streetcar goal was up to 70% at one point, has dipped really largely due to the change in mode just late last year, which will be recovering very, very soon. The other thing I want to talk to you about is the fact that our workforce has -- you know, last year we would come in and say based on the 1,300 operators, we're up to 250 operators short. I want to thank the MARTA team. We are now 100% in our bus operator realm. It has not been easy in this landscape, but we've managed to do that. Ongoing problems now include absenteeism. So we have about 28 -- 25% absenteeism in the bus ranks, 18% absenteeism in the rail ranks. However, we got a program in place and we are moving steadily towards improving that, including incentives and disincentives, and a slight structural change to add more focused on absenteeism at work. I also wanted to just take a second and drop some great news here. It's probably out in the newspapers this

morning, it may not have reached yet, but MARTA has recently received great news that SMP, the bond rating agency, has taken the rare step of upgrading us from AA plus to AAA. And AA plus is a standing often, you know, typically achieved by, you know, high-performing transit agencies. There are probably three or four agencies in the country that have a AAA and now MARTA counts as one of them. This gives us access to better finance rates and refinance rates and more efficient delivery of our capital projects. And, really, it's a loud endorsement of the prudent MARTA board policies in place and solid physical management and stewardship. I really want to thank our CFO, Raj Srinath, and his finance team for such stellar work. Next slide, please. Just updating you on the MARTA Reach Program. We are in the evaluation phase now, and so a key part of that evaluation is the team collaboration, so we're doing that with our partners at Georgia Tech as well as some software developers and transit providers to complete that evaluation. A bit about the matrix. Right now, we know that over 50 percent of riders were under 44 years of age. We know that 35 percent of rides in the pilot program were taken in the final month, which speaks of the fact that it's word-of-mouth and it's a popular mode once people figured out that it was happening, and that 39 percent of our riders said that they would otherwise have used another form of transit, which means 61 percent of riders would not have taken transit at all. So we find these to be successful. We're looking at these and other demographics, and so uncharacteristics, costs, and sustainability. Ultimately, we feel that on-demand -- an on-demand component appears to be a viable option for inconclusion, the mix of services, that we can provide. So we will discuss budgets and services bundles with our board this spring. Next slide, please. I wanted to bring everyone's attention to the track replacement that's going on, TR4, so that starts February 17th at 9 p.m. and it goes for five days. Those of you may recall that we've done this in the past. It's a really successful method of delivering these changes. We can either do it in five straight days or we can do it, you know, day after day, weekend after weekend really putting people out for an extended amount of time. So this was very successful because we had customer and community readiness. We have contractor efficiency. In other words you don't have to tear down and set up each time in time for, you know, to work inside of that two-hour maintenance window. We have supportive resource utilization and overall reduction of inconvenience. So this upcoming work will be done on the Red Line between Buckhead and Medical Center Stations. You can see there that we'll have bus shuttles, local bus shuttles going from Med Center to Buckhead and then onto Lenox and reverse, and then an express going directly from Medical Center to Lenox Station. Extensive customer campaign is involved here including notices and announcements in the stations, social media, radio, newspaper ads, and a full review on the It's MARTA.com. And of course, despite all of the other things that we'll be doing, we will have operational and administrative staff boots on the ground in vests throughout the duration of those five days to make sure that our customers are well served. Next slide, please. And once more. Thank you. Talking about station rehab; so, MARTA, as you may know, is -- we have a one billion-dollar thereabouts station rehab program at all 38 of our stations, but I wanted to talk about these two in particular. AG Homes, we're planning our AG Homes station rehab. We've launched our transit-oriented development planning in December. We had a listening event, and I really wanted to

thank Commissioner Khadijah for your leadership and engagement. The design is now at 60 percent, and we're dealing with the scope of the canopy, as it's being developed. On College Park, the work at College Park continues to progress. We have a punch list of items being addressed. All the concrete is now poured on external sidewalks, and you'll see new landscaping, cleaning and plaza level pavers in progress. There have been some weather delays. The cold weather means that concrete ceilings have become a challenge, but the platform paver installation starts in earnest in August of this year. Next slide, please. When it comes to our bus shelters and amenities, I want to update you there. So this is part of a five-year program; we're now in year four. The FY 2250 amenity status went as such. There are 31 installed. There are eight under construction right now. I remind you that the construction timeframe is about four weeks. There are nine in permitting, which is approximately a 12-week process, and two in design, which is an additional four weeks. Of course, there are additional plans for 50 more amenities in FY23, and currently those amenity status stand as 48 in design, and two in permitting. What it means though, is that after those 50 in FY23 are done, we will have about 23 percent of all bus stops in Fulton County served by amenities. Next slide, please. And so, what that means in picture form, is -- is here the before and after. This is the Piedmont Service, but you can see, again. We have shade, rest, and refuse containers available on the right. We also have protection for MARTA overhead and underfoot, and we also have a sidewalk put in there for safer access and egress from the station amenities. You can see a copy of all the installations in FY22 in the hard copy handout that we brought for you today. Next slide, please. So the South Fulton planning update: We briefed District 5 and District 6 late in 2022. The project team briefed South Fulton mayors on December 13th, and the MARTA planning staff met with GDOT on January 20th. All of this to discuss short-term safety improvements and longer-term initiatives. MARTA, in working with these groups, has identified a priority list of safety improvements at intersections on Roosevelt Highway in each of the five cities; so that will be Palmetto, Fairburn, Union City, City of South Fulton, and College Park. And we're working with each city to advance those improvements. Next slide, please. In terms of North Fulton, the I-285 express lanes, also known as the top end BRT. We're working to select the planning consultant for this project. We kicked off the project in the first meaningful way with our policy working group kick-off in January. The Georgia 400 express lanes transit is working -- we're working with GDOT there to procure the design and builder. August is the expected selection date for that, and continued coordination and collaboration is going to ensue in that area. In December, we entered into a partnership with the North Fulton CID to do transit-oriented development and station area planning, so that's good news as we progress this project as well. Next slide, please. Art Bound: I just wanted to take a second and just talk about Art Bound. I think folks in the room are well aware of the installs and the impact that Art Bound, the MARTA program has had in its wake over recent years. But we're once again partnering with Fulton County Arts and Culture to sponsor an artisan in this initiative, which is the artist in residence, and sponsor this to have them explore the intersection this year, the intersection of technology and the arts. So the residents this year will have the opportunity to use Microsoft's AI technology to create an interactive public art experience. Fulton County has established a public art

future lab -- futures lab, which is located at Underground Atlanta. There are three artists per year, and MARTA Art Bound sponsors one of them, and the goal this year, of course, as I said, is to explore how public art can leverage technology to reach a wider audience. Next slide, please. In terms of MARTA's counsel for the arts, it's a seven-person Council, and this year we have four of them represented on my -- or in Fulton County. So it's made up of local and regional arts professionals who advise and contribute to MARTA's Art Bound program. Again, you know, the work that we've been doing over the years is informed by people who are credible in this space, in their own -- in their own art skillset themselves and reflective of the community and the community desires. So Fulton County is well represented with Chris Swain from East Point, Aixa Pascual from Roswell, Erika Smith, Sandy Springs, and Brianna Camelo from East Point. Next slide, please. So the new railcar event, I said I would talk about this a little bit more. Again, I really want to thank Chairman Pitts and Vice Chair Hall for joining us to celebrate the arrival of the first CQ400 railcars that happened on December 16th. The car stopped over in Atlanta, from Stadler's Manufacturer in Hungary on their way to Salt Lake City to complete the buildout. That's going to take a year; they'll be back in 2024, and they will begin service in 2025. Our guests were able to participate in a virtual reality experience previewing the new-car features; and it's my understanding that we are working hard to bring that virtual reality experience here to Fulton County in coming weeks setting it up with a trailer and some electronics so that folks that weren't there will get a chance to experience the interior of the railcar as you will in 2025. I'm grateful to the organizers and the guests and participants for their part in this well-attended, informative, and inspiring event. And if we can play the video, that will be very helpful. I'm not sure. And if not -- let me just assure you it's an engaging video that really talks to the fact that this design is customer driven. There's a lot of input from our various community groups that were working closely with Connie Croissant, our designer, and really getting comments from the AGU, from the community, and just even operators talking about how excited they're going to be to be a part of this project. So, it also gave you a first-hand view as you walk through the -- through the vehicle of, you know, the open gangway design, the improved design and seating and information systems available to customers, the high-tech inside of the operator's cabin or cockpit, if you will. It really resembles an airplane without wings, and we think that that's going to inspire employment at MARTA. It's going to inspire ridership, and it's just going to inspire that feeling of pride from all involved. Next slide, please. And finally, you know, I just wanted thank everyone here for your January 18th proclamation as Coy Dumas, Jr. Day in Fulton County. Mr. Dumas being a fifty-year employee has been driving the same bus route for 50 years without incident, without accident, and moreover has been a real example to all of us at MARTA. And so, it was really -- just really great to see -- to see everyone gathering around and really supporting him. So thank you, Commissioner Hall, for sponsoring this proclamation. We estimate that Mr. Dumas has carried 2.8 million passengers since he began operating a bus. He holds a spotless driving record having driven over two million miles without incident. So, thank you for that. And finally, just returning the floor to you, Chairman Pitts. I believe that's the end of our presentation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you, Mr. Greenwood. Commissioners, any questions or comments? I just have one -- I'd like you to clarify. I think you said that 50 percent of the riders are under 40. Is that --"

COLLIE GREENWOOD, CEO, MARTA: "Forty-four years old and under."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Forty-four? That's really instructive."

COLLIE GREENWOOD, CEO, MARTA: "It really is, yeah. I think it may have a lot to do with, you know, the technology. The availability of on-demand using your phone, and we're just getting into that demographic where that meets expectation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It's a good sign. All right. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I just want to take this opportunity to openly thank you all for the Reach Program, again. My constituents are still talking about it. It was a great success, in my opinion; and I think it showed the ability for you all to listen to the constituents and kind of tailored something that really did work. I had an opportunity to talk to the City Council members, and they had the same sentiments. And so, I just wanted to openly again thank you for the Reach Program. I'm excited about it, and I look forward to it being a staple of MARTA. Thank you."

COLLIE GREENWOOD, CEO, MARTA: "Thank you, Commissioner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions or comments for Mr. Greenwood? Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I just want to briefly congratulate you on that bond rating. That's a very big accomplishment and you guys should be proud of that."

COLLIE GREENWOOD, CEO, MARTA: "Thank you, Commissioner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anyone else? All right. Thank you so much. See you next quarter, if not before. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 14, **23-0127**, Presentation of the Fulton County Operational Report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. We want to welcome Dr. Paxton and her team back today as part of this update for her quarterly update, and I'm assured we'll have better answers than we had last time relative to any of the things relating to medical issues. Thankfully all of the trends look good, and she'll speak to that. We've also asked for her to do a deeper dive on environmental health and restaurant inspections where we are in a situation where we have a backlog of about 2,300 restaurants due to staffing issues, but showing good improvement with staffing actions that the Board of Health has taken, so I'm sure you'll be interested in that. We're not reporting on this today, but we have begun our discussions with Grady Hospital jointly with DeKalb on a new operating agreement. We'll continue to keep you informed on the progress on that. We had a very good first meeting with them this week relative to their community needs assessment. I think it all dovetailed nicely with the work that we're doing with outside consultants in Morehouse looking at health access gaps that have been caused by the WellStar closures. So we look forward to bringing back information in the near future on our perspective that we gain through that work as well as an update on Grady. Dr. Roshell can certainly answer any questions that you may have this morning. We continue to work with our justice partners on Project Orca. We've included that information in your package. We had a very productive meeting this week with all the justice partners focused specifically on actions to be taken in reducing the jail population. Alton Adams is out on sick leave today, unfortunately. We can answer any questions that may come up, but we'll plan to provide you more detail when he returns as well as answer the questions raised during the jail feasibility study discussion. Most importantly, I think from our perspective, we want to update you on the legislative efforts regarding the behavior health crisis center. Jessica Corbitt and her staff have done a -- and our lobbyists, have done a terrific job getting us in front of the right people both at the delegation level as well as Committee Chair level. I want to thank the Chair and Vice Chair for coming and giving their support this week to the Committee in the House. By the way, it was almost unneeded in one sense because the Commissioner did such a great job describing the behavior health crisis center, the need for it in Fulton County, and the funding that will be necessary, but it was great to have our leadership to complement his excellent presentation. I wanted to briefly tell you that the efforts to completely restore and reopen our facilities post the events in the winter days of Christmas or so -- Christmas Eve, to be specific, have continued to make great progress. OC Library and Hapeville Senior Centers are completely restored and open. The Milton Library carpet, if you're not familiar with it, was very unique and it has been found and it has been sourced and will be in the first week of March. That library has been open, but replacing the carpet is very important to the patrons. And in the middle center where we had the heaviest damage due to the flooring, or due to the flooring needing to be replaced, it'll be completed on February the 20th. We still have issues with the jail elevators due to parts unavailability, and Joe's been working with the Sheriff, and the Sheriff's office on workarounds, but there we are hampered, but not without elevator service. So again, I want to thank Joe and his team for really a terrific effort. Speaking of facilities, as you know, we're moving close to a date in the March-April timeframe for we'll move Elections to the -- what I'm calling the operations center, the South Fulton Operations Center. We may work on that naming,

but it's so much more than a warehouse, even though that was its original intent when it was designed. We have turned into what I think will be the most significant investment that we'll make in Elections giving them end to end capability in one location for their machines; logging and accuracy testing where absentee ballots can be received and where their staff will be located; where also the public can see in real time and with video all of our Election's activity. So, I think, it's -- again gives us an enormously strong operational platform for elections going forward. Last, finance continues to work on finalizing and polishing the 2023 budget as well as monitoring the ARPA budget. Sharon can address any questions that you may have. I think after we've done a walk-through of this, Sharon will also pass out a summary of all of the actions approved in the budget and follow-ups that we'll have to do to effectuate those actions for your information this morning. Couple more things I just want to say. Just as a reminder, the next 12 to 18 months we have a huge, huge agenda. As you know, as I just mentioned, we'll complete this South Fulton Operations Center; we'll also deliver the animal shelter on Fulton Industrial. If everything works according to plan, the behavior health crisis center will be fully underway in terms of construction and an expected delivery date of January of 2024. We will complete this operating agreement with Grady, plus any additional initiatives and public health that we'll find with the work with the consultants that we will be doing, and I'm sure that will require your consideration and investment. And, of course, maybe the pen ultimate is a clear path forward relative to the Fulton County Jail. So many things in front of us over the next 12 to 18 months. Last, I've sent you a note and pleased to also save for public consumption that we have appointed a new chief information officer, Kevin Carrington. He's joining us from stents at both Gwinnett most recently in Hillsborough County, over 20 years' experience, and I think will fit greatly with our team and be a huge complement to the efforts that we have and the importance of technology. Also I want to thank Alton for his efforts as the interim in keeping us pointed in the right direction and everything that he continues to do on a day-to-day basis and the rest of that team. So, Mr. Chairman, the plan today is to have Dr. Paxton be the primary start of the show; and then if there are any other questions on these other areas, we'll answer those, so I'd be glad to have Dr. Paxton, come down."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Dr. Paxton, you have the floor."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Well, thank you very much. It's a pleasure to be back here in front of you all again. I'm going to change things up just a little bit today in terms of our presentation, because I've been on this job now for almost three years. You've seen a lot of me, you've heard from me a lot. What I thought would make some great sense is to be for you to have a chance to meet the heads of some of our departments that are taking on some of this -- sorry, who are -- you know, who really are responsible with their teams for doing this. So what we're going to do is, we're going to have Dr. Brandon Leftwich, who is the director of our environmental services, will be doing that part of the presentation, then to be followed by Beatrice King who is our public health analyst, who is a specialist in our opioid and other, you know, narcotics-related things. We have them -- you have not seen Dr. Felicia Frye yet. Dr. Frye had a storied career at CDC. She is an infectious disease physician and was most

recently the head of the Influenza Branch at the CDC. So she'll be covering -- she is our new director. -- well maybe not that new, but relatively new -- a director of clinical services, nursing and medical preventive services. She will be covering that portion of the presentation along with the COVID presentation. And then, of course, we will have - we have Dr. Felicia Mobley who is our program director. And so, she will be covering that part. And then we'll all be here to answer questions. So we'll try to keep this as smooth and seamless as we can. So can we have the first slide, please?

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "All right. Good morning, everyone. Next slide. We're going to start off with environmental health, just kind of give you all an update and overview of the program. Our specialists have been working hard to get our establishments up to speed with their annual inspections. Typically, for an environment health specialist, we can conduct maybe about three to four inspections on a good day and that's daily. We're also in environmental health working on adjusting our fees to reflect the new mobile food service law that went into effect on January 1st of 2023. Next slide. Getting to the numbers for the program, we roughly have about 6,500 active facilities here in Fulton County. Now, this number will increase -- it'll fluctuate. It will increase as we're getting more restaurants to come in and it will also decrease as certain restaurants close for business, but on average, we have about 6,500. We currently have about 2,300 restaurants that are, what we consider backlog. And what that is, is restaurants that have not received their routine inspections for over a year. As of February 1st, when I ran the numbers, we were looking at around 35 percent of our restaurants that have not had their routine inspections within over a year. That number is actually decreased, especially since I took the position in December, where we were sitting at 46 percent, almost 47 percent. This is due to certain procedures that we put into place to help remedy this issue. Typically, for restaurants, the number of inspections depend on the type of restaurant that it is and what type of food it serves; so there's different risk types. For instance, we have a risk type of one. And what that is, is that's your standard, think about coffee shops, ice cream parlors, concession stands. There's not much cooking going on, it's simply prepackaged foods. You simply heat and just give it out or you just pour it and serve. Those type of restaurants we only inspect once a year. Most of our restaurants here in the county are risk type twos, and those are your standard restaurants where you are cooking, you're cooling your foods, you're reheating them. Those are the majority of our restaurants, and they get inspected twice a year. Depending on staff, we are short of staff, but we are working to become full staff. But at the rate that we're going plus a full staff, I do anticipate our restaurants to be caught up by the end of fall of 2023. Next slide. So that action plan that I was speaking to you all about earlier on the previous slides, is that what I did is I implemented what we call a team blitz. This method we actually put in to place back in 2018 prior to the Super Bowl coming into town back in 2019 -- of February of '19. And what that is, is that we'll have multiple inspectors and we'll put them into one territory. That will actually help -- actually help decrease the numbers of inspections that are due. This method has -- it's currently working. We're going to stick to this method, and as we get more inspectors in, we have more inspectors into a territory and in turn, it'll help with these numbers. As of January of this year, we've conducted roughly about 650

inspections. That's pretty good with the team that we have. We have roughly about 14 inspectors that are conducting food service responsibilities. So I do anticipate this number to increase monthly as we get more inspectors in. As we speak right now, we're actually conducting interviews, so we're being proactive with that. Also, we're looking to recruit experienced environmentalists from other districts around the state. So we're trying to entice them to come over to the county, they're already trained. We all work under the same state code, so it's easier plug-and-play. That will be very beneficial as well. And we've also launched a campaign ads for recruitment. So we're on the radio waves. we have commercials out there, and it seems to be working as well, because when we pulled the candidate pool, there were a large number of people applying for the position, and that's very encouraging. My team, we're working very hard with what we have. I'm excited for the future, and if you all have any questions pertaining to the environmental health."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Dr. Paxton, would you like questions after each presenter or --"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "I think it might be better --"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "It's up to you; whatever you all want."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Whatever you all want, we will do."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. I see 648 inspections, but I don't really have any basis for that. I mean what are the total number of restaurants? How many do you normally do on a monthly basis? Is that an increase or decrease?"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "It's an increase, yes, sir. What it is, is that this number is based on the number of inspectors that conduct inspections. So, last month we had around about 12 to 14 inspectors conducted routine inspections. And what I did, was I asked them to let us increase the amount of inspections. Typically, we would say two inspections a day, and that's a pretty good thing. But I'm asking for them to just give me more throughout the day. So instead of doing two inspections, let's go ahead and do three. If you can get in four, let's do four. So that has really helped with that number, and that's where I got the 648."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, I guess my question is more about -- not about the number of inspectors, I understand that you may be constrained by the number of inspectors that you have, but, what is the, you know is it once a month for all restaurants? What is the total pool of all restaurants? Like, what is the process or procedure? Is there a monthly schedule, a quarterly schedule; how does that transpire?"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Typically, it's either once -- they get an inspection twice a year, basically. It just depends on the type of restaurant. So like if it's something where the risk is low, like a coffee shop, they get inspected once a year. So if I were to go do, let's say Starbucks, then I inspect them today, they won't be due for another inspection by rule until this time next year, so that restaurant is checked off the list. So if I do an inspection that's required twice a year, I would do it in February, and then I'll go back and do another inspection six months from February which is, what maybe August or something like that; and that would be checked off the list as well."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. I don't know. All of these coffeehouses is expanding their services and offerings. I don't -- I don't understand how someone could be skipped for a year and others are going for six months. That doesn't make sense to me."

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Right. I mean if the coffee shop is like doing like, you know, making sandwiches and things like that, that's whole another category. They will -- the number of inspections will increase then. But if it's just simple -- just think about simple operations."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, you said Starbucks, and they selling sandwiches now, so I'm using your example."

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Yeah, it's prepackaged. It's just simply heat and go. It's -- you know, it can get technical, but you know, just --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. And what is your idea number? I see you're saying you're expecting to hire ten people. How many people do you need? Is that -- will that be enough or that's still -- you'll still be short?"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "We will still be short, but we will be able to maintain. We won't necessarily go into a backlog as every -- with those changes, we'll be able to feel every territory up, up with an inspector. If we were to have more, I would like to create backups for our guys. So -- and, for instance, if somebody's out on leave or something like that, we have somebody simply to plug in and help out with that territory when the inspector is out."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. I don't know that I have heard yet a total number --"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "-- of inspectors?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Oh no, you talked about the inspectors. I meant, I'm asking about the restaurants. I've been asking --"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Can y'all go back one slide for me, please?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Six thousand five hundred sixty-eight."

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Yeah, there we go. Okay, that's the total number, 6,500 is currently what we have active. And again, that number will increase as new restaurants come, but it'll also -- it'll fluctuate. When restaurants close up, that number will become -- will drop."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you, Chair. To piggyback on that, are we able to offer and attract inspectors? Or is the pay, our salary structure, to be competitive with surrounding areas?"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Right. And that's what -- I've been working with my team trying to get the competitive pay. The surrounding counties, they have comparable pay and they will stay in their county because it's not as many, you know restaurants that we have here in Fulton County. So what we're doing is we're looking to go past the medium, to attract these inspectors to come in and come work for us."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. And then one other question: You say you're adjusting fees to reflect the new mobile food service laws? What are the current fees, and how are they going to change, and what are the new food service laws?"

(Comments made by Dr. Lynn Paxton, who is not on a microphone.)

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "March 1st, yes, ma'am."

(Comments made by Dr. Lynn Paxton, who is not on a microphone.)

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So I should just wait on that."

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Quick follow-up. On these new mobile food service laws, are they impacting the ability for the food trucks to stay open? Is there anything in terms of our backlog that's creating an issue for them in terms of they need to have some sort of certification or something for them to continue to operate? Or we can't --"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Yes, we're trying to make this as seamless as possible with the new law. What it is, is that a lot of our trucks that vend here in Fulton County they may have their home based in another county. So, if they choose to continue to vend in Fulton County, what they'll do is they'll come to us and apply for authorization to vend here. When we get that information, when it comes to us, we assess it and then we give them the authorization. So it hasn't created any kind of delay or anything with their service."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. So these new laws are designed to sort of get at that issue of --"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "-- yes."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- operating in multiple jurisdictions."

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "There you go. Preventing people from having multiple permits in every county, so now just one permit in your home county, and then you're able to be vend in multiple counties."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. And then another quick question for you, and you know, I know, this goes back several years now predating this administration. We had spent a good amount of time sort of as a Board, you know, having a conversation with the Department of Health Administration at the time about getting -- getting the inspectors and so forth equipment, all the of the mobile tools they needed and that sort of stuff. So, I'm presuming that we are equipped in terms of, you know, having those mechanisms, being able to, you know, write up a report, you know, mobile-ly and all that sort of stuff, correct?"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Yes, sir, that's correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. And then sort of a slight follow on to that. In terms of -- and I think we had this discussion back then. I think there were some changes, but maybe there was, you know, things reverted back. Obviously, we're very geographic, you know, geographically challenged county in terms of what that means for travel for employees to do, particularly those ones who have those kinds of roles. Are all of our inspectors housed at one central location?"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "No. We actually --"

VICE CHAIR ELLIS: "-- is it home based?"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Right. We have three locations. So we have the South office. That location is in the College Park area, and we have the Ten Park Place, which is just right around the corner, and then we have an Alpharetta location as well."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. So, they are geographically assigned and they're going in and out of those -- continuing to go in and out of those places?"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay, thanks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other questions? All right, do your inspectors have vehicles?"

DR. BRANDON LEFTWICH, FC BOH: "Yes, sir. Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other questions?"

BEATRICE KING, FC, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST: "Next slide. All right, just a quick update on COVID-19. This is a slide that shows the daily and cumulative confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Fulton County. The red line is the cumulative total number of COVID-19 cases, so that includes both confirmed and probable. And since March of 2020, there have been almost 271,000 COVID cases in this county. The blue line are the confirmed cases, and the bars below the lines are the number of cases on each week, and you can see that in recent weeks there have been fewer cases and, in fact, there are fewer cases in the last two weeks in January than there were in the first two weeks of January. Next slide. So this is a slide that is also looking at cumulative number of cases for COVID-19, but this time we stratified by vaccination status. And so, what you can clearly see here is that the group that has the highest cumulative number of cases is the unvaccinated group, which is depicted by the red line, which is a much higher number of cases compared to the two vaccinated groups, both with and without the booster dose. In fact, the lowest cumulative number of cases is in the group that got -- is fully vaccinated with the booster doses. Next slide. This is a slide that shows the proportion of outpatient and emergency department visits for the syndrome of influenza-like illness. This is a syndrome that is often used to track influenza, but it can also be caused by other respiratory viruses such as RSV or COVID. The currencies is depicted by the red line and the previous earlier seasons are depicted by the other colored lines there. What you can see is that we had a very early spike in ILI activity this year, much earlier than previous seasons, and that currently we are below the baseline of 2.5 percent, so it's decreased dramatically. Next slide."

FELICIA FRYE, DIRECTOR, CLINICAL SVCS, FC BOH: "Good morning. Fulton County experienced an increase in overdoses starting on January the 4th, that evening. In all, we experienced 11 cases of overdose. This was caused by crack cocaine that was laced with fentanyl. My position is created to address and investigate these type of overdoses to identify the individuals impacted and also to create outreach strategies for the community. In order to do this work, I have to partner. I work with several harm reduction organizations. Here listed in the slide is Georgia Harm Reduction Coalition ANIZ. They do a lot of outreach. They have syringe access. They have a lot of

medical-assisted treatment. I also work with Georgia Public Safety Training Center to ensure that our first responders have Narcan training and access. Narcan is a medication that's used to reverse overdoses. Recently, the Department of Public Health created the Naloxone Access Project, in which they will be providing us with naloxone quarterly. This is not enough naloxone for the large county that we have in Fulton. But I definitely work with as many organizations as possible to make sure that this medication is available in the areas of greatest need. I will also like to share a little bit at the bottom of this slide about what we do when an overdose occurs. So, the first thing I do is receive a notification from the Department of Public Health as well as the Georgia Poison Control Center. Once I receive this information, I notify district staff which includes our district health director, and I request medical records from local hospitals. Once I review those records, then I'm able to confirm whether or not we have a cluster of overdoses. We identify a cluster overdoses by the location where they occur, the time period they occur, and what substance was involved. Lastly, I send out one-page notifications to our first responders, to our local hospitals, law enforcement, and community partners letting them know that something is occurring and asking for additional information. Next slide, please. I have several upcoming naloxone trainings with the Fulton County Jail and the Atlanta Public Schools nurses. I was able to assist Fulton County Jail back in November of last year with identifying a distributor for naloxone. They reached out asking for a large quantity of naloxone, and I was able to make sure they were able to make their order. I also have overdose response kits for our health centers and for local businesses. So sometimes in our medical records, we see that individuals overdose at businesses, hotels, or just other places where people gather. And we are now able to respond and train the staff there. Lastly, we have a new project that was rewarded to us from national funding, and it's called the Embedding Peers in Emergency Department's Program. This will occur at Emory University Hospital Midtown. Grady Hospital staff will mentor the physicians there in getting this program up and running. This is going to be something new for that area, but what we're hoping to do is to capture some of the people who overdose repeatedly knowing that they are most vulnerable for death. And to really offer them services, offer them group recovery meetings, offer them treatment services if they would like to participate in them, and this program will also provide transportation to medical appointments. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I just wanted to commend you all, Dr. Paxton, and the entire department, because this issue here in my short amount of time that I've been educated on, is not only a serious issue, it's an issue that the community this time last year was not, I would say, they didn't realize how serious it was. And just the fact that you're standing here in front of us giving this report -- the harm reduction individuals I have had an opportunity to meet with in my district, they've educated with me on the number of people that seem to be an increase which is our younger population, and the stats, and a lot of the issues with the Narcan, I'm glad that we are stepping up -- Fulton County is stepping up to the plate handling this issue,

because it is an extremely serious issue. And I just wanted to openly commend that I see you standing here in front of us talking about it today, because this is hitting my districts as well as other districts, and it's very, very serious. And whatever we can do to not only educate our constituents, but make sure that we have those kits in place. It's all worth it. So, I want to commend you all. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is absolutely a serious issue, and I saw it firsthand during a walk-through of the Rodney Cook Senior Park where I hosted my last Joan P. Garner Walk and Health Fair. And we had an entire team from Fulton County, Jessica Corbitt is shaking her head already -- she already knows what I'm about to say, I'm sure. But we had my entire team and the team from Fulton County External Affairs, and several other departments, and nonprofit organizations at the park just going over what we were going to do for the upcoming walk and healthfair, and a young man who looked no more than in his 20s was stumbling through the park. And most of us saw him, but what happened afterwards was just a tragedy. And we saw him walk onto the rocks next to the water and literally just hit the rocks. It was like the life and the soul of him just came directly out of his body. And I proceeded to call the Sheriff and the ambulance and anyone that could help, and we later found out that it was a fentanyl death. So this is an issue that is critical, and I'm so happy to see that you're doing such a great job in this area. But I did hear you say something that disturbed me, and that was that there is not enough naloxone. And so, what are we doing to address that? Is there funding to purchase more of it? Is there a need for funding to purchase more of it? How are we addressing that?"

FELICIA FRYE, DIRECTOR, CLINICAL SVCS, FC BOH: "So currently, for purchasing naloxone, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, they have several grants. They actually receive some of the opioid settlement dollars, and they are kind of funding training and kits from first responders. They're also doing it for community partners, and I receive some of that as well. I've also asked the Fulton County Board of Health, and they have agreed to assist with purchasing more kits, so we will get that purchase within the next couple of months."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Great. Thank you so much. And thank you for all your great work on this and other areas. Glad to see you in person addressing the restaurants. You know, I have so many, having downtown and midtown and all this new development in my district, there is a great need for that. So, I hope that you do get the number of employees that you need to do the work because there's a lot of it. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Real quick. I appreciate the information on that. I have sort of an unrelated, but nonspecific to the opioid piece, and this is more of a -- I guess sort

of a macro sort of issue for public health as a whole. You know, we've seen a proliferation -- you know, -- well, the states had this issue where there's been sort of chase and tail with sort of drugs that get -- skirt kind of laws and get placed in very frequently, convenient store channels, right? And then with the proliferation of a lot of those the CBD-related stuff, so there's a lot of stuff out there in the channel. It's like Delta 8, Delta 9 and that sort of stuff that potentially presents a lot of unknown health risks, but, you know, the manufacturers of the stuff have managed to somehow kind of skirt the system because, you know, you're always sort of playing this sort of catch-up thing. Is public health looked at putting out any sort of publications related to those type of drugs that are out there right now that are, I guess, technically sort of legally available about the dangers thereof?"

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "I'd have to look into that. At Fulton, we have not."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. I mean, it'd be a good issue to raise for state DPH, right? And I know soon as you get stuff in the legislature where they're trying -- they were having a debate yesterday or two days ago on some other type of drug. It wasn't Delta 8, it was this other thing; I forget what it was called. Well, they're going to have their own things, right? But there's nothing that I would think prevent public health to put out, you know, their own sort of hey, here's the danger to this stuff, and get it out in the public domain as opposed to sitting there, you know, versus waiting on, you know, the legislative mechanism, you know, to act to potentially sort of, you know, derail it. You know, this is the kind of stuff that could be distributed to local jurisdictions and that sort of stuff to factor in when they're making zoning decisions and all that kind of stuff, right? Because you know they're all weighing in, you know how many stores are going to be allowed to sell CBD, et cetera and all that kind of thing. So, if that's something you all can provide some feedback on later on, I would appreciate it."

FELICIA FRYE, DIRECTOR, CLINICAL SVCS, FC BOH: "I have an answer to that. I've been in my position for 18 months. And when I first came to Fulton, the CDC put out a public health advisory about Delta 8 products, especially with the vaping. Delta 8 is kind of like a synthetic marijuana product and it does cause overdoses. That means that person can stop breathing. Also, in North Fulton, they're experiencing mostly overdoses related to CBD products where people coming to the emergency room screaming, vomiting, just like uncontrolled vomiting. And so, definitely there needs to be more, more messaging to let people know the risk of using these types of products. Also, the One Johns Creek Coalition, they receive the drug-free communities grant, but they have worked with their local City Council and their Mayor to decrease the amount of vape shops that are zoned, especially around schools. And they also have, kind of like secret shoppers to go in and see if these harmful products are being sold to young people."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "On that secret shopper thing, I don't know if this is accurate or not, right? You know, but I've also heard that the way that that product can get

formulated and put into a system, it can go in looking one way, but the way it's actually sold, it's laced with something else."

FELICIA FRYE, DIRECTOR, CLINICAL SVCS, FC BOH: "Yes. And the secret shopper is really looking at how it's being labeled. Like, are they being honest with the labeling of what's in the product?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Is there anything where the secret shoppers are actually buying and testing it to see whether what they say is in there is actually in there or it's actually been somewhere in the process it was reformulated and other things were added before its sold."

FELICIA FRYE, DIRECTOR, CLINICAL SVCS, FC BOH: "I'm not sure. I don't think they have the testing ability, or they just look at how the product is labeled."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So, when they're coming in, you're saying this manifestation of, you know, overdoses around, you know, some of the stuff, but it's laced with other things, right? I think I heard you say that, right. These were things that were overdoses, but they were --"

FELICIA FRYE, DIRECTOR, CLINICAL SVCS, FC BOH: "You can -- overdose can occur on marijuana."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Can occur on marijuana, but are we seeing anything where it's potentially some things were laced as well?"

FELICIA FRYE, DIRECTOR, CLINICAL SVCS, FC BOH: "Not related to the marijuana."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Not related to the marijuana stuff. Okay. Well, I think, just more, more awareness of it. I'm driving down the street the other day, you know it's a place right across the street from a church, you know, Delta 8 sold here, right? I mean and it's -- you know, we're trying to send -- we're cut down on one avenue over here and then we're just with all opioid crackdown and, you know we're opening up, you know, a whole another realm potentially, you know, on the other end, so. If there's some stuff that we can do to sort of promote more of that information countywide and share with, you know, cities and so forth, you know, it would be useful in you know particularly the data points around of tying it into, you know, the overdoses that we are seeing, so."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Vice Chair. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Sorry had a quick question for you. With these kits, I talked with One John's Creek with the (inaudible.) council quite often, and she mentioned that they have an expiration date on them. Are we, you know, having to -- if

so, how long do they last? If we buy them do we have throw them out? How do we dispose of them? Are you familiar with --"

FELICIA FRYE, DIRECTOR, CLINICAL SVCS, FC BOH: "Yes. The kits, the expiration date, is actually extended on the kits, and DPH recently gave me some information on how far out the kits can be still used. Sometimes they're not used if they are expired in a medical setting, so like the public health department may not use the expired kits, but then a lot of the harm reduction organizations would get those kits. But they still can be used after expiration for many, many years."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. So they just may be not be as effective, but they could be effective for --"

FELICIA FRYE: "-- yes, they could still be effective. Yeah, they are still effective."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay, I'm just wondering why they put the dates."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "In general, we, at Public Health don't put out products that are, you know that are expired. We try to avoid that. What often happens is the manufacturers themselves will look back and say oh, well, we have -- this is actually still valid, so we do see that happened recently with COVID test. But one thing that I don't think that we've gotten or had information about is that there's program in which people can get Narcan through the pharmacist. And so, maybe what we should do -- I'm listening closely to what you're saying, Commissioner Ellis, about you know getting out more information into the community about the CBD related product as well. But I think we could also work on letting the general community know about the pharmacy access program."

SARAH, NURSE, ATLANTA HARM REDUCTION: "Hi. My name is Sarah (inaudible). I'm a PhD nurse with Emory University and I'm a harm reduction nurse for Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition. Just so everyone knows, Narcan is probably going to be approved for over-the-counter status by the FDA at the end of March. So, that is probably going to change the way public health is trying to get people to carry Narcan. One of our concerns is cost. And I do think that is something that will come before this council, is how are we going to make sure that Narcan access is affordable and accessible for everyone. Two doses of Narcan currently cost a hundred and forty dollars for one box. So usually when things go from prescription to over-the-counter, they become more expensive. So long-term, thinking about strategies, about how to make over-the-counter Narcan more affordable will be helpful as well. And Narcan -- by the way there have been studies that Narcan works 28 years after the expiration date, 90 percent effective still, so thanks."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Twenty-eight years, wow. Good marketing for them. And then, I was just up in DC and I was listening to some campaigns that they were doing. Do we partner with the campaigns, the national campaigns? They mentioned

one kilo can -- one pill can kill campaign going on. And I was texting One John's Creek during the thing, and she said, yeah, but they tend not like to like the fear -- like the fear of campaigns. But as a parent, I'm totally good with fear in my child. So -- so, I think those campaigns are good. I don't know, or we partnering with on a national level?"

FELICIA FRYE, DIRECTOR, CLINICAL SVCS, FC BOH: "I work with the high intensity drug trafficking agency. They are sponsored out of Washington DC, out of the Biden Administration, and we have one here located in Atlanta. And so, she's kind of our federal representative. My program is sponsored from the federal level. So that's -- that's how I have my position. So everything we do is on all levels federal, state, and local."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. And then I was going to back up and ask about the COVID. Since the rates have gone down the past of couple weeks, are we going to stop recommending masks or is that -- or have recommendations changed all at all?"

BEATRICE KING, DIRECTOR, FC, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST: "The mask recommendation is linked to activity level. If you look down on the CDC webpage and when the activity levels are low, then the recommendation for wearing them more often goes down. But, you know, the language is caveated so that people who are the most vulnerable and in certain situations certainly can still wear masks."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So that 2.5 percent level, that --"

BEATRICE KING, DIRECTOR, FC, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST: "That's not related."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "That's not related?"

BEATRICE KING, DIRECTOR, FC, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST: "No, so there's different measures for COVID. What that was, that was a syndrome cough, fever -- cough or sore throat. So a very common respiratory syndrome. It's very sensitive, but nonspecific, and it gives us an idea of just respiratory activity. So that was different. But it's similar to what we're seeing in COVID, as you've heard. So, yeah."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And there is also a new study out on the effectiveness of the masks. Have you looked at that, the Cochrane Study?"

BEATRICE KING, DIRECTOR, FC, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST: "Yes. Thanks. So, Commissioner Thorne is referring to a Cochrane review that was recently published. The objectives were to evaluate whether masks worn by the general public reduce transmission in the community. Just to be clear, the purpose was not to address whether masks prevented transmission, that's very well documented. That's why healthcare workers wear masks. That's why it's important in many communicable diseases. So the study wasn't -- didn't address that. It was trying to get at this bigger picture. Unfortunately, there's very little data out there to inform this, and really what the

study found is that there's very little data to actually let us know whether, you know, mask mandates actually significantly reduce transmission. In this study, they only looked at randomized controlled trials. They did not look at observational studies. There is quite a bit of observational data out there that honestly goes both ways. There is -- and actually the Cochrane Group itself often uses observational data. This group decided not to -- it's really limited what they put into their models. They ended up mixing different type of studies, some were flu-based studies. Some were just nonspecific; this ILI syndrome before the pandemic. And so -- and they were different interventions. Some of them were when people came into the emergency room or the outpatient clinic with their, you know, two days after their symptoms started, then they put masks on their families, and they looked to see if at that late period if it reduced transmission and no big surprise that those didn't. In fact, we learned a lot from those early studies. But -- so I think the question is still out there. I think the goal to answer it is, you know, admirable, but I don't think we can really come to any conclusions."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, but the purpose -- the study concluded that wearing masks had little effect."

BEATRICE KING, DIRECTOR, FC, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST: "What they said is they didn't have evidence that supported it, but that's what it is."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "They thought handwashing was recommended."

BEATRICE KING, DIRECTOR, FC, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST: "But there's quite a bit of handwashing data and, in fact, this group itself has done repeated analyses of handwashing over the years. It has repeatedly shown that there are some studies that show that campaigns that really work on improving compliance with handwashing, it's a big behavioral change, and a big behavioral campaign that actually works. I think one of the criticisms of some of the studies, that the very few studies that were actually COVID-19 specific is that there was no way they knew if people wore masks or not. They basically said here, you know, are 50 masks, wear them. And so, you know, does it tell us that a lot of people don't wear a masks when they're told to, yes. Does it tell us that masks would work to prevent transmission, honestly it can't."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "They are just conflicting studies both ways."

BEATRICE KING, DIRECTOR, FC, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST: "So, unfortunately we don't have -- that's a hard question to answer especially with randomized controlled trials."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you."

BEATRICE KING, DIRECTOR, FC, PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST: "Next slide. A quick overview of our nursing program. So we continue to try to vaccinate individuals with the COVID-19 booster doses, especially our most vulnerable individuals who are at high

risk for severe outcomes, and we administered 927 vaccines between October and December, and we participated in 29 COVID-19 community events where we focused on the elderly and these high-risk individuals. Just last month, we launched a three-month breast and cervical cancer campaign. And in October of 2022, which was breast cancer awareness month, we offered free clinical breast exams trying to entice women in, and then we arranged for them to get mammograms through some of our partners. We're currently actively recruiting new nurses and their supporting staff and we completed the 2022-23 school immunization assessment audits for Fulton County in the Atlanta Public School Systems. Next slide. Switching to medical and preventive services: Our Ryan White partner has recently partnered with Grady for oral health services. We administered more than 10,000 M-pox vaccinations. Two-thirds of those received their second dose, and we are actively working on trying to get the other one-third of individuals their second dose as well as vaccinating other individuals who have not received any vaccines. Next slide. Our sexual health services have expanded to neighborhood union, and we are launching a new awareness campaign that people are aware of that. And the Fulton County Board of Health was the first state agency to be approved for clean needle distribution. There are some nongovernment organizations that are approved for clean syringe distribution, but we are the first state, and we are working to stand up that program. And we continue to partner with the other health departments in the Metro Atlanta area through the stop HIV Atlanta with the goal of reducing the number of HIV cases -- new HIV cases, and identifying HIV cases and getting them linked to care so they can begin antiretroviral therapy. Next slide."

DR. FELICIA MOBLEY, PROGRAM DIRECTOR: "Okay, I'm going to wrap up our presentation as it relates to our health promotion activities. Our adolescent health and youth development program is our teen pregnancy prevention program where we worked with middle schools, high schools, and other afterschool programs. We've reached over 150 youth between October and December in partnering with various schools. Also, our Safe Kids Program is where we work in the community to install safety car seats, also booster seats, from October to December. Also as part of our Safe Kids Program, we have safety town, where we're able to build a small community remotely for children to practice by bike safety and pedestrian safety, and so we're able to go out upon request for communities and children to participate in those programs. Next slide, please. In addition to those two programs, we have our SKYE which is our skills, knowledge, and youth empowerment program where we partner with the City of Atlanta, we partner with other schools and recreations -- recreation facilities where we promote safe choices, also providing additional services like resume building, personal hygiene, fitness, resume writing, trying to just build leadership with the young people within Fulton County. Lastly, we have our COVID-19 Health Navigators Program where we have navigators throughout Fulton County that are providing community-based services, working with organizations for COVID-19 outreach and also to assist with the vaccination events. And so, as you can see, we've participated in numerous community activities and partnered with over 60 community organizations from October, November, and December, and we'll continue to do this work while regarding various municipalities

within Fulton County. Next slide. Our Maternal and Child Health Services, we offer safe sleep classes for parents. We also have a hearing -- early hearing and detection program. We have a hearing booth that's located at Oak Hill, so for those newborns who have a negative hearing test in the hospital are able to be referred to us to get a secondary hearing assessment and be referred for services. And we also participate in various community-based events and activities. Our Babies Can't Wait Program also helps our medically fragile children and we continue to partner and allow ourselves to be available for parents and for mothers throughout our community-based programming. Next slide. And I believe that's it, so are there any questions?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Questions?"

DR. FELICIA MOBLEY, PROGRAM DIRECTOR: "Thank you."

DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH: "Okay. Well, if there are no more questions, I just want to say thank you all for the opportunity for us to be able to come and present a fraction of the things that we do at the Board of Health. And I just want to thank my collaborators, and I feel like I've been very blessed to be able to work with a very knowledgeable, dedicated, and really passionate team. So, thank you very much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you very much. Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. As I mentioned Alton Adams is out on sick leave today. I'm glad to show these charts for purposes of, again the public. So the Clerk, if you'll go to the next chart and then the next chart, and the next one, please. As you can see here -- excuse me. Back up just one. I'm sorry. As you can see here, we have made substantial progress from the start. We're closing in on having resolved a hundred thousand cases starting with a hundred and forty-nine thousand and now at 58,003. If you'll go to the next one. Thank you. You can also see though that the rate of case dispositions has slowed certainly too about a thousand to two thousand a month. That will need to improve over the next 18 months or so to reach these goals, and the team is working on that. Next chart. You will see that January, if you look at it again. If you recall, these targets were set, I think appropriately with a linear starting with a hundred and forty-nine thousand and finishing at zero, realizing there would be some month-to-month variance; but January was a slow month for all of the justice partner participants. In general we are ahead except for in superior and state court and, of course, that's where you would begin to see as cases move from one area to the other where the buildup would occur, so it's critical to accelerate that. Hiring is about where it was. If you'll go to the next chart, please -- about where it was, adjustments as we met this week, and a review have been made to accommodate this. So in other words, even though there's slow hiring in both Sheriff or Marshal areas because we've reconfigured how we're going to deliver services, those that have not impacted the workload, and security has been maintained. Next chart. Of course, the measure that everyone is focused on and one of the most critical is jail population. As you can see here, this includes all of our locations including ones where we have loaned out to Cobb

County as well as we are using some of the spare capacity in Alpharetta, but nonetheless, that total number is up now almost a hundred over the last couple, three months. The next chart, if you go to the next one, just show what we were shown before, detainees by Superior Court Judge, and then some of the drivers -- if you'll go to the next chart. And then you'll see dispositions, if you'll go to the next one -- by both superior and then go to the next chart for state. Now go to the next chart. One of the things that I mentioned was a working group getting together this past week, all of the key players with Alton Adams looking at jail population and reduction. One of the areas that we continue to work is the number of folks that are in the jail unindicted. This is the best data that we have as we sit here today, which simply says there are 1767 people that are in jail and which have at least one unindicted case. They may have, on the other hand, an indictment against them. But they have at least one case or more that are not indicted; meaning, there's still a decision to be made. There's probably estimates, best estimates, seven to 800 of these folks that are indicted on another case, therefore, would remain in jail regardless, but there may be a thousand that are not indicted. So, while the data is a little bit fuzzy, we continue to work this as best that we gotten thus far and I think we need to remain focused on this. So if you'll go to the next chart, there's a list of potential metrics -- I think there's one misspelled word on this chart. Perhaps, I don't know what an inducted case is, but indicted and unindicted cases, for instance, what that should say under number two. But we would begin to augment this report with a more robust set of metrics associated with the jail population. And as you recall, from the jail feasibility study, number three, there is a critical one average length of stay that is increased 60 percent since 2016 in our jail. And I do think if you look at the way the numbers were, we have less admissions, significant increase in average length of stay, and then a 35 percent increase in total population. So, benchmarking to national core standards, looking at indictments and average length of stay, I think will yield a robust conversation for this group going forward, and that is the outcome of that meeting, and something you should expect as we refine this. So, Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure if I've got a lot of subject matter expertise to answer questions, but I'll certainly try to if there are any."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Just a quick question: When will the consultants be back? I was expecting them to be here today to finish their presentation."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yeah, we would plan to have them back at the next meeting for the jail -- the jail feasibility questions that were raised."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Do you have any update on how many inmates are in the Alpharetta jail?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, what's on this chart that I just showed I think it will say, 20 -- 29."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And those are arrested in up north or transferred from Rice Street?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "No, sir, I'd say -- based on my visit up there about two weeks ago, there were two or three from municipal cities and then the rest were transferred from Rice Street back to Alpharetta."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, that's what I thought. All right. Commissioner Barrett followed by Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just have a quick question: On the reports that you're planning to include now with adding some of this new data which I think is a great idea by the way, so thank you for that. On the unindicted and indicted numbers, will that include -- because I think it does keeps getting confusing, so it would be nice if it included the fully unindicted and the -- at least one, and have both of those numbers present on any report we show."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am. And by the way to that point, a heads-up for this Board, from meeting with some of the legislative leadership that we've been meeting with on the Behavior Health Crisis Center, I do think this data that deals with the status of people in jail and also is presented to judges when they're making sentencing decisions, is making its way through the legislative process. In other words, getting our act together where the systems are used appropriately and it is used in a way where we can easily collect data, present it to judges, and present it to a Body like this one, may in fact find its way into legislation. So we're not going to have an option to continue to find excuses for why we haven't input data effectively. But the short answer to your question is, yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you so much, I appreciate it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I was just curious of how the targets were calculated. What process went into that?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "At that time it may not have been very clear. So what we did is just draw a straight linear line, you know, from where we were and to where we needed to be given the time of the project. So what that, you know, gets to is, it doesn't allow for a lot of customization to say well, these cases will move faster, these will move slower; therefore, we'll set the targets accordingly. But I've run many projects where it's just a linear line that you explain as you go along while you're behind or ahead, so we have run ahead for some period of time. Because in many of the easy cases we resolved early. Now, we're into the more difficult cases, and we may run behind, but the fact of the matter is we still got to get to zero if we want to complete this successfully by mid to latter part of 2024."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Just to clarify: there's no simulation model with various factors or anything?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "No."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Just a simple line?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thanks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other questions on the workup? Mr. Manager?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Thank you, sir. I'm going to ask Ms. Whitmore to review any of the financials she chooses to do and then also provide what was requested in terms of information coming out of the 2023 budget."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Anderson, next slide, please. Just briefly, Commissioners, on our consolidated COVID response plan, I just wanted to highlight that since our last report to you, we have expended an additional \$2.8 million out of those resources. The majority of that came from our court backlog project, and we are continuing to finalize our plans on many of the items that are identified here for uses. For example, the Behavior Health Crisis Center is coming closer to the point that you will begin to see the budgetary allocation be committed and expenses start to flow against those projects so we are working on those, but I did just want to highlight since our last report with our changing expenses have been out of our COVID response plan. Next slide, please. This is the cash flow summary that we provide with each report. Next slide, please. With regard to the monthly financial reports, this is the first report for 2023. Next slide, please. We are going to work on making this a little crisper. It's sort of difficult to compress it all into one slide and it be clearly visible, but we will work on that. I did just want to highlight that for the month of January, we ended January with expenses totaling 46.4 million, which represents roughly five percent of the final 2023 budget. That is in line with our previous year spending pattern on a percent of budget expended basis. Next slide, please. This is just a graphical view. It will be a little clearer as we progress through the year, but this is intended to show you current year spending compared against the last two years. So as we progress on through the months, you'll actually be able to see the third year line start to present itself there on the graph. Next slide, please. This report is the summary of funded positions out of the general fund budget, and the item I wanted to highlight on here is at the bottom in the grand total line all the way to the right, it shows that our vacancy rate through the end of the month of January was roughly 14 percent. That is slightly below where we ran most of 2023 -- I mean, 2022. And that in 2022, we ran an average vacancy rate of about 15 to 16 percent, so we are slightly below where we were in the prior year. And that is it for the monthly financial report. And, Hakeem, if you will just pass that out. The Chairman had asked at the last meeting that we

summarize the changes that the Board had approved in January, when we finalized the budget. And what we have done in this document that you're receiving is to summarize those changes and then just simply to identify what actions are required to effectuate those items to carry out the intent of the Board on allocating the resources, and whether or not there were any impacts associated with that. I would highlight that on the last page, it's a double-sided page on the last page, we have identified that in our analysis of this, we made the conclusion that any of the funding that was provided for personnel-related or compensation-related transactions would be a recurring expense, meaning something that would be included in the base budget going forward; and anything else would be nonrecurring and would not be included the base budget going forward. So that is what included on the document that is shared with you currently."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall, and one of the items, colleagues, we'll be discussing in Executive Session. Commissioner Arrington, you remember, you wanted to discuss the personnel in Executive Session, which we'll do today. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes. So that was interesting -- an interesting statement, because if we're going -- if we're going to speak on the personnel issue related to this in Executive Session, then why are we receiving this not in Executive Session? Because if you just look at No. 1 -- I believe, Commissioner Arrington, that was one of the reasons why you didn't want to have this publicly discussed. Is it not?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It is and No. 1 says, Executive Session."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So that's why I'm questioning why are receiving this right now and we're not in Executive Session. Because I was about to make a comment about it and I've read, it says, Executive Session discussion. So why is it out here on the floor? So I can't really discuss it, but you brought it to me publicly."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I'm going to concur with my colleagues, Commissioner Arrington and Commissioner Hall, because I stated at the last meeting that I felt as though some of these topics here would require an Executive Session because it puts -- it puts us and the public, and those entities that we are going to be discussing at a somewhat unfair disposition. And I am too trying to figure out why this is being handed. And as I look at it, I do see something that I consider to be not on here, but out of respect to that particular Commissioner, I'm not going to say it publicly. I mean if we're going to discuss it, we need to discuss everything, but we need to be prudent in the fact that at the end of the day we serve the constituents and everything does not require a ten-hour session on the floor, when we need to have some discussions in Executive Session or some negotiations behind the scenes. But some of the Commissioners to either validate why this was very important to them or to listen to the opposing Commissioner as to why we may need to look at this stuff differently. And

so, I would implore that we find a better way to do this to my colleagues -- all my colleagues. Because at the end of the day, the budget has been passed. We cannot undo or unring that bell. Do we need to have some conversations? I am so sure that we do need to have some conversations. Do every conversation concerning this require public consumption, no. And so, I would ask my colleagues, those that are willing to step to the plate because only you can answer that question as to why we need a marathon session to discuss things that we should collaborate before we get to the Board of Commissioners meeting on and get an understanding as to why or what we're going to do. The executive team is available. We can have a conversation with them; all of the Commissioners up here are amenable to each other. We're willing to meet with each other. And I just feel like at this point in the process, that's what we should be doing is resolving issues, advocating either our position, advocating a maybe change of thought or whatever behind-the-scenes and stop coming to the Board of Commissioners meeting doing all of this in the public. Some this does require us to have a conversation with each other before the first and the second Wednesday. And so, I don't know what else to say to my colleagues other than the citizens are watching us. They're watching how we conduct business; they're watching how we work with each other. And I think it's very, very important that some of this -- when I look at this list, some of this requires Executive Session conversation, and something is not on here that should be on here, but out of respect to that Commissioner, I'll have that conversation with the Commissioner why their stuff didn't make this list. So, at any rate, I would implore that we do better folks. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I agree with my colleague, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, on some of this. I think some of these conversations can happen off-line or in memos. That said, Madam CFO, I really appreciate you putting this list together because I think I was pretty clear on the budget day that I was really sort of distressed by the process and I think the process needs to be, you know, reviewed and potentially really overhauled. And Vice Chair Ellis and I have already met and started having some conversations about what we might like to see and one of the things on our list was to talk to you all and see what kind of things would cause or have consequences that you're having to deal with, and this is a good start to that list, so I appreciate having it. But I do agree that as a means of, you know, pardon the expression, but as a means of scolding us, it doesn't feel necessary to do that. I think we all know what happened on that day and we'll all address it in our own ways, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah, I think there's sort of two pieces to this. I mean, I think we probably could have just got the second page. That probably would have been fine. Because those are decisions that were made, and then here's what you have to do to effectuate them, so it's a facts based thing. Probably could have left off page 1 with the cover. So, you know, that speaks of the whole issue of just, you know, put the

fact-based stuff, obviously we've got to effectuate those when they come down to, you know. You set a budget they're either going to come back -- a lot of these expenditure items are going to come back for individual discussion to be voted on and debated and all of that sort of stuff and flushed out anyway. That's going to occur every year, but we probably didn't need this cover memo. And I thought sort of collectively we were sort of instructive on that, you know, at the prior meeting. So, I mean obviously, you know, I don't think this is a productive use of time; we're going to debate process and that sort of stuff right now. But page 2 is a good document. I appreciate that being -- two and three. I appreciated that being shared, probably got left off that first page."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Excuse me, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I am looking at page 2 and 3 -- or page 2. I'm trying to determine -- I know what my motion was and I'm trying to see who took the liberty for the arts funding to give 30 percent to the library? Who took that liberty, because that was not part of what was passed by this Board?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "Commissioner Arrington, during that deliberation about positions, our interpretation was that that funding was for arts and library as it was discussed."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay, so let's go back and pull the transcript. I never heard anyone say anything about library in that discussion, but I could be wrong."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS: "We'll re-review that, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. All right. And so, this second column, the funding activities: Is the additional amount; they were added?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Excuse me. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just have two quick things: one, has this been sent to us digitally?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "It was not. I'll forward -- I'll follow-up with that."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Can it be sent to us digitally?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No, please do not. It has Executive Session information in it; please, do not."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Well, I just want to e-mail this; that's all I'm saying."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Please do not. It has Executive Session information --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- I mean, take this front page off and send that other piece --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Colleagues, colleagues. Just a minute. Just a minute. So, let's do this. There's one item in particular that on this list -- in fact, the first page is what Vice Chair said -- Ms. Whitmore, would you collect this first page and we'll deal with that one item because it will be up to me and to the Clerk in Executive Session to determine what we discussed in Executive session because we have to swear and sign off on the fact that we -- we only dealt with Executive Session items in the Executive Session. And there's only one item on this list that -- two? We're not going to deal with that; just the second. That page. They're taking out -- yeah, yeah. But we'll monitor that. I was trying to be responsive to your request, Commissioner Arrington. All right, Commissioner Barrett, you still have the floor."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just have one other question, but I'll direct it to the County Manager since Madam CFO is otherwise occupied at the moment. Just quick. On the one -- on the things on here that are listed as noncompetitive of the work process, it is continued -- is continued participation and competitive process allowed, how are you going to answer that question?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I think we'll have to bring that back to the Board because it could be that you -- it's fine to do a noncompetitive award and then participate in the process. It's just a question being raised. I don't think we would think about it. You would have to."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay, thank you."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, continue, Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. If there are no more questions, that concludes our report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 14, **23-0128**, External Affairs. Presentation of the 2023 Legislative Session Update."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs. While the slides are coming up, I just wanted to go speak --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- speak up a little bit, Ms. Corbitt."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS "I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Speak up."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS "All right. Thank you. Let me adjust my microphone. While the slides are coming up, I just wanted to thank all of you for your support during this session and your participation. We have had a really good session so far. Still have a lot of work to do, but I really appreciate all of you and your support. I also wanted to just say, it was really good to see Fulton County well represented in the NICO Legislative Conference this weekend. I'm sorry I had to come back for work at the State Capitol, but a lot of great information there. Next slide, please. Just as a reminder for the public, the Board of Commissioners has adoptive set of legislative priorities and we're going to go over some of those today. Next slide, please. So the House has passed their amended FY23 budget, and on Monday, as part of the beginning of the deliberations of the FY24 state budget, the House Appropriations Committee on Human Resources, their subcommittee rather, heard from several state agencies including the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. This was the first public hearing where our request from the Behavioral Health Crisis Center was heard by the House and I really want to thank the Chairman and Vice Chairman for providing testimony in support of our funding and Commissioner Tanner, Kevin Tanner, who's the new Commissioner of Georgia DBHDD. Also, spoke in support of our project, so we're very excited to see that moving forward. We have heard good things from our delegation. The full funding for this project to operate one year for the crisis center is \$13.3 million. This facility would open in the middle of the states FY24 fiscal year. So where we are today is advocating that the FY24 budget includes the six months of funding that would be a part of FY24, with the understanding that going into FY25 we will need the full 13.3. Not to throw more numbers out, but what is actually in the Governor's budget right now is 5.6 million, so we needed an extra million dollars for six months of funding and then \$13.3 million a year starting in FY25. We feel like we have earned a good track for that. The speaker pro tem has been very supportive as well as other members of our house delegation, so we look forward to seeing that amendment in the house budget, and then once it crosses over to the Senate, making sure that funding stays in the budget, so that's where we are right now. Next slide, please. We had an opportunity to present to our delegation on February 2nd, Commissioner Thorne was there in person, and I know many of you were on Zoom

participating, so thank you for that. There will be a joint meeting tomorrow at 4 o'clock, and the delegation is hearing from Grady about some of their priorities and they will have their meetings every Thursday. They're alternating Fulton County and Atlanta delegations in that same space. They've asked for Registration and Elections to come to a future meeting, but haven't set a specific time frame. I also wanted to mention although Fulton County is not the organizer, there will be a Fulton County Day tomorrow at the Capitol, and everyone is invited to participate in that. It will include many other partners and agencies along with many members of this organization here. Next slide, please. I've already kind of gone over this with the behavior health crisis centers; so this is really our specific requests: What we're looking for is for six months of funding of \$6.6 million, which is an increase of about a million from where we are right now. We're also -- in doing that, we're making sure that this is the full scope of the facility, what was in the budget was kind of a scaled-down version, so this will really include all of the services we need; and again, we have heard from Commissioner Tanner supporting this model. Next slide. I'm going to go over this very briefly. We've talked about -- we talked a lot about MARTA Board appointments. I provided a memo to you all -- to your offices yesterday about this; we're exploring this. Essentially, Fulton County -- although other Fulton County Board of Commissioners represents the most people, you make the least number of appointments. And so, that's something in the future. We've had some conversations with legislators and want to continue to look at that issue. Next slide, please. But wanted to make sure you know that we are on it, and Commissioner Arrington, you and I communicated a bit about that. On our other priorities, wanted to let you know that Representative Bruce has introduced his bill. We've receive that draft from legislative counsel, so we're expecting that to be dropped. And there's also a draft, I understand, on a bill that we have provided a 5-dollar technology fee for probate court. I saw Senator Halpern's draft some legislative counsel eliminating the renewal period for very low income senior homestead exemption, so that bill will be dropped as well. We're waiting on legislation from Chairwoman Ballenger, on who's the chair of house juvenile justice. That is being -- she has committed to supporting that. We are expecting that. And again, we are continuing to have conversations with legislators on the property tax appeals issue. While I am here though, on this bill I wanted to provide an update and I know Commissioner Barrett stepped out. I may to wait until she comes back to give an update on House Bill 30, which is the legislation on anti-Semitism that was referenced earlier this morning. I think I'll just -- I'll come back to this one in just a moment. Next slide, please. At your last meeting, the Board had some discussion on the topic of fees for superior court clerks. There was legislation introduced, Senate Bill 19. This has been referred to committee. We're expecting, I believe a substitute on this bill, but it has not yet been passed out of committee. If the Board wants to take a position on that, we'll ask you in a few minutes if you like to take a position on anything. Senate Bill 28 passed out of slow-go earlier this week. This does look at issues of Commissioners' salaries and will make sure to circulate that. We've heard different things about that legislation, but it did pass out of slow-go this week. Senate Bill 57 is looking at the issue of betting, and so we are tracking that. We know the Board has expressed some interest in that in the past. And I'm just going to come back, Commissioner Barrett, to House Bill 30, which is not on this printed sheet, but was a

part of our weekly report last week. House Bill 30 is a bipartisan piece of legislation that defines the language for anti-Semitism. Several members of our delegation, including Representative Panitch, Representative Evans, and Representative Bazemore are cosponsors to this bill along with Majority Leader Ostration, and Representative Carson from Cobb County, along with Representative Sharon Cooper. We have heard the media reports about some hate language and materials that were distributed, and obviously, I think this Board has taken strong positions against acts of hatred in the past. So certainly, if that is one of the bills, Commissioner that you like us to take back a position on, we would be glad to do that. And we'll just ask again that the Board vote in a few minutes on that. I'm going to skip ahead to the next slide, please. House Bill 17 is one that we have been tracking specifically. There's several bills on elections, but specifically House Bill 17 has passed out of committee, so we are continuing to track that as well. But several of these are still in committee at this stage. Next slide, please. House Bill 36 wanted to highlight this. This is one that has caused some concern for -- specifically for the Clerk of Superior Court who handle tax appeal cases. By lowering the threshold for taxes or appeals requiring the hearing officer, it would create some very significant administrative challenges in terms of the number of hearing officers that would have to be hired, the number of hearings that they would have to run. They have spoken -- they are clerks -- as well as the Georgia Clerks Association have spoken with Representative Martin about their concerns, and they are working on a substitute for that. Again, these others, we are still tracking. They are all in committee, but several issues on taxes, which we see every session. Next slide, please. This bill again, several pieces of legislation addressing DAs and prosecutors, but I really wanted to highlight Senate Bill 42. I know this Board has taken a very strong position on human trafficking issues, and this bill would really increase the penalties for failure to post the required human trafficking hotline information. That's something I've worked on here making sure that we have those notices posted in our restrooms and things of that sort. So I just wanted to highlight that, because I know that's an interest that this Board has taken on in the past. Next slide. This is a very wonky bill, but it is related to procurement of public works contracts. My understanding is that our public works and purchasing departments do not have any opposition to this, and we are tracking this one. This is also one the ACCG has taken on. Next slide. I want to highlight House Bill 189. This is related to truck weights on all five axle commercial trucks. This does not -- this is really about traveling on state routes, and ACCG has really opposed this, as does Georgia Municipal Association and Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Barrett's office has asked us to make sure we're tracking this bill. While we were in DC, I had a chance to talk with the ACCG staff, who are working on this legislation. There was a -- you probably saw on the news, a five-hour hearing on this bill last week. But each party spoke -- the real concern is about safety, and these trucks transporting very heavy materials on state routes and creating a potential safety hazard for motorists who are traveling those same routes. And this would increase basically more than double the allowable weight on those trucks, which is also, not only creates a safety problem for other motorists, it creates a maintenance problem for those roads. And I think as (inaudible) I'm very sensitive to potholes already. So, I think that is something that -- that again, if the Board wants to take a position on that, please let us

know. House Bill 66, this is pretty straightforward, but this is about -- over the summer when we had very high motor fuel and diesel fuel tax suspensions that would just simply ratify that. And I think that is -- that is the last of the ones we've brought forward today. If there's questions on any of these, or again, if the Board would like to take a position on any of these bills, please let us know."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question is based on page 11, SB 44. I was trying to find the definition of gang, and I couldn't find it, and it's very important to know what that definition is. Because having grown up in Chicago where there's lots of gangs; have always been lots of gangs and gang activity, there's also been a lot of profiling and I've seen where -- where that definition in people's minds have been more than two black men standing together in a group in the public. And so, I want to make sure that we have a definition of gang that is sufficient to address exactly what this legislation, I believe, is trying to address."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner Hall, that is a very important observation. I will take a closer look at that and we'll get more information and bring that back."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I'm sorry, did I miss your explanation about the anti-Semitic -- anti-Semitism?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I did provide an update about the bill, Commissioner; it was House Bill 30. This is one that has been -- it is a bipartisan legislation. It has had a committee hearing, it has not passed out of committee yet. It is intended to provide a definition of anti-Semitism. There -- and again, it has three cosponsors within our delegation. Representative Panitch, Representative Evans, and Representative Bazemore. Also, John Carson from Cobb County, and Majority Leader Chuck Ostration from Gwinnett are also cosponsors. And I have a copy of the guide. We will be glad to circulate --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I think this is the copy that you -- okay, all right; I just wanted to confirm it. Thank you."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS "Yes, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I mean, I think I made this clear by my active nodding of my head, but I would like us to take a position on it which, of course, I want to talk about it later in this meeting as well. I think it might be helpful -- I know you sort of keep

saying that it's to define anti-Semitism, but I think it's also, what is the point of that? The point is to define anti-Semitism so that hate crimes based on anti-Semitism don't fall through the cracks, which happens currently. So that's clearly what it's aimed at, and that's why it's critically important."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS " Thank you, Commissioner Barrett. Yes, and so, I don't know if you would like to take a position now or if you want to vote on positions on any of these, please let us know. Or if you'd like to do that later, I know you have another agenda item."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you, Chair. You say that the Registration and Elections Department is going to be presenting at an upcoming meeting. Why would they be presenting or advocating for?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS "Commissioner Thorne, this is really just commenting that, at the meeting that you and I attended a couple of weeks ago, some of the delegation members expressed that they would be interested in having them, but we've received no further information."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay, great, thank you."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS "Sure."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Excuse me. Vice Chair Ellis. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Vice Chair. So I'm in support of the anti-Semitism thing. The anti-Semitism Bill, but it really reminds me -- it takes me back to Commissioner Hall's comment a moment ago. We're seeing police officers act as gangs. I would love to see a similar bill for Blacks and young Blacks, and those being assaulted by police. Obviously, I know that's not what we're not here for today, but to me, those two things parallel each other. Certainly, we need to stop anti-Semitism, but we also need to stop the killing of young black males. And I don't know how we address one without addressing the other. It seems to be a glaring mistake not to do both."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS : "Thank you, Commissioner Arrington for that comment. I would like for our office today to go back and pull the previous hate crime legislation and any definitions that are in that and provide that to you all for review. I hear you loud and clear, and I understand. I believe what you are trying to address. That's the existing law that this would append to essentially. And so, I think -- what I hear you saying is are the definitions in that legislation strong enough or other kinds of hate crimes that are occurring."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Mr. Chair, since -- I mentioned this earlier when we were setting the agenda, since we're on these things, and typically a lot of times we might wind up voting just to send message on this, and that kind of thing. Since we have two items that are actually on the agenda in the form of a Resolution, I'd request that we reconsider the agenda and just take these up and vote them up or down --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "-- second."

VICE CHAIR ELLIS: "-- you know, right now and that's Commissioner Barrett's item and then my item which is 0134 related to the passport fees."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, there's a motion before us to amend the agenda. Let's vote on -- properly moved and seconded to amend the agenda to take up two items that relate to the legislative package. Please vote. Is there motion? Motion to amend by Commissioner Ellis. It's seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please, vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open to amend the agenda. And the motion passes unanimously."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, sound the first one. It doesn't matter."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay, the add-on item, 23-0141: Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners against anti-Semitism supporting legislation that clearly defines the meaning of anti-Semitism under state law and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Barrett."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Vice Chair Ellis. Questions or comments?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I have a quick question: You said we need to take a vote for the -- for you to take a position on a particular --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "-- it sounds to me, Commissioner, I haven't read your Resolution, but it sounds like --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- okay. So this does qualify as that. Okay, great. Thank you."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I think it gives the direction we need."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yes, agreed. I just didn't know if that was -- if that worked in concert."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Arrington, were you trying to amend this one or are you want to separate?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No, I was not trying to amend this one. I think both issues are pressing, and both issues need to be addressed, but I was not trying to amend this. I just think there needs to be a second one."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I agree. I believe, Commissioner Arrington, we can do both, so maybe our county attorney, I would invite to have a conversation to see how it needs to be written up. But I agree with what Commissioner Arrington is saying, and I don't think there's a reason that we cannot do both, but I also know that given the climate that we have today, a lot of times individuals' personal thoughts and ideas make us feel as though we got to choose one or the other. And I think this Body -- you know, I can't speak for this Body, but I think this Body would be in support of both of these things. So, county attorney, if you could, please let us know how that needs to be written so we can go on record and lobby -- I don't know if we'll be able to get it through this session given the time and date, but it is something that we seriously need to look at. Thank you."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just wanted to speak on this issue very quickly before we vote, just to say as a Jewish citizen of Fulton County for many, many years, this is something that the state legislature has failed to get through on several occasions; and, you know, not only given the most recent, you know, vandalism that occurred related to anti-Semitism, but also and it's stated here this Resolution, the State of Georgia has seen an increase of 130 -- 133 percent of anti-Semitic incidents in 2021 compared to 2020. The numbers are going up. The rhetoric is going up, and it is dangerous for people who don't really understand why this needs to be a separate item. You know, being Jewish -- the categories that are covered in the current law, are race, nationality, and country of origin; and being Jewish is sort of a weird conglomerate of those things and others called cultural heritage, et cetera. For myself, personally, I don't practice the religion. I was born Jewish and I am Jewish by birth, but it's not a religion for me. I'm not from Israel, so it's not a country of origin for me. And you know it's not when you fill out a race form, you don't get to choose Jewish on there. So it doesn't fall into any of those categories and that's why this is so critically important because oftentimes when we, you know, give the smell test to a crime, we understand that it is anti-Semitic and a

hate crime. But because of the way it's worded on -- in a note or on social media or whatever the case may be, it's often written off as political, and not treated the same way that a hate crime is treated. And that is why this is so critically important. So, I just wanted to make that really clear, and I want to thank my fellow Commissioners for supporting this, and I want to thank you for your future work on this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Other comments? If not, the motion on the floor is to approve. Please, vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 16, under Commissioner's Action Items, 23-0134: Request approval of a Resolution urging the General Assembly to amend state law to prohibit the personal retention of passport execution fees as personal compensation for superior court clerks and to provide that such fee shall instead be remitted to a county's general fund and for other purposes sponsored by Vice Chair Ellis and Commissioner Thorne."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to approve by Commissioner Hall. All right, let's do this. Let's just do this. All right, Commissioner Ellis, if you would withdraw your second -- you ready now?"

CLERK GRIER: "There it is."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, guys. Let's go. Let's go. All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Vice Chair Ellis?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yes, just real briefly. We've had a lot of discussion at the last meeting on this, so not looking to belabor it; but this was revised from last time. We take all reference out to any sort of denouncing as well as any reference to our individual clerk and just speaks to seeking to change the state law specific to this particular practice statewide, and have those funds then be reverted just for use of county general fund purposes. That's the way it reads."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just want to say thank you, Vice Chair Ellis, for listening to the comments that I think several of us brought up, myself included, at the last meeting and taking that into consideration. I do think this is a very important thing to be fair, and I appreciate your attention to that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. If you look at page 3, line 58, it says disapproves, and I thought that that was one of the words that Commissioner Arrington had asked to be changed, so that it didn't -- it didn't seem -- I'm sorry. It was the word practice? Oh, practice is still in there, too. So anyway, I thought that was supposed to be SB19, which does this as well. Is that correct, Jessica?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "SB19 is the proposed legislation addressing this issue."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I'm sorry, I couldn't hear you."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "SB19 is the bill that would address the passport fees collected by clerks of superior court, that's correct."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. And we're actively tracking that?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I also want to thank, Commissioner Ellis for taking out the denunciation and the personal language. I think this is a bigger issue with all state constitutional officers that needs to be addressed. I don't understand why any person working on behalf of the county as a subdivision of the state would be allowed to get extra personal compensation. I wonder, Commissioner Ellis, could we amend to say -- I mean, I think that should apply to any state constitutional officer that's doing this not just clerks; anyone, all right? You know, I am very appreciative that you took out personal language."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Commissioner Arrington, if I may, I guess since we don't necessarily know what the other items may be, if they are in fact, sort of known, right? So it's just really more urging the state to act on it. Maybe you and I can work together and try to codify something, you know, kind of simpler for the other matters. Does that work?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "That's fine."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anyone else? All right, the motion on the floor is to approve. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, one abstention."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, back to the regular agenda."

CLERK GRIER: "Page 15, **23-0129**, Purchasing and Contract Compliance request approval of a resolution to extend emergency purchasing authority of the Chairman and County Manager for COVID-19 related purchases."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I have one question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'm sorry? Commissioner Hall, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. Hold on one second, let me get back to that one. Okay. President Biden's administration set the expiration date for the national emergency to expire at the end of the day on May 11th, 2023. And they said, and we can transition away from the emergency phase, meaning that this will be the last and there will be no other extensions beyond May 11th, 2023. So I wanted to ask for a friendly amendment to this legislation -- this resolution on page 1, line 17, where it says, until April 11th, 2023, that's actually incorrect. Based on the Biden administration's information, it should be May 11th, 2023. But also on page 2, since it is very clear by Biden's administration that they will not be extending this beyond May 11th, that we put -- make a correction page 2, line 20 to say May 11th, 2023, as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any objections? No objections, okay. Just a minute. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, then Vice-Chair Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I would like to ask the County Manager to weigh in on this only because I want to make sure my understanding of if we change it, how will it affect certain things that you have to move on? That's -- that's my only concern. I support Biden, I am a Democrat, but I don't know that federally, if this would help or hurt us on the local side. So I just want to -- I just want to make sure. And if you can weigh in -- I'm going to tell you what I don't want to do, I don't want something that may or may not, depending on interpretation, be COVID related or emergency related as a result of COVID because that's two different things in my mind. And to hamper what you need to do or require you to come back in front of this Board. That is my concern. And so if you could answer that for me please, I'd appreciate it."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am. I think ending it concurrently with Biden administration's date makes sense. That's what we've been saying, I think,

all along. I don't anticipate anything that -- because most of the activities that were so intensive back at the early stages of the pandemic have passed, where we had to procure PPE and only a supplier presented themselves in a certain period of time for an order to be placed or for vaccination supplies, things -- all those sorts of things have pretty much been resolved. And going forward, we still have monies to expend, but they're principally in ORCA and a few other things that are more routine. And I don't see why for consistency we would not bring -- would not be bringing them back to the Board. So I don't see a problem with this unless the County Attorney does, and I don't think that she would."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "So it won't tie your hands?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "No, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "That's what I wanted to make sure. Okay, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah. That was generally the question I was going to ask, but also I guess, sort of irrespective, I guess, of whether it's April or May or whenever, we've been, as a practice, been doing this every month, right? So all this one is doing is just to extend it for another month from what we've historically been doing. So what do y'all prefer? What's the best approach from a --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I think making the day coincide with the end of the Federal State of Emergency makes sense, especially since many of the same emergency powers already exists in our purchasing code for general emergencies. This was specifically for the purpose of adding and emphasizing that there's flexibility, so that we don't lose opportunities related to the pandemic. But ending this emergency procurement does not eliminate all emergency ability to ratify contracts --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Right. I guess --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "-- or to enter into contracts."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- that really wasn't my question. I guess, is just -- I mean, you were, Commissioner, you were talking, changing line 17, correct?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, line 17 says, April 11th, 2023, right now. And I was saying; change it to the Biden Administration's date of May 11th. And on page 2, line 20, it says March 15th and changing that to May 11th as well."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So -- so effectively, what we're doing, we're not going to be bringing this back month to month. Is that what we want to do? I guess that's really what --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Well, we initially established it based on the President authorizing a national emergency. And then this -- the Governor authorizing a national emergency. And we based ours based on the President's --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Well --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "-- dates. And so that's what I'm going by."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "We all --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "That's why it's in here."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "But I think we're sort of saying the same thing. But we've been as practical matter, even though it's been further out, we've been bringing it back to our Body on a monthly basis. So are we saying we don't want to bring that back in --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "So we get to save some trees."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- I meant that's it -- make that change --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "We get to save some man time --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- that's what you want."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "-- man hours and women hours."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "If the Board is inclined to have the end date of this legislation coincide with the Biden administration, sun setting their emergency order, than yes, it makes sense to change that."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "All right. I guess in theory too then, if that were to be changed or something, we'd just come back with a different resolution? If the Biden Administration changes the date again?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. All right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just had a really quick question for the County Manager. How much have we used this in the last three or four months, if at all?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Do you know?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR PCC: "We still use it, but very infrequently. Not as frequently as we used it when the initial pandemic --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And for what kind of items have we needed to use it for recently?"

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR PCC: "Like on this one, it's for the ankle monitoring for Project ORCA. Most of these have been Project ORCA related --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I guess I'm wondering why that would be an emergency though."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR PCC: "At the time, when we are trying to keep -- get a lot of inmates moved out of the jail because of COVID and the closeness. That was one of the things that was utilized to help with that."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. The motion on the floor is to approve, let's vote."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "As amended."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "As amended."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes, unanimously."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0130**, Finance request approval of a recommended proposal in an amount not to exceed \$269,743 to provide professional healthcare benefit consulting services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve my Vice Chair Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Any questions? Please vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's take this next item, then we'll recess."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. This item, **23-0086**, Human Resources as amended: Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the Fulton County Sheriff to offer above the minimum salaries, authorizing 5 percent pay base rate increase for certain employees of Fulton County Sheriff, directing an amendment to the overtime a compensatory time Personnel Policy, authorizing increased overtime pay and for other purposes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Hall, followed by Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Okay. So it's a lot of amendments in here. But one that still sticks out, we were supposed to remove all language involving a COLA, but on page 1 of the revised resolution, there's still a line that mentions the COLA, and that's 11 and 12. I didn't see it anywhere else. It looks like everywhere else it was removed."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "Commissioner, if I may."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, sir."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "Good morning, Commissioners, Kenneth Hermon, Chief HR Officer. In developing this Resolution with the county attorney's office to provide some kind of historical perspective, that's why we included that language as to what action the Board has already taken in 2022 relative to a COLA,, so that's the only place you see the COLA reference in this new resolution."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Well, I'm glad you said that because that being said, it leads me to my next question of, you know we've been through this so many times over the years as it relates to other elected officials who are elected to serve Fulton County in other capacities other than Commissioners. And the fact that they have a budget that is their own to be managed by them and that once we approve their budget and they receive the funding, they can with the help of hopefully the county attorney's office, the Purchasing Director and whoever else, Finance, can do with their budget whatever they want to do with their budget the same way that Commissioners are able to utilize our office budgets for what we need within the confines of legal and ethical policies. So I'm trying to understand why the Sheriff would need a resolution to give his employees salary increases --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm sorry, Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I'm sorry?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "If I may, point of order. This is -- this should be in Executive Session."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I know, but Commissioner Arrington --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- like, I'm --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. Just a minute. Just a minute."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Point of order, Mr. Chair, this is an Executive --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Go ahead; you have the floor, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "This is Executive Session --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "It should --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "This is an Executive Session item, and we should not have discussion here."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I agree. It shouldn't even be a resolution. Because if we want to give our employees a raise, we just --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. We'll take it up in --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "-- do it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- Commissioner Hall, hold on. We'll take it up in Executive Session."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right, thank you so much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. That being said, it's 1:23. I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch and Executive Session. We'll entertain items of real estate, litigation, and personnel. Let's go. What? All right. Those in favor say, aye; oppose, no. Thank you."

(Executive Session taken 1:23 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Without objection, we will resume the regular order of business. Items from Executive Session, Madam County Attorney."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you, Chairman. Is there a motion to approve the request for representation set forth in items number 1 and 2 of the Executive Session Agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes, unanimously."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve settlement in the matter of St. Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta versus Fulton County and the city of Sandy Springs in the amount of \$260,505.83?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve settlement in the matter of DCRC complaint number 22-651 in the amount of \$7,133.33?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, a second by Commissioner Thorne. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Is there a motion to approve settlement in the matter of Philip Trampe and Devon Van Beek regarding 768 Belt Loop in the amount of \$5,179.89?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

CLERK GRIER: "The vote is open."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Regarding item number 5 of the Executive Session Agenda --"

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote passes, seven -- unanimously."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "And is there a motion to approve the recommendation of the Board of Registration and Elections to appoint Nadine Williams as the Director of Elections at an annual salary of \$185,000, effective February 15th, 2023?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, two nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "No further action items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Continue Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Back on page 15, **23-0086**, Human Resources Management: Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the Fulton County Sheriff to offer above minimum salaries, authorizing 5 percent base pay rate increase for certain employees of the Fulton County Sheriff, directing an amendment to the overtime and compensatory time personnel policy, and authorizing increased overtime pay and for other purposes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, it's seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Arrington, followed by Commissioner Barrett. Oh, before? All right. Any questions, comments?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "Mr. Chair, before you vote, may I just clarify?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "One point of clarification. Good afternoon, again. On page 3, line 5; we inadvertently left off the Crime Suppression Unit. So we just wanted to make sure that's on the record that they'll be inserted and that -- in that specific whereas clause. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Mr. Hermon or Madam CFO, in the legislation that is before us, it says a cost-of-living adjustment or COLA, but it's really a salary increase; is that correct?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "That's correct, Commissioner. The only reference to COLA is just to -- for the -- in the whereas clause for a --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Right."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "-- historical perspective."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So it's not a COLA, it's a salary increase?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "It's a salary rate adjustment, yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes; six yeas, one nay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Next item is on the add-on memo, Registration and Elections, **23-0088**: Request approval of the statewide contract in an amount not to exceed \$304,619.52 to provide temporary staffing services."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. A motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Thorne. Who? That's an add-on you're taking now, is that what you --"

CLERK GRIER: "It's an item --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's the one that was left off?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right. All right. Commissioner Hall. Who? Who's not here?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "(Off-mic comments.)"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Who's going to answer questions?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "My suggestion is, is that this item be held. We got questions from the moving company, the alternate to using staffing, as late as this morning. It's not clear in the moving company bid if they would do all of the activities that would be required. And you have already approved Enterprise Rental Trucks for this move. So that's another complicating factor. So I think it should be held. I don't think that'll create any problem based on talking to Mr. Davis. And we'll bring it back next meeting with a clear side-by-side comparison between the two approaches."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Without objection, we'll hold. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 15, **23-0131**, Senior Services: Request approval to amend a memorandum of understanding for the provision of financial support in the amount of

\$500,000 to provide life enrichment, fitness, and congregate dining services for the senior population of Fulton County."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Six with Commissioner Arrington."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0132**, Public Works: Request approval of a memorandum of agreement with the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District for continued participation in the District-Wide Single-Family Residential Toilet Retrofit Program in the amount, in the total amount of \$25,000 for one year."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 16, **23-0133**: Request approval of a memorandum of agreement for continued participation in the District-Wide Multifamily High Efficient Toilet Rebate Program."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. A favorable motion by Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays. Six with Vice Chair Ellis."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0050** Juvenile Court, as amended: Request approval of a statewide contract for website system development services in an amount not to exceed \$115,000."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, it's seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, hi there. I just have some questions about your striking out the maintenance to provide ongoing maintenance, troubleshooting. As with any website, you're going to have troubleshooting and maintenance you're going to need. So that cost will be -- how will that cost be supplied to maintain the website?"

TIMOTHY EZELL, CAO, JUVENILE COURT: "The maintenance cost would be on the AML list, but it'll still be an annual cost associated. The 115 is just for the creation of the website."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And then do you know what that cost will be?"

TIMOTHY EZELL, CAO, JUVENILE COURT: "It's roughly around \$3,000 a year."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "This is a change from -- a little bit of a change from what you guys presented last time, correct? What were the differences?"

TIMOTHY EZELL, CAO, JUVENILE COURT: "We changed the language to fit the -- fit the scope of the project. So it was originally entered as a marketing or there was some language around marketing, but we wanted to make sure we expressed that it's about automating our processes and being able to increase our efficiency for those processes that come through the court manually."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "The only other question I have is, this is a custom system being built for you?"

TIMOTHY EZELL, CAO, JUVENILE COURT: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And so my question would be, are there existing software packages that would work? Is there a reason why we have to do this as a custom project?"

TIMOTHY EZELL, CAO, JUVENILE COURT: "So it's custom to us as far as the website portion. We have -- we use a statewide case management system, which is called JCATS. And so this will build that portal between making those forms electronic and moving it over directly into our case management system, which is the statewide system which is called JCATS."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. And just for clarification on Commissioner Thorne's question, how again, are -- where is the budget for the maintenance? Is that just built into existing software maintenance?"

TIMOTHY EZELL, CAO, JUVENILE COURT: "It's built into existing cost from our current website. It'll just move over, yes."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Got you, okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm glad to see the changes because it makes it more clear that this is actually an application specific for your court system. And then -- and then there's just simply a WebGUI interface so that people can log in via internet to access the data that's in the application. And I was very impressed because I've always seen these IT projects that involve the web and I'm always saying to people, you also need to make sure that this works across every platform, from your tablet PC to your desktop and your phone. And I saw that on page 219, you have even the little pictures so it makes it --"

TIMOTHY EZELL, CAO, JUVENILE COURT: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "-- as clear as day that you're focusing on making sure that people can pull this up on any device and use it adequately and they could see it adequately. So I applaud you on that."

TIMOTHY EZELL, CAO, JUVENILE COURT: "Thank you, Commissioner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes, unanimously."

TIMOTHY EZELL, CAO, JUVENILE COURT: "Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Under Commissioners' Action Items, **23-0135**: Request approval of a resolution repealing Resolution 22-0995 and reaffirming Fulton County's participation in the Princeton Lakes Eastside TADs, as previously authorized by Resolution 02-1414 and Resolution 03-1465 and for other purposes, sponsored by Commissioners Hall and Barrett."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Sir, you have the floor. There's a motion on the floor to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Yes, sir."

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Good afternoon, Commissioners, Samir Abdullahi, Director of Select Fulton Economic Development and Workforce Arm of Fulton County Government. I just wanted to provide a quick snapshot. I know the discussion is around both the Princeton Lake and Eastside TAD."

I think some there's some confirmation on the Princeton Lakes TAD, but we got some new data on the Eastside TAD that I wanted to share from Atlanta this week as well as some additional thoughts on discussion to better understand, I think, and to recognize our investments in these TADs. If you guys can pull up just -- I have a quick two slides. And I'll go through it here just briefly. Just looking at the background of the Eastside TAD, so far we've contributed -- I'm sorry. So far the Eastside TAD has been funded with \$262 million in increment funding to the Eastside TAD. The represents over a 300 percent growth in the tax base there in the TAD since 2004 when the TAD was originally created. \$64 million of the \$262 million was provided by Fulton County, so we cover about 25 percent of that cost load. As of this year, we're contributing about \$6.5 million annually. That number will just steadily increase as the valuation in the TAD increases, with the expected closure date of 2028. One thing to note is, as of July 2022, the Atlanta Public School System is no longer -- how do I characterize -- there's still participating in the TAD, but receiving 100 percent pilot payments for their payments into the TAD. So essentially, they're paying into the TAD, but the money gets cutback right to them. So that'll shift our balance from funding 25 percent of the TAD to about 50 percent, sharing that equal weight with the city since the school system pulled out. Just in our quick analysis of the data we got from Invest Atlanta here Monday, for the Eastside TAD they have about 97 and a half million dollars in current obligations. Those are -- those are projects already approved by the Board of Invest Atlanta. About \$10 million of that \$97 million has actually been disbursed to those projects. And just as of note, about \$41.5 million, which is shy of half of that, is going to the acquisition of the Two Peachtree Center building. They also provided another list of about \$64 million in the pipeline. So these are expected projects that would come in front of the Invest Atlanta Board, but have not already been committed for funding. And that leaves them, given their current fund balance of over \$120 million in excess of the \$46 million over their current fund balance. Next slide, please. Sorry?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "How do we get a pilot payment and get our money back?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "It was a part of the renegotiation with APS and the city over the Gulch and the Westside TAD. And so as a part of that agreement, they've shifted some of their commitments away from some TADs and towards some other TADs. So one of the ones they shifted away from was Eastside."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Were we a party to that agreement?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "No. It's an omnibus agreement, I think, between the Atlanta Public School System and the city of Atlanta."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, wait now, how are we affected -- how -- how -- why would we have to increase our participation from 25 to 50 percent based on an agreement that was made between two parties and we weren't at the table?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Well, our commitment is for our portion of the millage rate for the years the TAD is open. It doesn't change if one of the partners decides to pull funding out."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay."

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Now, and again, they haven't technically pulled the funding out. They're still funding the TAD. Their funds still go to Invest Atlanta. But the check for that funding is written back to the school system as of July 2022. So that's why I'm saying go forward, the Eastside TAD will get less money. They'll get about half as what they were getting before. And that's why our share kind of increases because APS is pulling out, or has pulled out."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "But the dollar amount is still the -- the dollar amount of the contribution is still the same?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Our contribution, correct, yeah. So they were probably getting \$25 million, now they're only getting maybe \$13 million --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay."

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "-- for the Eastside TAD."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. I'm sorry, Mr. Chair."

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "And again, reviewing some of this data, and as you've seen, this has been a, I think, a healthy exercise to kind of review and have an analysis and understanding of the Tax Allocation Districts and the funding commitments. I know a lot of it's been talked about Invest Atlanta, but this is a holistic participative phones in the east side is our East Point, Hapeville, College Park, and others. So I think some of the challenges we've learned is, is we really don't have a good grasp and understanding of the TADs, especially of their use of funds. And more importantly I think, those future commitments, which we're kind of getting asked a lot. In addition, trying to position what those future commitments would look like, it's very hard to look at the originating redevelopment plans that created these TADs to understand what are those specific projects that would be funded and the amount of funding that would be needed is somewhat misaligned with what we see in terms of the actual outcome. So we have some redevelopment plans that say, only \$50 million in increment was supposed to be raised, when we see the TAD, it's actually raised over \$50 million. And same with kind of linking those projects, the projects in the redevelopment plan with actually those occurring on the ground. So I think in that spirit, the opportunity, I think was mentioned at the last Board of Commissioner meetings. It's just around better routine and standardized reporting to both of the BOC and staff. And in particularly in the case of Invest Atlanta, we've had a Board Member sit over there

and provide kind of reports at the end of these agendas. I think there's a better opportunity for both Board Members and staff to get a little bit more in the weeds on that, again, more projecting of where those use of funds are going. To Commissioner Arrington's point about APS, just formalize the notification if funding partners to decide to change. We've learned this about the Eastside TAD; we made an inquiry to East Point. They closed their first TAD last year. Nobody told us until we kind of acknowledged it. So now they're remitting the balance of what's in the East Point TAD back to us. I tried to get a finder's fee from Hakeem, but he wouldn't let me get that. But again, we're going to get remitted to some of those funds --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "What was that amount?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Over a million, one-point --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I think what they indicated was about 1.6 million, is what would be returned. And it was a little under a million dollars in annual increment from the county."

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "I think there's also an opportunity, especially on the reporting side of things, is just to have greater visibility of Fulton County's partnership to fund these projects. Not only again, useful for staff to see that, but I think for the Board of Commissioners to just see the funds that they've committed to these TADs having impact on the ground, again, sharing with our cities since we're co-investing with these cities that are directing these dollars. I mean and ultimately again, trying to get a sense from each of the TADs that we participate in, what is this -- what does it mean when the goals of the TADs are met, I think have been a very broad-brush term. Obviously, it's up to each municipality to determine when the goals have been met. Those are not very quantitative, those are number based, it's more qualitative, is the area turned around. And so I think that's part of our challenge is, again, how do we summarize what is our future obligations across all TADs and what does that funding commitment look like. I'm happy to answer any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Thanks for that updated information. And I think it's been -- well, you know, certainly we had some, you know, heated discussion around it or, you know, warm discussion around kind of this topic. I think it was a good discussion that we kind of do need to have. Because we -- we were at probably not all operating with sort of a great sense of information of where all these different sort of TADs stood, right? And we really needed to sort of get our arms around it, because there's a lot of real money flowing into to it and its taxpayer money of roughly, you know, just 179 million alone in the Atlanta TAD. So significant funds, right. So I think we all need to have a good understanding of that. I do want to confirm, since we -- this original resolution, which we're going to talk about, really dealt with sort of the two specific TADs that we were seeking information on, Princeton Lakes and Eastside. It seems like on

the information that we received from -- relative to the Princeton Lakes TAD that Invest Atlanta has confirmed that, you know, all funds necessary there to meet obligations and there is no need for us to continue to pay an increment; is that --"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Correct. And they're planning to close it this year."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "They're planning on closing it this year. So I'm not really quite sure, as respect to that one, why we would want to really undo anything because there's not really -- Invest Atlanta has told us they're closing it. So there wouldn't be a need to kind of continue to pay an increment this year. So, you know, for -- as we consider this one at the minimum, I hope, you know, we would remove reference to Princeton Lakes, you know, in this particular one, since we've already got verification that it's closing. Seem to be foolish for us to continue to drop, you know, an increment in there when it's no longer needed."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "(Off-mic comments.)"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "The information that they provided back to us."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "(Off-mic comments.)"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Well, I'm going back to the original one that she provided. You've got it there, I think, right? Where she describes, you know --"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "It's a February 3rd letter that we received."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "(Off-mic comments.)"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "See if I've got it. But so anyway, that one specifically, I just, you know, seems like we're all -- we asked for information relative to it. They confirmed that there is no other obligations there, they're closing it. So I don't see why we should continue to pay, you know, it wouldn't make sense for us to continue to pay an increment. It seems like they're in agreement on that for Princeton Lakes. You know, as respects to the Eastside TAD, you know, I think we're obviously, when you looked at some of the numbers that were originally provided about the funds they had on hand, and then our knowledge of projects they had in the pipeline, it was the appearance that there was adequate funding here, right? And so just like, you know, APS is looking at, you know, hey, you know, we need to start looking at pilot payments and all that. So I think this was a reasonable conversation for us to begin to have. I think we've got, you know, now we got a lot of information from them. And I think in the spirit of kind of the what a resolution's ask was, really in terms of trying understand what the redevelopment

obligations are. We've got sort of the hard stuff, and then we've got the stuff that obviously, they have been evaluating midstream, right? And I think they've brought that to us sort of in good faith. And I mean, I think we should recognize that. And I don't think we should discontinue our payment of increment into the Eastside TAD based upon the information that they've provided to us. And I think they've met, really kind of the spirit of the resolution for what we're asking for. But I think holistically, we need to, you know, continue to kind of get more information on the TADs as a whole. And, you know, look at, you know, have an understanding of when these things expire, what their true funding needs are, whether or not some of this stuff that APS engaged in and looked at in terms of pilot payments on specific TADs, whether that's the type of thing that we should be considering in light of the funding needs that we've got at the county. So I think, you know, we could just sort of, you know, toss in the trash, try to get information and try to understand kind of, you know, a better picture of this so that, you know, we're in best position to think about all the tax money that's floating around, so that we -- we've got, you know, kinds of the things that are coming to us to help meet the real needs that we have to provide the services for all Fulton County citizens, you know, or, you know, we could kind of take up -- take a step back and say, okay, you know, let's look at these sort of individually. Did they meet the spirit of the original resolution and just affirm that we're going to continue to pay the increment into the Eastside TAD. And, you know, we won't pay the increment for Princeton Lakes because they verify that they don't need it. So I -- I mean, I think really, based upon the last information that we've been provided, you know, I think they've met the spirit of what the resolution was. And we've got, you know, a fairly clear distinction on both -- on both TADS. And in turn, this -- this, you know, this particular resolution is not needed. And then we can instruct our Manager, you know, to write a letter accordingly regarding disposition of one and continuance in the other."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. The TADs are not complete and the objectives have not been met. Let me raise that up, since it's so hard to hear me. The TADs are not complete and the objectives have not been met. That's a direct quote from Eloisa Klementich. Thank God for cellphones and text messages and Zoom and Mr. Chair, I guess people do actually watch this on FGTV after all, more than you think. So we have a lot of people who are watching right now who do not agree with what was just being said. And so I would move forward with the approval. Thank you, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman for your motion to approve because this is needed. And if we need to address the individual TADs by project, then we should do that absolutely. But Princeton -- Princeton Lakes is going to be deemed complete at some point, but not immediately right now. And thank you, Mr. AJ Robinson for your input as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So I just wanted to get on an elementary level for the audience. So we go into a TAD to redevelop an area and they submit a plan, correct,

on how this blighted area by given within this tax allocation that we could be using for other stuff, to redevelop the area. So they come in with a plan, correct?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Right. A redevelop plan creates the TAD --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "A redevelopment. Has Princeton Lakes and Eastside TAD exceeded their redevelopment plan? The original one that they submitted?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Well, so there's two back I'd say, there's -- there's a bucket of project -- oh, sorry -- a bucket of projects and efforts. But there's a broad brush that includes infrastructure improvement, commercial redevelopment. But they're not well defined. It's not, we're going to fix three buildings and thus have met the goals of the TAD. I think, similarly on the financial side, there is an estimation of what the potential collections of increment would be over that period. So that whatever city is activating on that TAD has some sense of, we will expect to generate \$100 million and thus, can go issue bonds to do the projects described in the redevelopment plan. But the TAD is not required to meet the same number as what's in the redevelopment plan and again, that's part of the challenges. Projects and the funding amount requested in the redevelopment plan is not aligned with what we see actually occurring. I'm not saying it has to be, it just -- it makes it hard for us to interpret how much further that TAD needs to go to meet those broad-brush redevelopment goals."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "But the whole intent of entering the TAD is so that the property that is blighted will have value, and have a revenue -- generate a tax base. And in one of the TADs, they have a 300 percent growth rate; is that correct?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "In the Eastside TAD, the -- if you took the base of when they started the TAD to where it is now, it's 300 percent --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And the other one's over 100 percent, correct?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "There's several others, yeah."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah. And then -- and there's no one -- they don't have any outstanding bond debt."

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "I'm not clear at this point on the other ones. We've only asked for the -- for two --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, just for the two. I'm just talking about the two --"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "I'm sorry. Correct."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So for instance, if we pull out of these TADs, is the property -- the intent is so that the property has its tax base. The intent so that we convert blighted property into very good, a very good tax base again. If we pull out, will the Princeton Lakes and the Eastside TAD go back to blighted property?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Go backwards, you mean?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Um-hmm."

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "I couldn't make assessment as to whether it would go back. I think it's more of the spirit of what Commissioner Hall was saying is, the city feels it needs that additional funding to meet its defined goals of the redevelopment plan."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "But we don't know those -- those redevelopment plan with infrastructure, it could go on forever and ever, you could just keep putting stuff in the pipeline, correct?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "You could, but our commitment is -- is up to a period, so up for this one, up to 2028. And that's when our funding commitment would end. However much is incremented from now until 2028, would be theirs to invest in the TAD."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. So we always go on a year not an amount, when we enter a TAD?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Yeah, there's -- for on the -- I mean, I think pretty much all the agreements, it's all based on that time period and less of a certain financial cap or the like. I think there's one in for the Beltline maybe that, for most of them, it's very short resolutions that'll just say, we will pledge our funds until the TAD expires."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Just to be clear, Commissioner Thorne, the amount that we pay is -- the way it works is when we agree to get into it, we know how much tax we're getting from that area, we freeze the tax at that level, and it's only the increment. So if it doesn't improve, then there's no increment. So they get paid based on how well they do, essentially. And we keep that original tax base until it closes and then we recoup, you know, then we start to get all of that tax money back. So there's a long-term benefit to the county that can be pretty dramatic depending on how well the TAD performs. I just -- I --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "But we could get that now --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Well --"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "-- that 300 -- if it's grown 300 percent over the 100 percent --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Well, but I will say, there is still work to be done. I've heard from a lot of constituents who feel very strongly that the Eastside TAD needs to continue. And that -- whether it continues is really not a question, it's whether or not we continue to fund or allow it to be funded, which I strongly believe that it should be. I'd -- I feel like, you know, Commissioner Hall and I are in full agreement on this. I -- and Commissioner Ellis, also who originally proposed pulling out of that or withdrawing our funds from that TAD, seems to be fine with the responses that we continue with the Eastside TAD. So I'm going to direct my questions to the Princeton Lakes TAD. That is scheduled to wrap up at the end of this year, correct?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Yeah. The letter we got back says, anticipates closing the TAD during 2023. So I'm not sure what --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, so -- when it's to end, but at some point. So how often do we make a payment into that? Do we know what the payment schedule is?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Sharon can answer that -- the disbursements or --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The Tax Commissioner's office remits the payments as they're received."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So it's like after the taxes are collected, we make a payment?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes. As the Tax Commissioner collects, then he remits -- we get a weekly remittance from the Tax Commissioner's office while he's collecting. So I would imagine, they're also receiving weekly remittances as well."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. And so if -- if the East -- oh, sorry -- if the Princeton Lakes TAD closes and there's excess money in the TAD because they've paid the -- out the -- they're paying off the debt with money they already have, what happens to that excess money?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Yeah, that's what I was scrambling to look at that -- for the original resolution, I'm --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Do you know where I was going?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "I was fairly -- I'm fairly certain any remaining balances is redistributed to the funding partners, kind of in an equal piece."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. So I don't see any reason not to proceed with the resolution that Commissioner Hall and I have put forward, because any money that has gone out that they don't need, we're going to get back. So I feel fully committed to the resolution we have up for approval right now."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I invite any of my colleagues to maybe have a one-on-one with our staff and outside staff as to how the TAD works. Because it's -- it's more -- it's not just blighted. There are other areas of enhancement overall. So here again, I'm trying to be politically correct, but sometimes I'm not. And I'm going to apologize for that. But there are projects in my district, there are projects and Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Barrett, I even believe it's some in Commissioner Arrington's. I'm not sure about anybody else's, but those are the ones that I know for sure. And everything isn't necessarily about blight. So please check your vocabulary when coming to issues with dealing of areas that have been underserved historically. Because you come across a certain way that I know in my heart, you don't intend to. But because we do have individuals listening, let's make sure we educate ourselves about the TAD and what they do and what's the purpose of them and how they have benefited us and what would be the benefit going on. I support any TAD that closes down and that money that's due back to us, coming back. While I also support any TAD that is still open and has proven to us that it's still open and we're still involved with them, us having our involvement. I guess what I don't want to do, I don't want this issue to become political, because it really shouldn't, it should not. And so I would just say let's -- let's -- let's -- I support this based on the information that I have at hand. And the information that I have at hand warrants me supporting this resolution. But I also support the additional resolution, like I explained to a lot of my constituents that once a TAD has closed, it's fair for the money that's due back to Fulton County, to come back to Fulton County. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I am -- I guess, I'm still trying to get some more information. My understanding was that the Eastside TAD was the issue for the city and that Princeton Lakes is closing down next year. And I mean -- I won't say that there is no blight in the Princeton Lakes area, but the Princeton Lakes area is really all brand-new developed. And so I don't know what else or what other needs they may have for Princeton Lakes. What I would love, colleagues, I mean, I'm, you know, I'm fully supportive of staying in the Eastside TAD. And I'm open to staying

in Princeton Lakes if there are plans for it. But I don't know that we've been communicating any plans for Princeton Lakes. I would love if we could stay in Eastside and, you know, instruct staff to come back with a recommendation as to the various other TADs, you know, that way, we -- it gives us the flexibility to be included or not be included depending on what the needs are. I have clearly heard the need expressed for Eastside TAD, no doubt there. But I don't know that there is any need for Camp Creek, but I'm willing to, you know, I mean, I can support it as is. But I would prefer if it were -- if we gave staff the instructions to come back with a recommendation or to come back with all of the information on all of them. I mean, when did we find out about the closing of the East Point TAD, after the last meeting?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Well, not the closing of the East -- I'm sorry, the East Point TAD?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "Prior to that meeting."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Oh, okay. Prior -- what?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Not East Point, you said, East Point."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Well, he said East Point earlier, that's why --"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "I apologize --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm being real clear."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. My fault, I --"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "The East Point TAD, located in the city of East Point, there are two TADs. One of them is the Camp Creek, it's the earliest one. The city took action last year, the city of East Point, to close that TAD. We didn't find out, I think, until the beginning of this year. When we started this discovery process with all the TADs, as to, do you have any bond debt or outstanding obligations? And they said, we've closed that TAD. And I think that was their eureka moment of, I don't think Fulton County knows. And that sent off conversations and that's when found out from their Finance team. That's part of the recommendation around maybe sending a letter to all those participating in TADs that if any of the funding partners switch around or if they close to just give us a heads up. So that, as you guys request this information, we're a little bit more accurate."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. All right. So I mean, I -- I can support it either way, as is or with the flexibility to come back to us later after we find out some. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I just want to answer your Princeton Lakes question. So Princeton is scheduled to close some time this year. And the only reason it remains open is because -- and you can correct me if I'm wrong here -- that the only reason it remains open is because it has to legally remain open until all the debt is paid off; is that correct? And that, I believe, and that will be done this year. So the only issue is whether or not we continue to pay in. And I think the point I was making earlier is that, if we continue to pay in and let it close naturally, rather than pulling out prematurely, pardon the expression, we will get our money back. It's only, what, four meetings in and my first dirty joke. I'm proud."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No comment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Boy, oh, boy. Commissioner Thorne. Well -- Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you. So the Princeton Lakes TAD started in 2002. And the Eastside TAD was 2003, correct?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And the growth -- the Eastside TAD has a 295 percent growth? And then you said on here -- because I did meet with them one-on-one to try to understand this better and the intent of why we go into a TAD and if there's -- if we should in the future put some kind of cap on how much we contribute. It says the growth in the Princeton Lakes TAD was -- is 20,633 percent?"

SAMIR ABDULLAHI, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEV.: "It's a big number, yeah. Yes."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So we've way exceeded the amount of money that we thought we put into the TAD. I think the TADs, what they've done, it's unbelievable, don't get me wrong. They've done great work. They've really helped these areas. And, you know, I've gone and visited some of these areas and -- but we need -- we need to find some revenue sources somewhere to fund our upcoming expenses that we have with mental health and public safety. So I really think we need to weigh on, you know, do we keep paying into these two TADs if they're well on their way to be healthy, vibrant communities anyway."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Samir, I cringe when I hear you talking up there because I hate to see you make yourself look less than, and make yourself look like you can't communicate with others. Because you keep saying that

what you don't know, but you don't offer a solution into how you're going to find out what you don't know. And that makes it appear that there's some communication issue, which there shouldn't be because it was very clear at the last meeting by all the people that stood up here from Invest Atlanta that they're willing to communicate. And their response, with this long, huge spreadsheet and this -- the several pages of emails shows their commitment to communicating with us. But I think that perhaps, maybe the questions just need to be asked from your side of the house to them. Because you've stood here and I've been making note of all the things that you say that have not been answered. And those are simply things that could be answered by a question. And I did so a couple of times just on my phone, since I was getting all these text messages related to what people are watching on our FGTV and on the computer. So it's not very hard to get the answers at all. And I would just behoove you to try a little bit harder to do so. Also, with the TADs, the investment in the community is very significant. And it is across in, yes, Commissioner Khadijah's area, Commissioner Barrett's area, mine, Commissioner Arrington. It was shown at the last meeting in a presentation on a map, which showed all of the little dots in areas of where all the projects are currently allocated to be. And the -- this use of funds goes toward addressing crime. Because when you have blight, you automatically have crime, you have homelessness issues, you have affordable housing issues. It's addressing all of these things. And these are the things that our constituents want to see their areas. They want to -- us to address crime, affordable housing. And this is a way for the county to invest in that happening without having to do some other investment. I have constituents who ask me often, why can't we have a grocery store? Well, those of you who know about economic development, you know why. But that's exactly what the TADs are doing, they're addressing those issues. So Commissioner Arrington, you asked about the Princeton Lakes TAD. The answer that I heard and you can correct me, Mr. Abdullahi, if I'm incorrect. At the end of that TAD, we will get our money back. And it's as simple as that. We don't have to ask for it. We don't have to do anything special; we're going to automatically get that money back. And I have a text from Eloisa Klementich that also states that. Thank you very much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah. I'm not relying necessarily on texts I'm getting up here on stage. There's a letter of February 3rd that we got, right, responsive to our inquiry to Invest Atlanta. Princeton Lakes TAD, I'm reading it right here. Dear Chairman Pitts and Commissioners, this constitutes Invest Atlanta's supplemental response to Mr. Samir Abdullahi, Director of Department of Department of Economic Development and Select Fulton's email on January 13, 2023. As previously contained in the PowerPoint presentation shared with you on January 29, '23, the following is the responses to both questions regarding the following Tax Allocation Districts. I'll read specifically, the remarks related to Princeton Lakes TAD, since we -- the Eastside TAD, I think we've reached a common consensus on that. Number one, the outstanding debt on Princeton Lakes TAD has been paid in full, period. Two, there are outstanding redevelopment cost in the amount of 4.1 million, which is being held in reserve. Based

on the foregoing facts, the city of Atlanta anticipates closing the TAD during 2023. So they've confirmed to us, they have no debt outstanding and that for the redevelopment obligations that they have, they have funds on hand to meet them. So why would it be necessary for us to continue to send out increment their way, when all the obligations have been met? You know, when a TAD -- a TAD doesn't necessarily have to close for us to stop paying an increment. When they've reached their -- reached the necessary inclusion, if it happens beforehand, you know, you stop paying your increment, you move on, you close it, right? I mean, they've said to us that, you know, they've got the funds on hand to do what they need to do. So why are we going to continue to drop money into something that's not needed? That's, to borrow a word from Commissioner Arrington, preposterous. So, you know, and I'm not doing that as much emphasis, because I don't know if I have as much energy right now, Commissioner Arrington. But, you know, so I mean look, personally, I mean, if we need to go back and ask the question again and confirm it and have them confirm it a different way, maybe it's a good thing to do, versus just sort of arbitrarily, just say, hey, let's just go drop money in there and wait another 12-15 months, and then come and get it out. I don't know, that's not the way I do my own personal finances, and I don't think that's the way our taxpayers would expect us to do our finances either. To go stick some government funds over in escrow with somebody else and wait for them, when they've already told us they don't need them. It's stupid. Sorry, different word. So, I mean, I'll go again. I'll offer a substitute motion just to put it on the floor that we instruct our Manager to send a note, confirm this, and the Princeton Lakes, and then -- and if we get that confirmation back, you know, we stop paying our increment into the -- into the Princeton Lakes TAD and that we, you know, thank them for the info -- supplemental information they provided us on the Eastside TAD and we will continue -- we'll continue our participation in it. That's my motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have a substitute motion on the floor by Commissioner Ellis, I'll second that motion. All right. Let's vote on the substitute motion."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on the substitute. And the motion pass; four yeas, three nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. You still want to be heard? Commissioner Hall, you still want to be heard? Okay. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 16, **23-0136**: Request approval of a Resolution to abolish certain Boards, Commissions, Task Force, Committees, and Councils due to their failure to conduct meetings within the past 24 months, contingent upon verification by county staff and for other purposes, sponsored by Vice Chair Ellis."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yes. Commissioners, back when, I think, or in one of the earlier meetings we had, it may have been the first meeting of the year, we had some discussion about sort of the volume of different boards and task forces that we -- and Committees and authorities that and of sundry of name or however they might be named, councils, et cetera. And the notation to that, several of them were inactive. And these are largely these task forces and subcommittees and this sort of stuff that at different points in time, you know, this Body had sort of authorized for some sort of point-in-time purpose. But, you know, a number of these were no longer sort of functional, which added this sort of this confusion and so forth, you know, for our citizens and also some complications for our Clerk. So I'd asked to have the Clerk identify those particular entities, which have been inactive, which haven't met for a period of two years, and which, you know, we had the authority to effectively close down. It wasn't some sort of entity that was created by the state or, you know, some other body that we needed to consult with. And they had identified 19 entities, which are noted in Exhibit A on this Resolution. And this would just basically, just dissolve or abolish these particular entities. And that's sort of the sole purpose of this particular Resolution."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "And it was done with consult from the Clerk's office, in terms of they're the ones that came up with the list. And then in consult with the county attorney's office, in terms of clarifying that responsibility rested with us to particularly close that matter. Is that a fair statement, Madam Clerk and county attorney?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, that is our understanding."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think that we definitely need to look at this look at this, look at this list. And there may be some that I am -- that not only need to be closed -- I guess, I fundamentally have problem with closing a commission because they haven't met. I want to know what are their goals or why were they are established. And I want to make my decision on whether they should go forward or not based on those goals. I don't know if it is as a failure of the committee or the task force that they haven't met in 12 or 24 months or our failure to properly populate these boards and commissions. And so I certainly agree, Vice Chair Ellis, a lot of these need to go. Wolf Creek Advisory Committee, we're selling that, right, there's no reason for that to still be around. But there are others that probably have good purpose and that some of us or at least I, or others, may not have been aware of and did not appoint anyone to. So I support this in theory, but I don't know that I'm ready to just get rid of all ninth -- like, I don't know if I'm ready to get rid of the Fulton County Reentry

Task Force just because they haven't met. They -- it might need to be repopulated, you know. But certainly, there are some on here that -- that could very likely, you know, that could be getting -- Atlanta Streetcar Advisory Board, you know, I don't know that we have anything to do with that. And I think the city of Atlanta sold Streetcar to MARTA, you know, so I, you know, I -- I agree that some of these need to go away. But I don't know that it's the time factor that is the determining factor for me, as to why they need to go away. For me, is more of what is -- what is their purpose and should we still have a committee for that purpose. And is it, you know, because I don't -- again, I don't know if it's the committee's failure or more our failure to appoint people. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "As a new Commissioner, you know, I'm having to reappoint or appoint, make appointments enough as it is. So it'd be great if we could clear out some, but maybe instead of closing them, we can maybe make them, deemed them inactive and clear out all the members that are on that board. And in the event we need to reactivate them, the board is there and it could be reactivated and at that point, we make appointments for the board at that point. I don't know if that's possible. So could I make a substitute motion to make them all inactive and clear all members of the boards?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You're referring to the 19 or 20 that's on the list, recommended list? You can. Is that your motion?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I make that motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there a second? Is there a second? All right. Motion dies for lack of a second."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Oh, I thought I seconded it, didn't I second?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. You still have the floor."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Oh, I thought I seconded it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, you made the motion, the substitute motion, but no one seconded."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Oh, okay. I got it. Got it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "No, I'm -- I'm good."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I appreciate what you're saying, Commissioner Thorne. And I have a similar idea except I think it would kind of cold with going ahead and passing this, which is just that two years is a long time to not have met. And, you know, I think it's fair to close them down. That said, I think it's perfectly reasonable for us to review them. And if there are ones that we feel like we needed a new board or task force to deal with that issue or a similar issue that we create a new one, maybe with different set of rules and with different communication requirements and meeting requirements and things of that nature. And then just go ahead and appoint new folks to it and start fresh. And there's nothing that would preclude us from doing that. So I don't have any problem with this as it stands."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner -- Vice Chair Ellis. All right. The motion on the floor is to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes; five yeas, one nay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 17, **23-0066**, Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority, Commissioner Thorne has nominated Bernie Tokarz for a district reappointment to a term ending December 31st, 2026."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. I'd asked that this be held, pulled off of the consent agenda at the last meeting with -- to give you time to look at the state law that was passed specifically for this Board. Have you had a chance to --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Thank you, Chairman. Yes, we've researched it and the term limit is three consecutive terms or 12 years. And in this instance, I believe Mr. Tokarz is under that term-limit amount."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So that was the law that was passed at the state level specifically for this Board. And I can count tea leaves as good as anybody. He proclaimed to me in a loud voice that he has six votes in his back pocket, so my vote won't matter. Let's vote."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Because you don't know how I'm going to vote for somebody."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I didn't say that. No, no, no. Let's vote. Madam Clerk. Madam Clerk. We got a problem with the equipment. All right. Those in favor say, aye."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Hold on, what are we --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "This -- it's on the appointment of Mr. Tokarz. Those in favor, raise your right hand, Mr. Tokarz -- one, two -- all right. Thorne, Abdur-Rahman, Barrett, Hall, Ellis, and Arrington voting, yes; Pitts voting, no. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes; six yeas, one nay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Now, there's state law because of the confusion -- you remember when there was one person that I removed that had been on there 14 years. And the state got involved and reduced it to no one can serve on that Board for more than 12 years, right. Is that right, Madam County Attorney?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "That's correct, 12 years or three consecutive terms."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Three -- or three consecutive terms, okay? Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0137**, Board of Ethics the Gate City Bar Association has nominated to Daraka Satcher for a full-board reappointment to a term ending February 12th, 2026."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, I must object. I tried to handle this quietly, but no one seemed to want to handle it that way. I have to object to any and all of these Board Members. This Board has not followed any of its policies. They have done numerous things outside of their authority and in violation of their own policies, rules, and procedures including filing a lawsuit against me and one of my legal clients, who is not a Fulton County employee. So I have filed a motion in both pending matters before them to have them disqualified, to have them recused, and to have those matters dismissed for their complete and utter lack of following their own rules. So they can't hear anything against me. Y'all can keep them if you want to, but anytime something's filed on me, I'm automatically filing a motion to disqualify them. Because you cannot judge someone and sue them at the same time. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Now, the -- thank you for your comments, Commissioner Arrington. Now, the issue before us is the appointment, rather the approval of the

recommendation of the Gate City Bar Association of Mr. Satcher to the Board of Ethics, that's what's before us. All right, we have a motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I think it's a female, Mr. Chair, I could be wrong."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Oh, might be a female. All right. Motion to approve by -- just a minute. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Hall, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah. Okay. So Commissioner Arrington, I'm sorry, I'm trying to understand what the appointment of this person has to do with the Board that has been actively doing these things and do we have -- does the County Attorney have information on what Commissioner Arrington is talking about? Because I'm not completely privy to all of that information."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm glad you asked that, Commissioner Hall --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "This person is currently on the Board and is currently the President of the Board, the Chair of the Board, responsible for making sure that they follow the requirements as outlined in the enabling legislation."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Oh."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "This is a reappointment of someone that does not follow the rules."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Oh. Madam County Attorney?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I can share with the Board that in the conduct of the recent cases before the Board of Ethics, my office has also noticed irregularities in the procedural rules and the way that they have conducted notice. I also have concerns about the filing a lawsuit by an entity that does not have authority to file. So there are some questions that I would have as well."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Oh, we need to address that. I withdraw my motion. Please withdraw my motion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Your motion, you want to withdraw your motion --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Withdraw my second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- your second?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. She's withdrawn her second. I'll second the motion. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, I'll second that motion. Now how do I -- on the floor here, second?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, because they're scheduled to meet tomorrow."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "How do I second?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Oh, she did it, it's right there."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Now, again, no disrespect intended for Commissioner Arrington's statement. But what's before us now --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "What about the County Attorney?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. Just a minute. What's before us now is the approval of the recommended person from the Gate City Bar Association. That's the only thing that's before us."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "No, it's not. The county attorney just spoke."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "My ruling is, that's what's before us. That's the issue that we're voting on --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Your ruling doesn't overrule --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "-- what she said."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis, you have the floor, Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Thanks, Mr. Chair. I mean, irrespective of the term expiring on 2/12, that's, you know, that's not our problem. And it just got to us today. You know, I'm going to offer a substitute motion to hold until, you know, all of us that have an interest --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We have --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- have an opportunity to hear from our county attorney --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- and talk to her specifically about some of the concerns she expressed. I did sit in on one of the sessions as well. And I'm not an attorney like our county attorney or Commissioner Arrington, but did observe some things that just struck me as maybe a little bit odd. And I do think it's probably worth us all, at least, taking a turn at this and understanding. I think it's a functional body that needs to be there. I think we've seen how it can get dysfunctional and, you know, in a neighboring county in some of the unnecessary stuff that took place there. And I think, you know, there might be an opportunity for us to just pause, have a good conversation around it, communicate some of those concerns back to that body, and get this on track so that, you know, we have something that's functioning the way it should be."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So I'd respectfully request that we hold this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. You have a substitute motion on the floor to hold, properly moved and seconded. Commissioner Arrington, you want to be heard again?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, sir, Mr. Chair. They have created an irreconcilable conflict. The only option that they have is that they all have to resign. That's the only option they have. That's the only option they have. They all have to resign. They created this conflict by filing a lawsuit and by not following the procedures. Y'all can keep them if you want to. But I can guarantee you; I will file a motion to have them disqualified any time something comes up before them. Any member that is currently on that Board, if any member, if just one of them remains, I will move to have the whole board disqualified. They must resign today."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "County Attorney, and I really don't have a dog in this fight, but I'm trying to do the duty as an elected official, what's been put before me. So I'm going to play devil's advocate. And so if you can answer it, fine, if you can't, I understand. If we do not reappoint this person, will the Ethics Board still be able to operate as a Ethics Board? Does this -- by us not -- because I'm trying -- I'm trying to get a clarification of what our powers are here and what our powers are not, as a Body. Given all of the commentary about anything that they've done is questionable, if they're operating or not operating. I'm not even asking about that. That could be true. But if

we do not reappoint this appointee, does it keep them from functioning as an Ethics Board?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "It -- we have to pull that specific -- the rules for that specific body. But it's my understanding that an unfilled seat, the previous person could continue to serve in that capacity, and even if that turns out not to be the case that is one individual on the entire Board. So it would not shutdown the operations of the Board simply because that one person is not present."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "If they have -- if they a quorum --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "A quorum, yeah."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- they can still meet. Okay, the motion on the floor is to hold. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on the motion to hold. And the motion passes; five yeas, one nay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 18, **23-0138**, South Fulton Community Improvement District Board, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Reverend Tonjie Clark to replace Jim Sams for a full-board appointment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion by Commissioner Hall is to approve, is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. I'm going to do a motion to hold on this. O. 1, Madam Clerk, I do not understand how Carn and Abdur-Rahman can be separate. Typically, the Commissioner who has appointed someone -- so when my appointments came up, they were Edwards/Arrington. So I would expect to see this as Carn/Abdur-Rahman. Because there -- came from the same district and the same seat. I now have a district -- I now have the district that is 95 percent South Fulton, 95 percent, my district is 95 percent South Fulton. So there is no way that somebody can have two appointments, that one district seat can have two appointments for a district that I have 95 percent of. Motion to hold."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. I think this is -- this -- the confusion here has probably come about as a result of redistricting and renumbering of the districts. So maybe we need to sort this out. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I have no problem with holding it. It's not that big of a deal."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. The motion on the floor is to hold. Motion to hold by Commissioner Arrington, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Let's vote, please, on the motion to hold."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on the motion to hold. And the motion passes, unanimously."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioners' Discussion Items, **23-0097**, Discussion of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2 of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances to modify Code Section 2-261 to require the County Manager to present the budget request for the next fiscal year to the Board of Commissioners no later than 60 days before the millage rate is set and for other purposes --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

CLERK GRIER: "-- sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I would just do another motion to hold. I'm -- unfortunately, I'm going to have to leave, so I don't have time to do discussion on this, but happy to talk with anyone about between now and the next meeting to, you know, for comments, criticisms, questions, and anything of the like."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Without objection, we'll hold. Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0139**, Discussion: Abolishment of certain Boards, Authorities, Committees, and Task Forces, sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. This was taken care of in the previous legislation by Ellis. And I had sent each of you a list of recommended boards, commissions, et cetera to be abolished. So that list should have been attached to -- it's the same thing?"

CLERK GRIER: "It's the same."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. So -- all right. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "Back to the Consent Agenda on page 5, item pulled for separate consideration by Chairman Pitts, **23-0107**, Development Authority of Fulton County, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Kwanza Hall to replace Jo Anna Potts for an unexpired District appointment to a term ending May 31st, 2025."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. My question has been answered, so I'll second it. Is that right? Okay. All right, let's vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "No further items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No further items to come before us today, we're adjourned. Thank you very much."

(There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.)