

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

April 02, 2025  
10:00 AM



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



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## **MINUTES-RATIFIED**

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**Ratification Date: May 7, 2025**

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**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**

Mo Ivory, 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****25-0224 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing items #25-0226 and #25-0230 as requested by Commissioner Ivory. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**25-0225 Board of Commissioners**

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

Proclamation recognizing "Marilyn J. Arrington Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**  
March 4, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Shawty Lo Remembrance Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**  
March 20, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Alfred Fox Uhry Appreciation Day." **(Barrett)**  
March 30, 2025

**Commissioners' District Board Appointments****25-0226****Board of Commissioners****FULTON-DEKALB HOSPITAL AUTHORITY d/b/a GRADY HEALTH SYSTEM  
(REMOVED)**

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 = Staggered terms of four (4) years

Term below expired: 12/31/2024

Eric V. Thomas **(Hall)**

**Commissioner Ivory has nominated V. Leah Johnson to replace Eric V. Thomas for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2028.**

**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY  
COMMISSIONER IVORY**

**25-0227 Board of Commissioners****FULTON COUNTY CITIZENS COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT FULTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

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

Term = 4 Years, staggered

Term below expired: 12/31/2023

Bill Eisenhauer (**Hall**)

**Commissioner Ivory nominated Cory Ellis to replace Bill Eisenhauer for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2027.**

**25-0228 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

Term below expired: 12/31/2024

Vacant (**Ivory**)

**Commissioner Ivory nominated W. Forrest Coley Jr. for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.**

**25-0229 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. 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.

Term below expired: 12/31/2016

Clifton W. Jenkins (**District 4**)

**Commissioner Ivory nominated Ricky Clark for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.**

**25-0230 Board of Commissioners****FULTON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) (REMOVED)**

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

Term below expired: 12/31/2024

Vacant (**Ivory**)

**Commissioner Ivory has nominated Lewanna Tucker for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.**

**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER IVORY**

**25-0231 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. Veterans Commission shall serve three (3) year terms, with such term subject to the discretion of the appointing Commissioner, who can remove a member for cause, otherwise such member may continue to serve beyond his/her term until a successor is appointed.

Term = 3 Years

Term below expired: 12/31/2024

Vacant (**Ivory**)

**Commissioner Ivory nominated Gloria Wynn for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2027.**

**25-0232 Board of Commissioners**  
FULTON COUNTY VETERANS' EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION, INC.  
**(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = 3 Years

Term below expired: 12/31/2024  
James Currie (**Pitts**)

**Chairman Pitts nominated David Pratt to replace James Currie for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2027.**

**25-0233 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 expires: 7/13/2026  
Vacant (**Ivory**)

**Commissioner Ivory nominated Sule Carpenter for a District appointment to an unexpired term ending July 13, 2026.**

**25-0234 Board of Commissioners**  
RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Seven (7) directors appointed by the Board of Commissioners for initial terms of 2, 4, and 6 years, and thereafter for staggered terms of six (6) years. In the event of vacancies (RCM January 18, 1989, item #29) the Board of Commissioners shall appoint a person to serve.

Term = 6 years

Term below expires: 12/3/2026  
Vacant (**Ivory**)

**Commissioner Ivory nominated Trudye Nesbit for a District appointment to an unexpired term ending December 3, 2026.**

**25-0235 Board of Commissioners  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICERS (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF  
THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Two-year terms pursuant to Section 34-67(a) of the Fulton County Civil Service Act.

Term = 2 Years

**Commissioner Ivory nominated Raemona Miller for an appointment to a two-year term.**

**25-0236 Board of Commissioners  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICERS (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF  
THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Two-year terms pursuant to Section 34-67(a) of the Fulton County Civil Service Act.

Term = 2 Years

**Commissioner Ivory nominated Evita Gaillard for an appointment to a two-year term.**

**Development Authority of Fulton County TEFRA  
(Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act)**

**25-0237 Board of Commissioners  
Execution by Chairman Robert L. Pitts of a TEFRA (Tax Equity Fiscal  
Responsibility Act) for documentation pertaining to the proposed issuance of its  
Development Authority of Fulton County Revenue Bonds (The Swift Learning  
Center, Inc. Project), Series 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$2,625,000.00 (the  
"Bonds"). (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Open & Responsible Government**

**25-0238 Human Resources Management**

Request approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement between E. Anthony Daniels, P.C. and Fulton County for E. Anthony Daniel, P.C. to provide legal counsel and representation as an independent contractor to the Grievance Review Committee in an amount not to exceed \$35,098.00. Effective January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025 with two (2) one-year renewal options. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**



**25-0239 Human Resources Management**

Request approval to modify the classification section of the Classification and Compensation plan by adding the new titles of Administrative Manager (grade 24) and Division Manager, External Affairs (grade 27); changing the classification titles of Division Manager, Communications, Division Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs, and Division Manager, FGTV to the new title of Division Manager, External Affairs at the same pay grade of 27; changing all department specific Administrative Manager classification titles to the new consolidated title of Administrative Manager at the same pay grade of 24; and by abolishing classification titles that are no longer in use. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**25-0240 Registration & Elections**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement, Registration & Elections, to conduct Special Elections in conjunction with the Public Service Commission Primary / Municipal Primary on June 17, 2025, and the Public Service Commission Primary / Municipal Primary Runoff on July 15, 2025, for City of Palmetto. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**25-0241 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sanitary Sewer System Ownership, Operation, Maintenance, and Repair Agreement between Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and JBGL Atlanta Development 2014, LLC, for the purpose of granting Fulton County legal access to extend and maintain the sanitary sewer system at 0 Davis Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30009. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**25-0242 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of an Indemnification, Maintenance, and Land Use Agreement for Private Improvement (Indemnification Agreement) between Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and Margaret M. Strain, Revocable Trust, for the purpose of granting conditional approval to allow stormwater infrastructure to remain within a portion the County's existing sanitary sewer easement at 1665 Spinnaker Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia 30005. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**25-0243 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of an Indemnification, Maintenance, and Land Use Agreement for Private Improvement (Indemnification Agreement) between Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and JBGL Atlanta Development 2014, LLC for the purpose of granting conditional approval to allow stormwater infrastructure to remain within a portion of the County's existing water line easement area at 0 Davis Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**25-0244 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of an Indemnification, Maintenance, and Land Use Agreement for Private Improvement (Indemnification Agreement) between Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and JBGL Atlanta Development 2014, LLC for the purpose of granting conditional approval to allow stormwater infrastructure to remain within a portion of the County's existing sanitary sewer easement at 0 Davis Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**25-0245 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 12,098 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Above and Beyond Investment, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the 422 Hilderbrand Drive Project at 422 Hilderbrand Drive NE, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**25-0246 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Water Vault Easement Dedication of 9 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from O CHK, Inc., owner, for the purpose of constructing the McAlister's Deli Project at 1555 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, Georgia. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**25-0247 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Resolution authorizing a Master Lease Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia (Lessor) and MicroLife Institute, Inc. (Lessee) for County-owned real estate located at 4807 Cochran Road, Union City, Georgia, for the development of a community of cottage homes thereon; authorizing the Chairman to execute the Master Lease Agreement and related documents; authorizing the County Attorney to approve the Master Lease Agreement and related documents as to form and to make modifications thereto prior to execution. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Health and Human Services****25-0248 Public Works**

Request approval of a change order less than 10% - Public Works, 22ITB134130K-JAJ, Graham Drive Pump Station Upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$1,154,861.00 with Reeves Young, LLC (Sugar Hill, GA), to provide construction services associated with modernization and upgrade of the Graham Drive Pump Station and to extend the contract schedule of work for an additional 125 days thru October 1, 2025. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**25-0249 Public Works**

Request approval to extend an existing contract - Public Works Department, 23RFP139070K-JAJ, Progressive Design Build of Campbellton Pump Station with Sol Construction (Atlanta, GA) to continue to provide design services associated with determining the 80% guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the pump station and force main at no additional cost. Time extension only. Effective upon BOC approval through May 2, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**25-0250 Public Works**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Fulton County and Clayton County Water Authority for sanitary sewer services related to the Brittany and Normandy subdivisions and billing services related to the Lake Royale subdivision for a period of 20 years. Effective upon approval by the BOC. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**25-0251 Senior Services**

Request approval of the assignment of an existing contract, 23ITB125742A-BK, Swimming Pool Maintenance Services from United Pool Maintenance, LLC to United Pool Maintenance of Georgia, LLC, which is a change in the name of United Pool Maintenance, LLC. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Justice and Safety****25-0252 District Attorney**

Request approval of the 2025 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification with the U.S. Department of Justice for the Fulton County District Attorney Office, establishing the requirements for participation in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program and the restrictions upon the use of federally forfeited cash, property, or proceeds. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**FIRST REGULAR MEETING AGENDA****25-0253 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to adopt the First Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by revising items #25-0258 and #25-0266 as requested by the County Manager. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**25-0254 Clerk to the Commission**

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

First Regular Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2025

Second Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, March 19, 2025

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

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

**25-0255 Board of Commissioners**

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

Proclamation recognizing "B.E.S.T. Academy Varsity Boys Basketball Championship Appreciation Day." **(Pitts/BOC)**

Proclamation recognizing "Tri-Cities High School Varsity Boys Basketball Championship Appreciation Day." **(Pitts/BOC)**

Proclamation recognizing "Creekside High School Varsity Girls Basketball Championship Appreciation Day." **(Arrington/BOC)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****25-0256 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

**(CONDUCTED)**

**2 Speakers: J. Wesley Day (Justice/Keith Gammage); Walter Reeves (Social Security)**

**No Zoom Speakers**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS****Open & Responsible Government****25-0257 Finance**

Presentation, review, and approval of April 2, 2025, Budget Soundings and Resolution. **(PRESENTED/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, Ivory, Arrington, and  
Abdur-Rahman

**25-0258 Finance**

Request approval of a **Cooperative Agreement** ~~to renew an existing contract and increase spending authority~~ - Finance Department, 24ROTH1113C-MH, Temporary Staffing Services in the amount of \$246,480.00 with Roth Staffing Companies L.P. to provide temporary accounting staffing services. ~~This action exercises the only renewal option. No renewal option remains.~~ Effective dates: April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED AS AMENDED)**

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

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

**25-0259 Human Resources Management**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Human Resources Management, 24RFP1325481B-PS, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Administration Services in an amount not to exceed \$109,796.00 with Sedgwick Claims Management, Inc. (Memphis, TN) to provide comprehensive FMLA administration for the Fulton County workforce upon execution of contract through December 31, 2025, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**25-0260 Information Technology**

Request approval to extend an existing contract - Information Technology, 20RFP894152K-BKJ, Office 365 Implementation Services, with B2B Technologies, LLC (Atlanta, GA) at no additional cost to address additional technical support needs arising from the upgrade of the County's IT infrastructure associated with the Office 365 implementation for an additional 12-month period. Time Extension only. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**25-0261 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 24ITB100324K-JA, Renovation of Airport Administration Air Rescue Firefighting Station - FY2025 in the amount not to exceed \$2,389,000.00 with Sovereign Cooper, Inc. (Cumming, GA) to provide construction/renovation of the upper and lower floors of the west apparatus bay (approximately 7,275 gross square footage) of the Airport Administration Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Station (ARFF), located at 3965 Aero Drive NW, Atlanta GA 30336, for continued use by the Fulton County Executive Airport Administration and to allow the expansion of the Emergency Management Operations. Effective upon issuance of the NTP for 300 calendar days. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**25-0262 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidders - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 24ITB110124C-MH, Janitorial Services for Selected Fulton County Facilities (Groups E, F, G, H & I) in an total amount not to exceed \$1,306,000.00 with (A) QCS Cleaning dba Quality Cleaning Services (Douglasville, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$826,357.00 for Group E (South Fulton Libraries), both Groups F (Other Offices North) and (Other Offices South), Group G (South Senior Centers), and Group H (Arts Centers); and (B) American Facility Services, Inc. (AFS) (Alpharetta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$479,643.00 for Group I (Service Centers), to provide the cleaning services for selected Fulton County facilities. Effective upon execution of contracts through December 31, 2025, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**25-0263 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 24RFP092624C-MH, Bus and Shuttle Services in the total amount of \$608,877.00 with MTI Limo and Shuttle Services, Inc. (College Park, GA), to provide bus and shuttle services for Fulton County employees and jurors. Effective upon execution of contract through December 31, 2025, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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



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**Health and Human Services****25-0264 Senior Services**

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Senior Services, 23ITB125742A-BKJ, Swimming Pool Maintenance Services in the amount of \$94,700.00 with United Pool Maintenance, LLC (Roswell, GA) to provide pool maintenance, repair, and preventive maintenance for all four Senior Multipurpose Facilities and for the Department of Real Estate and Asset Management to be responsible for the administration of the contract. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**25-0265 Public Works**

Request approval to increase the spending authority - Department of Public Works, 24ITB230702A-BKJ, Valve Assessment in an amount not to exceed \$363,270.60 with Pure Technologies U.S., Inc. d/b/a Wachs Water Services (Buffalo Grove, IL), to provide valve condition assessment services. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**25-0266 Public Works**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Public Works, RFP 24RFP0808K-DB; the Progressive Design/Build for Johns Creek Environmental Campus Membrane System Replacement, to provide Progressive Design-Build Services ("PDB Services") for the design and construction of Johns Creek Environmental Campus (JCEC) Expansion and Membrane System Upgrade Project Phase in the amount not to exceed \$794,000.00. Effective for 180 consecutive days upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Pitts



**Infrastructure and Economic Development****25-0267 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 25ITB124532K-JAJ, Runway 8/26 Pavement Rehabilitation in an amount not to exceed \$2,482,900.00, with C.W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc., to furnish all materials, labor, tools, equipment and appurtenances necessary to provide pavement rehabilitation services to the main runway at the Fulton County Executive Airport. Effective upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed for 180 available days. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Justice and Safety****25-0268 Police**

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing - Police Department, City of Atlanta Contract # IFB-IF-APD-2311-1240151, Inspection and Repair Services for Helicopter in the amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 with Rotor Resources, LLC (Hiram, GA), to provide an engine overhaul. Effective dates: Upon BOC approval through December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS****25-0216 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution consenting to and ratifying the use of existing Fulton County Ad Valorem Property Tax Increment for three (3) projects located in Westside Tax Allocation District 1 - Atlanta/Westside. The 3 projects include (1) an allocation not to exceed \$260,000.00 to aid in the redevelopment of a multifamily building in the English Avenue neighborhood located at 471 English Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30318; (2) an allocation not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 to aid in the stabilization, historic preservation and conversion of vacant property located at 143 Alabama Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30330; and (3) an allocation not to exceed \$400,000.00 to provide three new construction and one redeveloped single-family homes within the English Avenue and Vine City communities by the Westside Future Fund. **(Barrett) (HELD ON 3/19/25) (HELD)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve. **(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

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

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

**Nay:** Barrett, and Arrington

**25-0269 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution approving an Agreement between Fulton County Georgia, the Fulton County Tax Commissioner, and the City of Atlanta, Georgia to provide Judicial in Rem Tax Foreclosure Services concerning Municipal Code Enforcement Liens; authorizing the Chairman to execute the Agreement; authorizing the County Attorney to approve the Agreement as to form and to make modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chairman; and for other purposes. **(Pitts) (HELD)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Ivory and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve. **(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

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

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

**Nay:** Arrington

**COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS****Open & Responsible Government****25-0270 External Affairs**

Presentation: 2025 State Legislative Session Update. **(PRESENTED)**

**Justice and Safety****25-0271 Superior Court Administration**

Presentation: Fulton County Superior Court's Accountability Court (FCAC), State Court's Recovery Treatment Court (RTC), and Magistrate Court's Misdemeanor Mental Health Court (MMC) is submitting the following reorganization plan, to begin in April 2025, providing efficient and collaborative service delivery, streamlined administration of similar court treatment programs, and optimization of testing services. **(PRESENTED)**

**COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS****25-0272 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion and approval of Payroll Deductions for Employee Organizations **(Pitts)**  
**(DISCUSSED)**

**25-0273 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Approximately 800 authorized, funded vacant positions **(Pitts)**  
**(DISCUSSED)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION****25-0274 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Ivory and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the request for representation in item #4 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the request for representation in item #5 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the request for representation in item #6 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the request for representation in item #7 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

f. A motion was made by Commissioner Ivory and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the request for representation in item #8 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

g. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the request for representation in item #9 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

h. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the request for representation in item #10 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

i. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the request for representation in item #11 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, and Ivory

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

j. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve the request for representation in item #12 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**Nay:** Ellis

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

k. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Ivory, to approve the request for representation in item #13 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

l. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the request for representation in item #14 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

m. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to deny the request for representation in item #15 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

n. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve the request for settlement authority in item #16 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Ellis

o. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the request for settlement authority in item #17 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Thorne, Barrett, and Ivory

**Absent:** Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Ellis, and Arrington

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S  
FIRST REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2025  
10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solutions, LLC  
***"A Court Reporting Firm"***

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the First Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners of April. Today is April 2nd, 2025; it is 10 o'clock a.m. 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 Mo Ivory."

**COMMISSIONER IVORY:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Present."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. 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.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue, Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 2, Consent Agenda: **25-0224**, Adoption of the Consent Agenda. All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County



Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the First Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, Commissioner Ivory has requested to move two of her board appointments --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "-- what page?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 2, 25-0226, the Fulton/DeKalb Hospital Authority; and on page 4, 25-0230, Fulton County Homeless Continuum of Care. She will bring these back at a later date."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Commissioners?"

**COMMISSIONERS:** (No response.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, I'll entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. All right, motion to do so by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 9, First Regular Meeting Agenda, **25-0253**, Adoption of the First Regular Meeting Agenda: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have two items to be revised. Starting on page 10, 25-0258: Request approval -- this item is not a renewal. This item has been requested to be updated to update the requested action: Request approval of cooperative agreement to provide temporary staffing services in an amount of \$246,480. On page 12, Public Works: This item was revised to include and not to exceed an amount of \$794,000."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Which item?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "25-0266: Request approval of a recommended proposal for the progressive design bill for John's Creek Environmental Campus membrane system replacement."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And what's the change?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "They added a not to exceed amount of \$794,000."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, Commissioners, any items?"

**COMMISSIONERS:** (No response.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, motion to adopt as amended. Motion to do so by Commissioner Thorne; it's seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**25-0254**, Ratification of the Minutes: First Regular Meeting Minutes, March 5th, Second Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, March 19th, 2025."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, motion to ratify by Vice Chair Ellis; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**25-0255**, Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates: First proclamation is recognizing 'B.E.S.T. Academy Varsity Boys Basketball Championship Appreciation Day' sponsored by Full Board of Commissioners."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. We had another stellar year in Fulton County in basketball. We had five champions; three are here today. And at our next meeting, Holy Innocents' boys and girls, they could not be here there today; they'll be here at the next meeting."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Mr. Chair, I don't believe B.E.S.T is here yet. We may want to move to the next one. I don't believe BE.S.T. Academy has arrived yet. We may want to move to the next one."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay. The next proclamation is recognizing 'Tri-Cities High School Varsity Boys Basketball Championship Appreciation Day' sponsored by the Full Board of Commissioners."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Will Tri-Cities and all of their guests, please come down. And some of you all come to the right of me, please? No, this is -- the Chairman. This is the -- Chairman did this. It is with great honor this morning that we celebrate this wonderful, wonderful group of individuals, young men of color doing it in the state of Georgia and out. Before I get into the official proclamation on behalf of our Chairman and my colleagues, on a personal note, I want to say when you see images daily, Chairman, of negativity; when you see images that berate and belittle our young

black men, I am so proud to see these coaches; I'm so proud to see this staff, I'm so proud to see these young men who are making their mark. As I get into the proclamation: WHEREAS, the Tri-City's 2025 boys basketball lineup of champions include -- give me grace on these names: Quintavien Thurman, Tre Keith, Korbin Wilburg, Carby Martin, Dylan Johnson, Andrew Jones, Khalid Jones, Jalen Wingfield, Chris Cottle, Kamari Grier, Sean Van Dorn, Lonnie Brown, and John Morris; and WHEREAS, on Friday, March 7th, 2025, at the Macon Coliseum in Macon, Georgia, the Tri-Cities Bulldogs defeated the Woodward Academy War Eagles to win the Georgia High School Association Class 5A Boys Basketball State Championship -- you can clap for that. You don't have to wait to the end; and WHEREAS, the Bulldogs easily -- listen to that -- Bulldogs easily outscored the War Eagles with strategic teamwork and key plays by Trey Keith with 14 points --Tre, raise your hand. We want everybody to know who you are; Sean Van Dorn with 18 points and six rebounds. Sean, raise your hand. Carby Martin with nine points, raise your hand, and Jalen Wingfield with 20 points and 18 rebounds, which earned him the Morgan and Morgan Most Valuable Player Award; and WHEREAS, the Tri-Cities Bulldogs won the championship game with a 66 to 55 score over Woodward Academy; and WHEREAS, under the leadership of their fearless head coach, Omari Forts, the Bulldogs championship win was the third title in the last seven years, winning in 2019 and 2022. It's with immense pride that NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners congratulates the varsity boys team at Tri-Cities for their outstanding season and teamwork that propelled them to the Georgia Class 5A State Championship title; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 2, 2025 as 'Tri-Cities High School Boys Varsity Basketball Championship Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Can you please put your hands together for these wonderful, wonderful young men. So, Chairman did you -- I know you was at the game, Chairman; I saw you in the stands. Coaches did y'all want to take a moment to say a few words, please? Grace us with your wonderful feelings."

**OMARI FORTS, RECIPIENT:** "Thank you. Thank you. First and foremost, I'd just like to say a special thank you to my administrative team that is here; Coach Sippio and our principal, Dr. Amanda Gorham. They consistently set expectations that we do our best to absolutely maintain and uphold, and be examples of. Thank you all for an opportunity to recognize these young men and their accomplishments as we are consistently mentoring to them about what it means to be a champion and not just about sports, just being a championship mentality as it relates to being a man, a father, a husband, and a citizen. So thank you for recognizing us. We do not take this for granted and we appreciate your time, energy, and efforts."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "It is my distinct pleasure as the District Commissioner to Tri-Cities to welcome you all here to congratulate you on a great season and to tell you that we are so proud of all the work that you have done and the great things that you have done. But as I told you upstairs, we continue to expect great things from you. This is just the beginning and, in order for us to move Fulton County forward as One Fulton, we have to rely on the next generation of leaders like these

young men. Our children are 50 percent of our population, but they're a hundred percent of our future. And so, we are relying on you all to be the next generation of leaders. Thank you for your service and thank you for the great work that you've done, but we want you to continue to do that work, and that message goes for all of our young people today. Continue to shine; continue to do what you have been doing. Thank you."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The next proclamation is recognizing 'B.E.S.T. Academy Varsity Boys Basketball Championship Appreciation Day' sponsored by the Full Board of Commissioners."

**COMMISSIONER IVORY:** "Yes, come on down, B.E.S.T. Academy; looking so nice this morning. Yes, good morning, good morning. Thank you. All right. One this way, one that way. All right, yes. All right. Welcome, B.E.S.T. Academy. The B.E.S.T. Academy 2025 boys basketball lineup of champions includes: Xion Evans -- raise your hand when I say your name -- Jacob Mickell, Nicholas Dozier, Alexander Barrett, Mario Lemons, Joshua Mickell, Wendell Brown Jr., and Curtis Martin. All right. WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 8th, 2025, at the Macon Coliseum in Macon, Georgia, the B.E.S.T. Academy Eagles Boys Varsity Basketball team defeated Southwest Macon to win the Georgia High School Association Class A Division I Boys Basketball State Championship; and WHEREAS, the B.E.S.T. Academy Eagles gained an early lead in the first quarter of the game, but were quickly outscored by the Southwest boys in the second and third quarters; and WHEREAS, the B.E.S.T. Academy Eagles stepped up their defensive game in the final quarter and outscored their opponents to win the championship game with a 62 to 57 score over the Southwest boys; yes; and WHEREAS, under the leadership of their fearless head coach, Brian Weeden, the Eagles championship win was a pinnacle of a memorable season and the school's first ever championship trophy. All right. NOW, THEREFORE -- yes. The first championship is always important. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners congratulates the varsity boys team at B.E.S.T. Academy for their outstanding season and teamwork that propelled them to the Georgia Class A state championship title; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025, as 'B.E.S.T. Academy Boys Varsity Basketball Championship Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Where's our coach? Coach, you want to come up?"

**RECIPIENT:** "First of all -- well, you know, we really, you know, thought we'd win. You know what I mean? Like the guys work hard, but I just want to say thank you, you know, for inviting us. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity. Thanks to our athletic director, Coach Moore and our administrators. Thank you to the resource officers, because it was a record number in the building, and we had to come outside with that, you know, cars were parked in front of us, behind us, besides us, but, you know, all the little people that helped hold us down, thank you, to my, you know, my assistant and these players. But you know, as B.E.S.T. young men, I'm laying on what Coach Forts said but, you know, we teach life skills and APS wants us to be college and career

ready, and I think that's what, you know, we're trying to do for our student athletes. Thank you."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The last proclamation is recognizing 'Creekside High School Varsity Girls Basketball Championship Appreciation Day' sponsored by the Full Board of Commissioners."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "All right, ladies. Congratulations. Congratulations. All right. Welcome, welcome, welcome. Let's get a couple more on this side, please. All right. We've got two South Fulton teams and I guess, really three. We're proud of all these Fulton County teams, but I happen to serve as the Commissioner in the District for Creekside, and I'm so happy to be able to celebrate these young ladies today -- young women. The proclamation reads as follows: WHEREAS, the Creekside High School Girls' Basketball lineup of champions includes Alicia Johnson, raise your hand, please. She's not here, all right. Camille Forts, C'India Dennis, Danielle Butler, Emanuella Abah, Kiana Harvey, Lia Moore, Maliha Harris, Maliha Harris, Ryleigh Roberson, Sydnee Hunter, Jacy Mitchell, and Skye Cleveland; and WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 6th, 2025, at the Macon Coliseum in Macon, Georgia, the Creekside High School Girls Varsity Basketball team defeated the Jackson-Atlanta Jaguars to win the Georgia High School Association Class 4A Girls Basketball State Championship; and WHEREAS, the Creekside Seminoles and the defending champions ended the first quarter tied 9 to 9, but the Seminoles turned up the heat and led by five points at halftime; and WHEREAS, the Creekside Ladies Seminole stepped up their defensive game in the final quarter and outscored their opponents to win the championship game with a score of 57 to 37; and WHEREAS, Creekside guard and the region's player of the year, C'India Dennis, led her team with 22 points, five rebounds, six assists, and three steals. Jacy Mitchell scored 14 points, and Lia Moore defended her team with ten rebounds; and WHEREAS, under the leadership of their fearless head coach, Akenna Ellis, the Seminoles championship win was the pentacle of a memorable season, and they are the only 4A team in the state, boys or girls, to have an undefeated season. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners congratulates the varsity girls team at Creekside High School for their outstanding season and teamwork that propelled them to the Georgia Class 4A state championship title; and does hereby proclaim today, Wednesday April 2nd, 2025, as 'Creekside High School Girls Varsity Basketball Appreciation Day' in Fulton County. Let's give them a big round of applause. Coach."

**AKENNA ELLIS, RECIPIENT:** "First, I want to thank you all for having us. We're very grateful for this opportunity. I also want to thank the hardest working lady, AD in Atlanta, Dr. Marquita Troy. Y'all have no idea what this lady does for athletics at our school. I would also like to thank our principal, Dr. Awok, the trainers, our managers, our team managers. I want to thank these girls for trusting in us, the coaches, and believing in us and believing in themselves. As you guys know, the viewership for women's basketball has increased significantly within the last few years, and I'm proud to say that I got some dogs right here with me like, some girls that are really like, they're worth the

watch, they're worth the travel, they're worth buying a ticket, and coming out to see, so we look forward to more success in the future and thank you all."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Madam Clerk, continue."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 10, Public Hearings, **25-0256**, 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](http://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 60 minutes. In the event the 60-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we'll start with speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received two speaker cards. Will both speakers, please come forward: J. Wesley Day and Walter Reeves."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Good morning."

**J. WESLEY DAY, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Good morning. My name is J. Wesley Day. I rise simply to ask for justice. We're approaching seven years since I was beaten into a coma on Edgewood Avenue, and no one has yet to be prosecuted. I ask you to ask yourselves if I slapped and beat anyone of you, would it take seven years? I doubt it. So I should be given the same privilege as each you would be given. I know some of you think I'm troubled, but please think I'm good trouble because I just simply want justice. I still rise above the discrepancies and the retaliation and the abuse of power of Keith Gammage and the Fulton County judicial officers. As you know, Keith Gammage charged me with a misdemeanor; he upgraded that misdemeanor to a felony. I lost my job at Delta Air Lines; but still I rise. I was at the Cheesecake Factory waiting on food, a hundred dollar order, for me and my incapacitated mother that I take care of. I was charged with trespassing, but Keith Gammage wait a year later and added obstruction to justice not telling me, causing me to use lose my job at Delta Air Lines, a second time; but still I rise. Out of retaliation, three Fulton County judges --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "-- 15 seconds."

**J. WESLEY DAY, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "-- after me taking a \$4,000 loan from Invest Atlanta for my restaurant in 2010, they go into my account and my mother's bank account and take thousands of dollars; but still I rise."



**WALTER REEVES, PUBLIC SPEAKER:** "Walter Reeves, worker's representative, Atlanta mayoral candidate. I'm here regarding the ongoing crisis at the Social Security Administration. Many of you might be familiar with that and familiar with the name of Martin O'Malley, the former governor of Maryland and the Social Security Administrator during the Biden administration. He now has warned that the system will go down in the next 30 to 90 days. This is not by -- due to incompetence, but it is by design, and the policy unfortunately now is FDR in reverse. And that will cause a significant hardship here in the city of Atlanta and Fulton County, and people need to start being prepared for it. Many of you will have to personally financially support your relatives here on Social Security and, as public servants, you had tried to raise the food bank -- quadruple the amount of food in the food bank, and we are grateful for y'all, and I do, however, have some good news to report, and that is in regard to Judge Cassandra Kirk. Some officials at the city of Atlanta have graciously decided to help her and in regard to finding some staffers through the Atlanta Workforce Development Program. And so that is -- this promise of cooperation is a modest public policy success on my part. And we are grateful for y'all here, and God bless y'all."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we do not have any speakers on Zoom today, so no further speakers."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's a record. All right. Thank you. Continue, Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Continuing on page 10, County Manager's Items under Open and Responsible Government, **25-0257**, Finance: Presentation, review, and approval of the April 2nd, 2025 Budget Soundings and Resolution."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Madam CFO."

**HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, DIRECTOR, FINANCE:** "She's not here this morning. Good morning, Mr. Chairman and good morning, Commissioners. We have two items on the agenda. One is a vendor name change, and that would be for E-cities Company. This is a software company that is providing us the software that we use to track new rents. They're changing the name from E-cities to Euna. The other one is the spending authority increase from 600,000 to 755,646. This will be for a company named (inaudible.). This is a company that is providing server personalization software for our IT department. Those are the two items that we have on the agenda and we're seeking approval for this morning. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** Thank you. Any questions, Commissioners?"

**COMMISSIONERS:** (No response.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. We have a motion to adopt by Vice Chair Ellis; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**25-0258**, Finance, as amended: Request approval of a cooperative agreement in an amount of \$246,480 to provide temporary accounting staffing services."

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

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**25-0259**, Human Resources Management: Request approval of a recommended proposal in an amount not to exceed \$109,796 to provide comprehensive FMLA administration."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 11, **25-0260**, Information Technology: Request approval to extend an existing contract for Office 365 Implementation Service at no additional cost."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, motion to adopt by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Commissioner Dana Barrett. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**25-0261**, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder for renovation of airport administrative air in the amount not to exceed \$2,389,000."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory; seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please vote."



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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**25-0262**: Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder for janitorial services for selected Fulton County facilities in a total amount not to exceed \$1,306,000."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**25-0263**: Request approval of a recommended proposal in total amount of \$608,877, to provide bus and shuttle services for Fulton County employees and jurors."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 12, under Health and Human Services, **25-0264**, Senior Services: Request approval to increase the spending authority for swimming pool maintenance services in an amount of \$94,700."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to adopt by Commissioner Ivory; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Question? Vice Chair Ellis."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Quick question: Will this enhance the level of service or is this more just to, you know deal with increasing cost of it?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, FC COO:** "Thank you for the question Vice, Chair. This is to pay for an increase in services that were provided related to repairs."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Okay. All right. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yeah, I was just going to say I'm glad to see this because I've been getting calls about the pool over in East Point at the Bowden Center."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, FC COO:** "Yes, sir. We are in the planning stages of getting all of those repairs done. Some of the issue has been supply chain; not having the adequate materials available in a timely manner to get the repairs in place timely, but the staff is continuing to stay on top of that. And I will provide an update regarding the timeline for when you can expect those repairs to be completed."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Thank you. And I think it's important that we communicate that timeline to the people that use the center on a daily basis, right? It's good for me to know, but it's more important that the people that use the pool know."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, FC COO:** "Yes, sir. I'll make sure that happens."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner, you wanted to add something? All right -- I'm sorry. Commissioner Thorne."

**COMMISSIONER THORNE:** "What are the facilities -- the four facilities that have swimming pools?"

**LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES:** "We have four multipurpose -- Ladisa Onyiliogwu, Director of Senior Services. The Dorothy C. Benson multipurpose facility, H.J.C. Bowden in East Point, the Harriet G. Darnell in Atlanta, and the Helene S. Mills, Senior multipurpose facility in Atlanta."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to adopt by Commissioner Ivory; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**25-0265**, Public Works: Request approval to increase the spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$363,270.60 to provide valve condition assessment services."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. We have a favorable motion by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Commissioner Ivory. Please vote."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "25-0266: Request approval of a recommended proposal for the progressive design/build for the Johns Creek Environmental Campus Membrane System Replacement with a not-to-exceed amount of \$794,000."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "25-0267: Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder for runway 826 pavement rehabilitation in an amount not to exceed \$2,482,900."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; it's seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Under Justice and Safety, 25-0268, Police: Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing for inspection and repair services for a helicopter in an amount not to exceed \$450,000."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory; seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please vote."

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

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 13, Commissioner's Action Items, 25-0216: Request approval of a Resolution consenting to and ratifying the use of existing Fulton County Ad Valorem Property Tax Increment for three projects located in Westside Tax Allocation District One, sponsored by Commissioner Barrett."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Ellis."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm going to offer up a substitute motion to hold. There are a couple things that I was interested in sitting down and learning a little bit more information about. Number one, on the \$3.5 million project itself, to really understand the viability of that project, and the ability to actually sort of

see it through and actually have its level of impact. But secondarily, there was some information that I asked for County Attorney's staff to provide us some research on, I know they're still in process on that and don't have been fully done. That's the main reason to ask for the hold on that. And these projects come to us because we extended these TADS, I guess via some sort of Resolution back in 2007 timeframe or something like that -- 2005 or '08, somewhere in that period of time. And we're in an agreement to extend it, this provision kind of came forth where other projects had to come to us for, you know, individual approval as opposed to the way they traditionally flow through in a traditional TAD, where we don't have that provision. And I want to have some sort of understanding of what that process meant in terms of whether we -- if we were to say no to it, what it would mean, number one, for the project, and what it would also mean for the increment that we, you know, flow into this. Does it revert back to us, you know, et cetera. So I'd ask our County Attorney's research staff to do some research on that, but I know they haven't completed that yet, thus the request to hold."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Substitute motion to hold. Is there a second?"

***(No second was heard or recorded.)***

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, properly moved and seconded. Commissioner Barrett, the motion on the floor is to hold. Commissioner Barrett."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jennifer Fine is here from Invest Atlanta. If anybody has questions, I'm sure she can help answer them now. Can you speak to the sort of why this particular stipulation was put in for the Westside TAD when it was extended back in the early months? So that mic's not on."

**JENNIFER FINE, VP, INVEST ATLANTA:** "So as mentioned, it was part of language when consent to extend was done, and it really speaks to anticipated future bond issuances, and wanting to come back to Fulton County to get approval for projects anticipated to be funded with the issuance of new bonds, which we haven't done and we don't anticipate doing. This is increment, but we've been coming from the last several quarters with projects just out of an abundance of being conservative with that language, recognizing that that language is in there; but it is unique language, and we feel that it really was to address future bond issuances since that is a pretty significant undertaking. So, yes, not having the Fulton County consent for these projects puts all the projects at risk unilaterally, so that will be very problematic. Obviously, we're very committed and passionate about the projects. These particular projects -- these three, have created and will create -- will create, rather, 46 units -- or 54 units of affordable housing: English Avenue, Vine City, and downtown in a building that's been vacant for 20 plus years, so we feel like they're pretty significant. There's universal support in the neighborhoods for the project, so we're, you know, continuing to seek your support. Understand the request for more information, but, yeah, it's more procedural at this point, but we certainly, you know, can entertain those conversations but, you know, I would emphasize the importance and the timelessness of these projects and hope that

we can address, you know, those conversations, you know, once we get these approved ideally, so we can have these folks finish their projects."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "Yeah, I mean, I certainly would ask that we not hold this again. This will be the second hold on this, and there was plenty of time in the past two weeks to get whatever additional information anyone needed. I know Commissioner Abdur-Rahman did meet with Ms. Fine, and I appreciate that, and from what I understand, you get your questions answered, Commissioner, and so I definitely appreciate you doing that. There -- you know, I think, if you could speak just a little bit more about the timeliness of this. I mean, some of these projects have already been kind of just waiting for this final approval to get started."

**JENNIFER FINE, VP, INVEST ATLANTA:** "Right. Yeah, of these three projects, two of them were approved in November of last year. The last one, 143 Alabama, was approved in February, so they're moving forward. Again TAD funding is gap financing, you know, it's filling gaps that cannot be funded with traditional financing via debt or other equity. So these projects are already advancing in some capacity, because there is some funding to do that. Obviously, the TAD money will be needed, you know, to help fill that void. So, yeah, it would be abrupt and extremely detrimental to all of the projects."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "Yeah, and could you share specifically the project that is being done by the woman who went through the business training and developer training that Invest Atlanta offered?"

**JENNIFER FINE, VP, INVEST ATLANTA:** "Yeah, absolutely. That's the 471 English Avenue project. The program that you're mentioning is called Community Builders. It was a demonstration project that we -- we funded starting in about 2018. We provided some seed capital from Westside TAD, about a \$100,000 to do basically a small developer boot camp. It was a six or seven month educational training, if you will, really to engage folks from within English Avenue and Vine City that had real estate that was valuable, but they didn't have the resources to do anything with that real estate, so they weren't in a position to take advantage of all of the opportunities that were happening then, and are still continuing to happen. So we wanted to undergird that to give them financial training, development training to get them in a position to do something with their property via they're single-family home, they can build an ADU that would then create affordable housing and rent income for them. So this was a woman who's lived in the neighborhood for about 12 years. She lives -- it's a four plex, she lives there. We awarded \$260,000. She got an additional loan from the Westside Future Fund, of a little bit more than that to do the project. So it will completely renovate those units, create an additional unit. She will continue to live there. She will rent out the other four units at about 60 percent of area median income. So we really view it as a win/win, not only to the legacy residents as a way to generate income and get value from their property that otherwise they wouldn't be able to, but also, to provide access to affordable housing for other people within the neighborhood. So probably the hardest

work we've gone in that program; but yeah, this one we're super proud of because this is again a person who's come all the way through that program taking advantage of Westside TAD to allow it to happen, otherwise it absolutely would not happen."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "Thank you. I just wanted to make sure everybody understood the kind of projects we're talking about and the kind of developers we're talking about here. This is helping somebody who lives in the community to do good for the community, to provide more affordable housing, to make the community better. You know, I appreciate that, you know, every time we get into conversations about our contributions to the TADs, you know -- you know, this look at, you know, is this the right use of the money? Should we continue to be investing in this way, and I really think, as Jennifer said -- I'm sorry, as Ms. Fine said, that it's perfectly great to have those conversations, but if we could approve these projects; the Invest Atlanta Board has unanimously already approved these projects. If we could just go ahead and approve this so they can move forward, and then we can have those conversations before the next round. I just would really ask that we do that, because these are hard-working folks who are waiting to really do good in these neighborhoods, and to continue to hold this up just wouldn't be right."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "My question was answered, I guess to some extent. My question was really about the timeliness or any upcoming or impending deadlines revolved around this approval."

**JENNIFER FINE, VP, INVEST ATLANTA:** "Yeah, absolutely. So we can't execute contracts on any of our projects until we get approval. So our process is really two parts; part one is getting approval from our board to award the funds. For every other TAD funded project except Westside, we then enter into contracts, so that then frees up capital to go into the projects. In this case, obviously, we need ratification from the Fulton County Board of Commissioners in advance of us being able to execute contracts. So the two smaller projects in English Avenue and Vine City, they've been building for years, so we won't be able to execute a contract, and they won't be able to continue construction. 143 Alabama is a project that's in predevelopment right now. We've got some stabilization work that has already started. The challenge there is the developer that we've entered into an agreement with through an RFP process, is going to apply for a low-income housing tax credit with the Department of Community Affairs in May, so next month. Part of what will make that project much more competitive, because they only will approve two projects in the area, very, very competitive and very, very necessary to get at these levels of affordability. This partnership with the public entity like Invest Atlanta using TAD dollars will make the project score better. So be it not for this funding and them being able to include that in the application, it's very likely it won't get funded, which will make the project financially not feasible."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "So these are some of the most blighted areas in the city: English Avenue and Vine City. I know that because I grew there. I know that because my family grew up there; my father grew up there, and my grandmother lived in the area. And I think that we owe it to the citizens of Atlanta and the citizens of Fulton County to do what we can to help move forward with development in these areas and to get rid of some of that blight. And I think, you know, any impediment to removing that blight in the area just doesn't make sense to me, so I'm supportive of moving forward. I certainly respect that Commissioner Ellis wants to get more questions answered. You know, I don't have a problem with that. But to the extent that this is the second time, I guess, I don't know -- I don't know why he wasn't able to get the answers of whether you all were able to reach out to him. But, you know, I'm happy to support moving forward, but I would strongly recommend at least reaching out to Commissioner Ellis. I don't know how -- how this vote will turn out, but I would strongly recommend working with him to try to get his questions answered so that if it doesn't get approved today that it can get approved the next time."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Any other comments?"

**COMMISSIONERS:** (No response.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion on the floor is to hold and for information today, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, our next meeting is on the 16th, and you mentioned a May timeframe. So we'll be meeting again on the 16th. All right, motion on the floor is to hold. Please vote."

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

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Next item."

**JENNIFER FINE, VP, INVEST ATLANTA:** "I would appreciate it. We'll reach out to you. That would be great, thank you."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**25-0269**: Request approval of a Resolution approving an Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia and the Fulton County Tax Commissioner, and the city of Atlanta, Georgia, to provide Judicial in Rem Tax Foreclosure Services concerning Municipal Code Enforcement Liens, sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Dr. Ferdinand asked me to put this on -- is he here? Dr. Ferdinand, here? All right, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. We have a motion to approve."



**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Thank you, Chairman. I'm going to request that we hold this. Dr. Ferdinand is not here, and I do have just a few quick questions that he would need to answer, so I'm going to ask if we can put this on hold."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. The motion on the floor is to approve by Commissioner Ivory; seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Substitute motion to hold. Is there a second to a motion to hold?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yeah, I just want to be clear. My -- I seconded the motion to approve. I wanted that to be clear."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Right. Right, the original motion was to approve. There's a substitute motion now to hold by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; seconded by Vice Chair Ellis. Commissioner, do you want to speak again, Rahman, no?"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "No, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis?"

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "No, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, let's vote on the motion to hold."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the vote is open on the motion to hold. And the motion to hold passes; six yeas, one nay."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "County Manager's Presentation and Discussion Items, **25-0270**, External Affairs: Presentation 2025 State Legislative Session Update."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, FC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, Commissioners. We are here to provide our second-to-last update of this legislative session. We'll provide one more wrap up at your next meeting. I'm just going to ask the team to please pull our slides up. But while we're doing that, Friday is Sine Die, so we are in the very, very last hours really of the session, and we've had a lot of movement and a lot of progress. So next slide, please. So the Senate -- we'll start with the budget. The Senate passed their version of the budget on Friday. They have now -- and they had very significant changes from what the House passed. There is now a conference committee, so a committee of members from both chambers will now meet. They've already -- they met for the first time, I guess, yesterday to start kind of hashing out what the final budget will be. One change that affects us is the North Fulton Behavioral Health Crisis Center, which was part of the DBHDD budget. That was at 9.4 million in House budget; the Senate reduced it down to 2.4 million. We have talked with members who are part of that appropriations' process who have



assured us that they are continuing to advocate for the full amount, but we're watching this very carefully. That process -- they'll be meeting and again, having detailed discussions about what's in and what's out, but we'll continue to monitor that carefully. Next slide, please. Our delegation has continued to meet weekly. They had their last meeting of the session last Friday. There was a bill introduced since our last update -- excuse me -- House Bill 862, which would have increased or would increase the salary of the Sheriff. We do not -- we have not seen that placed on the Rules calendar. We're just monitoring that right now. It has not -- it was introduced fairly late in the session, so it would be very difficult to get all the way through by the end of session, but we have monitored that. Again, last meeting has already occurred, so we'll just continue to engage our members individually. Next slide, please. Again, this is just a recap of our priorities. We made progress on many of these, and some we'll continue to work on in the next session which is the second part of this biannual legislative session. Next slide, please. So our judicial resources for Superior Court: This was House Bill -- it was originally House Bill 42. That language was appended to Senate Bill 10 in committee. It passed out of committee by substitute. So we are now waiting for that to go into House Rules, and we have talked with -- this was carried by Representative Trey Kelley. We have talked with him, and he assures us that that's something that he is still working to get out of that rules process. Jasmine, I don't know if there's anything else you would add to that? Next slide. By the way, as you see things that are marked in green that means that those have completed the last stage of the legislative process. So House Bill 625, this was a local bill. It was one of our priority areas to create two additional state court judgeships. So this has gone all the way through. So we are very pleased. Unless it is vetoed for some reason, which we don't expect to happen, this would go into effect starting in July, I believe. Next slide, please. Behavioral Health investment: We've already talked about this. Our crisis center funding was reduced in the Senate, but we're continuing to advocate for that. There was also funding for forensic services in Georgia DBHDD's budget including jail diversion. That funding had some reduction, but there's still an investment in additional forensic beds. This is very important for us because, with individuals who have competency issues in our jail, this would provide additional beds for some of those individuals to receive care hopefully be restored to competency and, you know, again, make their way through that process. Next slide. I'm sure you all have read the news coverage about Tort reform. Our specific priority was related to premises liability, so I won't belabor this, but this was one of the governor's top priorities. It was a very, very challenging debate among the members, but this is now awaiting signature, which can happen at any time now. Next slide. NexGen 911: This is implementation and oversight. Again, I won't read every word on here, but this has made it all the way through the process. And so, we're expecting to see good things coming from that. Next slide. Digital Court Reporting: So this is on the Senate rules calendar today. If it passes today, it would go back to the House for consideration. There is a pretty hefty number of bills on the Senate rules calendar, so it's unclear whether they will get to all of these today, but they're working to make their way down the list. So this one is in the final stages; it still could go through, but there's still a few hurdles to cross over. Next slide. House Bill 92, which is the so-called House Bill 581 Cleanup that we've talked about. This has made it all the way through the

legislative process. We are going to check with them, just for a few minutes ago, that someone said the governor may have already signed this -- the Governor has signed it, thank you, Jasmine, for the late-breaking news. So this is now official, and our tax assessor's team, they have been meeting and preparing for implementation of this. There are a number of administrative changes. We've had calls with the company that programs our tax system on what kinds of changes they will need to make. One very important change I just want to highlight quickly is related to Homestead Exemptions and the filing of a Homestead Exemption application during the appeal process. Previously, once you got to April 1st, it was not possible to have a Homestead Exemption applied to that tax year. You would go into the next tax year. This has created sort of a new window of applying during that 45-day appeal window, which occurs after notices are issued. So that's going to be very curious to see how that's implemented. There are a lot of questions still at the staff level, as you can imagine, but that's when I think we would want to watch very carefully as we talk with Georgia Department of Revenue and others about how that will work in practicality because Homestead Exemptions are something that we certainly work very carefully on. This also quote "fixes" the five-acre change that was part of House Bill 581 that extended Homesteads to properties that are greater than five acres. There are more of those in Fulton County than we might expect, but obviously, in rural parts of the state, that's a much bigger issue. But it basically now has recapped the Homestead at five acres, so properties greater than that would not receive that benefit for those additional acres. Again, we will have some additional analysis on this working with staff, but wanted to talk about this one for a couple minutes. Next slide, please. Senate Bill 244, this is another one that there's been a lot of discussion about. Commissioner Barrett did testify in committee just last week, it seems so long ago. But this did pass out, and there've been a number of amendments to this bill. We have shared those with you, but this passed out of committee by substitute. I think it was actually two substitutes since we were last here. And it would -- it has not made it through House Rules yet, and then if it does make it through House Rules, it has to go back to the Senate. So it still has a couple of steps. Again, we're watching this one carefully. There were some amendments. ACCG did attempt to work with the bill's sponsor some. Unfortunately, I don't think this bill is positive for Fulton County, but it is one that we're still watching very carefully. Next slide, please. House Bill 151, again there were amendments to this bill. This is the -- what started as a North Fulton Development Authority that -- it is no longer creating a new development authority, but it is creating a process for cities to opt out, specifically, North Fulton cities, to opt out of activity from or some activity from the Fulton County Development Authority. Again, this is one that has passed. It passed the House; it has to go back to the Senate for an agreement to those revisions. This was carried in the House by the Speaker Pro Tem and, of course, the sponsor was Senator Beach primarily, so we do expect that this will likely make it all the way through the process. Next slide. A couple of new Homestead Exemption bills that will be on the ballot this year: As you see, two referenda, one for Fulton County Schools and, I believe these are both senior exemptions. Actually, both are for Fulton County Schools with different age -- age parameters for those two. So again, these will go on the ballot this year and it would affect Fulton County Schools starting with the 2026 tax year. Next

slide, please. We've had a few questions about Senate Bill 74. This is related to libraries and specifically librarians. This bill did not make it out of committee originally, but in Senate Rules, it was -- the language was added to a different bill in the Senate Rules process, and that is on the Senate Rules calendar today. So we -- if it passes the Senate Rules, it has to go back to the House for agreement to those amendments. And we can, you know, I think we've provided a summary here, and there has been a good bit of news coverage on this one. Next slide, please. Senate Bill 886 was introduced -- and I apologize this is actually a House Bill; is that correct, Jasmine? I apologize; it should say House Bill 886. That's my error. I apologize. But this is related to payment of use of tax dollars for payment of ransom to cyber criminals. This bill is unlikely to make it through this session, but it has been assigned to committee, so it would be active for the 2026 legislative session. Next slide, please. Again, today is legislative day 39, tomorrow is a committee work date, and then Friday is Sine Die. After that, the Governor's veto deadline is May 14th. So with that, Mr. Chairman, we can take any questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. Vice Chair Ellis."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Yeah, I just had a request, on the House Bill 92 or HB 581 Cleanup; whatever it is. Well, I guess one -- so we think it's been signed?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, FC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Yes."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Are all elements of this retroactive, if you will? I mean, it's within this tax year, right? But when did it get signed?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, FC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "It was signed yesterday. And so, there are elements of this that do take effect immediately or in as you said some of them, confusingly in the past, or it gets to activities up until things that have happened as of March 1st, would be effective for this tax year."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Okay. I appreciate you all trying to interpret this and provide it to us, but in the end, you know, we got two entities that are going to have to apply this stuff to do it. So really my request, and this is maybe -- Mr. Manager if you could help kind of coordinate and facilitate this, but I really want to hear from the Tax Commissioner and Assessor's Office a report back that they are prepared, understand these things, and how they're going to implement them, and that we are going to stay on a schedule for our tax process. You know, rather than, you know, interpretive questions and all that sort of stuff. It is what it is if it's passed, they've got to implement it. So it's really more of a request for -- we all could collectively figure out what would be the time to do that, and really, after only a pretty short window, right? Because those assessments typically go out the end of May as sort of just our historical target, so that's all."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, FC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair. I'm one member, the least useful member of our tax team, but we do -- I know that -- I can listen and I have heard them, and there's preparations, so I think, we could work with them to provide an update for sure."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Okay. Great. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Other questions?"

**COMMISSIONERS:** (No response.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, FC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Thank you very much."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue, Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Bottom of page 13, under Justice and Safety, **25-0271**, Superior Court Administration, presentation: Fulton County Superior Court Accountability Court, State Courts, Recovery Treatment Court, and Magistrate Courts Misdemeanor, Mental Health Court reorganization plan."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Now this is just a presentation, correct?"

**STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE:** "Correct, sir. We're not seeking approval today. Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. Steve Nawrocki, Strategy Office. I'm joined today by John Collins our accountability court director, Judge McBurney and Chief Judge Glanville, Superior Court, Judge Tailor, Chief Judge of State Court, and David Summerlin, our Superior Court administrator. We are before you today to provide an overview of the proposed reorganization of our accountability courts across Superior, State, and Magistrate Court. As you'll see in the presentation, the reorganization is a consolidation of all staff services and operations moving under Superior Court administration. We began the formal realization steps in January in the adopted FY25 budget, highlighting the consolidation and the organizational impact section of the budget message. Operating budgets were moved with the approval of the budget and positions were identified to transfer to Superior Court. We look to finalize our administrative steps by funding the transferred positions at the upcoming April 16th BOC meeting by budget soundings and resolution. We're giving you this presentation today in advance of the budget soundings, so you're properly informed of the reorganization, and we have the opportunity to address any questions you may have. And the final item to note, since the planning began of this reorganization back in December of 2024, we've had a total cooperation and collaboration across the three courts and county administration with significant support from HR, finance, and

behavioral health and development disabilities. Initiatives like this, reorganization of accountability court, are a prime example and model for future initiatives between county administration and our justice partners for successful projects. And with that, I'll hand it off to Chief Judge Tailor for a few remarks."

**JUDGE WES TAILOR:** "Hi. Wes Tailor. It's nice to see everybody today. I'm going to be real brief, and it is just that I'm very excited for this process. It's been in the works for a while, and I will tell you that Superior Court and State Court continue to work well together to support each other, and what we believe is going to be the end result of this, is a budget neutral change of administration that will allow us to tap into resources where before we were in silos, so you had duplicate services, duplicate resources that were being used not as efficiently as possible, and we now believe that we can move those across the courts. And I would give you just one for instance, that is a big possibility that we are looking for in this, and that is better cooperation across the courts with respect to folks who are in need of an accountability court. For instance, we have DUI cases, nobody's gotten hurt, they've just gotten multiple DUIs. Once it's your fourth in ten that becomes a felony. You don't have to hurt anybody. It's just a felony by operation of law. When that happens, they go to Superior Court. Typically, in Superior Court, those cases are -- well, they're not murderers, they're not rape, they're not those really extreme cases, but they are very dangerous folks for us to have in our, you know, driving on our roads. And so, what we look forward to is being able to cooperate across State Court and Superior Court to deal with those alcohol, drug, mental health issues rather than hey, just because it's your case, it's because of who you are and what your needs are. And so, I really do appreciate all of the work of John Collins, Judge McBurney, Chief Judge Glanville, Chief Magistrate Kirk, we really have worked together to, I think, bring to Fulton County a model that isn't anywhere else in the state, but what the Council of Accountability Court Judges has been recommending for a long time, a model for us to best utilize our resources for the public safety and the public good. So thank you all very much. Happy to answer any questions that you all have for me when it's appropriate."

**JOHN COLLINS, FC SUPERIOR COURT:** "Good morning, Commissioners. Again, my name is John Collins. I am the director of the Accountability Courts with Superior Court. First of all, before I jump in, I would also, in addition to our courts and our benches, I would like to say a big 'thank you' to the County Manager's office, the executive team, and the various departments in the county who have helped us along the way putting this reorganization back together and collaborating with us so well. Today, I want to review the purpose and goals of this reorganization plan, preview the organizational structure, the budget changes, service locations' timeline, and finally wrap up with some of the benefits. Next slide, please. Right now, each of our accountability courts operate independently of each other under our three criminal courts. So Superior Court houses our felony drug, veterans, and Behavioral Health Court, while State Court presides over the recovery treatment court or DUI Court; and finally, we have our Misdemeanor Mental Health Court and Magistrate's Court. What this reorganization looks to do is consolidate, staff, and resources for each of those accountability courts under Superior



Court administration. Now to be clear, the jurisdiction for the cases will remain with the presiding judges and the courts. But these services provided to the participants of the program will all operate from Superior Court administration. Next slide. Here are some of the steps that we are going to be taking. Steps one and two really outline the transition of resources and personnel from State and Magistrate Court to Superior Court administration. Steps three and four outline the transition of management of all treatment services under Superior Court administration. Step five, which we're particularly excited about, is the addition of a second program pathway to our felony drug program; and finally, we look to establish a single drug testing model across all of the accountability court programs. Next slide. What will that look like? We're looking to establish a one-stop referral process. Again, we're looking to reduce case processing times, increase accessibility, make this a very easy referral process for all of our justice partners. We're moving to a more flexible staffing model in that, as we consolidate staff, we'll be more flexible and more responsive to the needs of each program should one caseload grow faster than another as short-term staffing shortages; things like that. We also want to maximize our funding potential, whether it's maximizing grant asks or working with vendors to secure the best volume pricing. And finally, we want to leverage the outstanding administrative support available in Superior Court administration across all of our programs. Next slide. Here you can see, as I outlined a little earlier, this really demonstrates the current organization. As you can see, under each of our criminal courts, the programs are running independently. Each court is providing very similar services to the participants in each program; however, they're delivered under various different models at the present. What we would like to move to, next slide please, is this model. Again, we're maintaining our programs. In fact, as I mentioned earlier, we're in the process of adding one. So we're able to still service the same population, the same demographics; however, what we're looking to do -- the orange bands across the bottom demonstrate, is move to a single model and a single point of service for each of the programs that allows us to be way more flexible. Next slide. The important point here is that this reorganization plan is budget neutral. However, what we want to outline on this and the next slide, are the current budget or funds that we'll be looking to transfer and/or reallocate so that we can make this reorganization a reality. Next slide. Those funds on the previous slide will be utilized to implement the following changes, primarily, the addition of treatment services to accommodate all five courts, and also pooling our current drug testing funding whether it be county funding or grant funding to a single model for drug testing. Next slide. Service locations: We currently have a location in North County at 7741 Roswell Road. And we have a number of locations in the city. The interim locations we're looking to consolidate, some of those locations, but still maintain our presence in North County. The future plan is for us to move our north location to the new facility at 47 North Point Parkway when it's completed. We've already been working with them to make that a reality. And also, we are looking to move our location currently on Jefferson Street over to 137 Peachtree Street. We're excited about this prospect as well, where we can have our services, staff, et cetera in one location. So not only are we organized as a one-stop shop, but we're actually working together in the same location. Next slide. Again, I want to thank everybody at the county who's been so helpful in keeping us on track with

this timeline. It is aggressive, but we are on track or ahead at this point and we look forward to completing our reorganization with a July start date. Excuse me. Next slide. So just to wrap up, when this consolidation occurs, we're hoping that we will be able to provide that one-stop shop for all our justice partners; a single point of entry for all of our accountability courts. That's going to reduce process time, as I mentioned, but also reduce the time some folks are spending in jail awaiting entry or awaiting decisions. We'll have the enhanced operational efficiency that those pooled models allow us to bring to bear. We hope to increase the overall number of participants, something we've already started. Maximize participants' success in retention. We believe we can bring the expertise we currently have in our Superior Court, DUI Court, and Misdemeanor Mental Health Court together to really provide the services, structure, and support that each person needs. We want to increase access to proven interventions working with folks with substance use and mental health issues who also find themselves involved in the justice system is a very specialized area and one in which we believe we have the expertise to bring to bear. And finally, successful participants have reduced recidivism. It's proven over and over again that those who enter receive the services they need, enter recovery, stabilize their mental health issues. We see them returning to the legal system less and less over the years. Thank you so much. Are there any questions?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, sir. Commissioner Arrington followed by Commissioner Thorne. Where are the women today?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Well that was my question as well, and I was glad to hear Judge Tailor say that Cassandra Kirk has been working with the -- Chief Judge Cassandra Kirk of the Magistrate Court, but she was obviously missed in the crowd of people that are before us today. And so, but I'm glad to hear that she has been working. She has been working with you all with this team. Certainly, I'm supportive of accountability court. I think it is a great way to help resolve cases and to move them faster and to allow the system to concentrate on the cases that really need to be concentrated on, and for these people to get the treatment that they need, right? So I'm very supportive of accountability court. Particularly, knowing that all three courts are working together to get this done makes that even easier to support."

**JOHN COLLINS, FC SUPERIOR COURT:** "Thank you, Commissioner."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Thorne."

**COMMISSIONER THORNE:** "Yes. I concur with Commissioner Arrington; I'm very supportive of the reorganization. The net neutrals are a bonus with that, and I appreciate all of the work you've done, I appreciate all the work the county team has done in trying to structure this in an efficient and beneficial way. We just got a legislative update from Ms. Corbitt, and we're trying to get the funding for the behavioral health center. Perhaps if we -- we can sell the project better if we know at 4700 North Point Parkway we'll have accountability court directly across from our new behavioral health center, I think that could be a good sale on promoting funding that and having a

location just across the street as well as using the resources there, if you need experts in the field or consulting in anyway."

**JOHN COLLINS, FC SUPERIOR COURT:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Barrett."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to congratulate all of you for putting this together. It's great work. Thank you, Mr. Nawrocki, for your efforts in working with everybody, and to all of you judges, Mr. Collins, Mr. Summerlin, as well. This is exactly the kind of thing we need to have happening across the board where we're working out of our silos looking for those ways we can, you know, serve more people without, you know, without additional funds, but in a more efficient way. So I'm just very appreciative of the work y'all have done and just wanted to throw my thanks out there."

**JOHN COLLINS, FC SUPERIOR COURT:** "Thank you very much."

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

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Chairman, I just wanted to say, given that all of this testosterone is in front of me, I'm so glad that y'all didn't break out fighting, no wrestling match, no nookies, none of that. You know, you don't want a whole bunch of testosterone get in the room and something breaks out. Come on, man. But seriously though, gentleman, I just wanted to say thank you for the great work that you all have done, and I am in support of this and I'm so glad that no fights broke out. There was no estrogen in the room to stop it, so I think that's a great feat for all of these gentlemen in front of us."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioner Ivory."

**COMMISSIONER IVORY:** Thank you so much for being here, all the judges. Just one second, Marvin. Marvin, just one second. Okay, thanks. I mean, Commissioner Arrington. I just wanted to ask if there were any other counties that are organized this way, and did you draw from some successful data to sort of begin -- I wasn't here probably when this process began, but is this some model that has been done somewhere else that has, you know, reached great benefit?"

**JOHN COLLINS, FC SUPERIOR COURT:** "So I will say that I think we're actually -- with some of the larger counties in the state, we're actually a little ahead of the game having even our current organization. Many counties have, all of their -- they don't provide the treatment services. A person has to seek the treatment services in the community while they're participating in the program. So I'd love to say that we're at the cutting edge and this is actually another step towards that. We look forward to being able to provide that kind of data and hopefully see our model mimicked elsewhere."



**COMMISSIONER IVORY:** "Great. So we can be a leader in this model. Oh, that's wonderful, then congratulations on that."

**JOHN COLLINS, FC SUPERIOR COURT:** "Thank you."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Mr. Chairman, can I remind you of one thing? And that is, from a building perspective, this is very important. 137, as everyone knows, is the building across the street from us. From walking it with Mr. Collins and Mr. Nawrocki one afternoon, we can really -- I think Mr. Collins will be the anchor tenant. There are others from the justice partners that are looking for space and consolidating as much as we can there, will give us proximity to the courts again, high use of that building. The folks that are in there are moving to the library -- the Central Library. So I think it's a great step and I want thank you, Mr. Collins, for helping us envision what that space can be, and there's more to come."

**JOHN COLLINS, FC SUPERIOR COURT:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Ellis."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Two points that have been addressed, number one, is whether we were -- whether there was anybody else who was sort of this far along with it; so thanks for that, and then also the building. So when you are saying that 137 Peachtree does work and it is a good location for what we want to do here. We all feel confident about that?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, sir."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Okay. All right. So that's good. I mean, I think this is long needed. I mean, I think for me, certainly the concepts and theories of accountability courts I think are great, but this fragmentation of them certainly called into question in terms of the effectiveness of them, in terms of the collective model. So I think definitely what we're going to is great. And I know we're early stages. So one question before get my next question, on the mechanics of this sort of the -- there will be some -- you did some budgetary stuff to the adjustments for this budget, but there still got to be a sounding process, right or no?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes. We do have sound it, but it's already been accomplished in the budget."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Okay. All right. So the set up in the structural from a budgetary standpoint, y'all have already discussed that, and that was built in, in January; and then the soundings is just to effectuate it, on the position piece?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, sir, unless I miss speak."

**SABRINNA MCTIER, FC FINANCE:** "Twofold, Vice Chair: During the proposed budget, we sounded -- we built the proposed budget to effectuate the operating portion of the contracts. What comes now, are the transfer of the positions and the associated money with those positions."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Okay. Okay. And collectively, you all are in agreement in terms of these positions movement in to this? Everybody is in agreement where there's not like, okay, now this position's gone, and I need this position back, we're not going have that kind of conversation?"

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "That was question one. And there are no MOUs, right? All the legal experts that are here."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "All right. Okay. And then on the forward-looking thing of it, which really goes back to my initial point, we sort of gotten bits and pieces of, you know, the impact of accountability courts. Is it your objective sort of collectively known as (inaudible) to have a mechanism where you have some sort of, like report back that sort of demonstrates the effectiveness of the individual courts in what's working and what may not be working?"

**JOHN COLLINS, FC SUPERIOR COURT:** "Absolutely, Commissioner. We look forward to being able to provide that on a regular basis."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Okay, great."

**STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY OFFICE:** "Very quickly, Vice Chair; that is something we can build into our monthly justice system reporting once the consolidation has been fully effectuated, we start gathering data, we can report the results."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Okay. I think that it will be great. Thank you."

**JUDGE WES TAILOR:** "We do report already to the Council of Accountability Court Judges to the CACJ, and we would be happy to provide that same sort of accounting to y'all so that you can see what we're reporting to the state, and now it's going to be on this consolidated basis."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "I'm not saying there's certainly not been reporting. I know you have just sort of just bring it together from a consolidated viewpoint, you know, and so, we got the benefits of that or looking at it sort of collectively. Did you want to say something, Judge McBurney?"

**JUDGE MCBURNEY:** "Judge Taylor covered it. It's not really a monthly metric. Sometimes people move through that more slowly than that progressively so, but certainly we need to be tracking -- we do track the results. We need to be reporting

them out and that happens very effectively at the statewide level. Because we push it to the statewide level, we ought to push the county level results to you all so you can see that the investment actually is one of the few criminal justice investments that yields economic gain for the participants and the community."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Yes, so it's a good thing. And whatever the timeframe is on it, and monthly probably not right whether it's quarterly or, you know, twice a year whatever it is, okay, so. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ivory."

**COMMISSIONER IVORY:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Will this have any effect immediately on participants in these programs? Would there be some sort of effective communication about this transfer?"

**JOHN COLLINS, FC SUPERIOR COURT:** "Absolutely. Part of our larger reorganizational plan is to communicate with those folks who are trying to minimize as much as possible any disruption to their services. In fact, we look to increase services for many folks, but we're really looking, at least in the short-term, to maintain their current schedules; not upend anything for them as we move to this consolidated model. But we will absolutely -- we've already taken a few steps to communicate this with both staff, with the participants and obviously, with any future participants as well."

**COMMISSIONER IVORY:** "Judge."

**JUDGE WES TAILOR:** "Can I add to that real quick? We've been, John and I and these folks -- we've all been working together now for a while. This didn't just happen overnight, so we've been working together for a while, and I can tell you that, from my perspective, we're already seen benefits because we have had much better communication before, let's say two years ago; we didn't talk much at all. And so, we would have cases that came in and really, they had heavy drug use issues. Well, I can't really deal with that in my DUI court. We're geared towards alcohol and marijuana use. So if it's cocaine and methamphetamine, anything like that, our treatment just isn't geared towards that. So what we've had since then are folks who have come in with those kind of characteristics with this model that we've been working on, working together. We've already streamlined getting folks the treatment that they need regardless of whether they were in State Court, Superior Court, or what have you. So I expect once this is done, it's going to be, you know it's going to be great, because I've already seen, and our participants have already seen the benefits of a streamlined approach in getting them where they need to be. So I just wanted to point that out. Thank you."

**COMMISSIONER IVORY:** "I would just say that I hope that when this passes in the next meeting, and I feel confident that it will, that on the administration side that somebody will make an announcement about this being a great change for the Fulton

County courts, and that it can get some, you know, good press for it, because I think we are leading in something and it would be terrible for nobody to know that we're doing it."

**JUDGE MCBURNEY:** "Yes, there is a -- I don't know if it's monthly or quarterly, council of the accountability court judges newsletter that goes out statewide, so of a ratified audience, but at least it's all the participants, and this would be the kind of story that would be a lead there, that it's an innovation. And so certainly, the administrators of accountability court programs statewide would be learning about this change, and then they'll be reaching out to John to say how can we try mirror something like this, assuming the jurisdictions are able support it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Anything else?"

**COMMISSIONERS:** (No response.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you for your presentation. Continue, Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 14, Commissioners Presentation and Discussion items **25-0272**: Discussion and approval of payroll deductions for employees' organization, sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Hermon, would you come on up, please. At our last meeting, you may recall that a Mr. Alan Lee, who represented the Federation of Public Service Employees, came before us and spoke during public comment. And prior to that, State Representative Tanya Miller and I have been talking about this union for some time. And she apparently represents them, and they are seeking to be approved by the Board of Commissioners after going through this process, it's a very convoluted process, by this Board at some point, not today. So I'd like to do today is to discuss where we are and how we got to this? And we need to provide the Board with a copy of the resolution because it is horrible, needs to be rewritten to simplify it. But if you would explain where we are at this point, Mr. Hermon, it'll be helpful."

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Good afternoon, Commissioners. Ken Hermon, Chief HR Officer, Fulton County. On February 5th, the County Manager received a copy of the letter from the Georgia Federation of Public Service Employees requesting to be recognized by the County to begin seeking membership and having deductions from those members pulled from their respective checks and go in to the respective organization. Reviewing the County ordinance, which is Article 2, 154-36, there's a specific process that we have to go through in order to bring this item before the Board. And as the Chairman alluded to, while this document was last touched in

2010, we believe that there's some opportunities for modification to make it a little bit more streamlined. As the ordinance reads today, it connotes that the employers -- the union or Employee Association, has to first get to a 50-plus 1 percent membership of members before it can come to the Board of Commissioners to seek approval, which as can as you could imagine, is kind of con --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's 50 percent plus one of eligible --"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Of eligible employees, depending on the population. So for example, if this is a union that only represents PBX operators, and we have 10, they have to first solicit at least, get at least six to sign up before they can start this process of coming to the Board of Commissioners. And in addition to that, then the County Manager through the HR Office is responsible for conducting an analysis of, you know, what is it going to cost to the county to get this set up? So we looked at, you know, how much it's going to cost to set them up in the payroll system, how much it's going to cost if, in fact, that entire population signs up, and now payroll deductions are coming out, and then the labor costs, and we do that analysis. And we done -- we've done all of that today in anticipation of this discussion. So we know that in talking with the union representative for Georgia Federation of Public Service Employees, their intention is to go after a broad population of the employees that are nonexempt, which is roughly right now, around 2400 nonexempt employees scattered throughout the county. If they're successful, they first have to get to that 50 percent plus one, so roughly about 1,000 employees plus one to get to that population. We know that it's going to cost us about \$42 to set them up in the payroll system, and another \$84 so we could start, set them up as a vendor. And if the entire population that they are trying to attract is able and joins that organization, it will generate about \$50,000 for them. And because we have a set fees for -- for various vendors that are doing payroll deductions, it would generate about \$14,000 for the Employee Services Fund. As of right now, Commissioners, just for your information, we currently have about six unions in the county actively with our employee population and one Employee Association, and it's representing close to 808 employees across the county. So in my conversation with the representative this morning, there was one last piece that we wanted to validate, is whether or not they had to be registered with the Secretary of State. In our research, we can see the other six unions are there, registered and listed, but they are not. So that's one last piece that we have to work on with this organization before we bring it before the Board for final approval and adoption at some point. But as it relates to the ordinance, again, this is my opinion, I do believe that working with the County Attorney's Office and getting some input from the Board of Commissioners, it could be fine-tuned to a manner where if, in fact our employees, or if in fact, in organizations want to pursue employees for membership and representation, it can be opened up in that conversation

and because what's happening, Commissioners, in my mind, it's kind of like the cart before the horse. How can the union organization secure the membership if, in fact, they have not been recognized by the Board of Commissioners as yet? So it's kind of -- I don't know how they were able to accomplish it in the past. And you know, we've working with Madam Clerk to determine, you know, what has happened in the past relative to that. But again, we will submit some resolution modifying the ordinance, or recommending an ordinance change to make it a little bit more seamless. But this is where we are today with the Georgia Federation of Public Employees."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Thank you --"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Public Service Employees."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yeah, I spoke with Alan Lee. He -- and he stated in his last meeting that only one word needed to be changed in the ordinance. Did you speak with him? Did you hear him say that last week?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "I talked -- well, I missed it, I missed his conversation last week, and I probably have to go back and reach, review that tape. But when I talked with him, he did acknowledge that they -- we do have to have some change. He didn't tell me what that one word was, Commissioner."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay. You know, I don't have any problems supporting this. You know, I think it's just a matter of working out the details. It sounds like you and your team have been on it, and sounds like though we need to have the County Attorney speaking with his attorney or someone. And according to the Chairman, that the whole resolution probably, then -- it's probably not the only one. I can think of another one, like the Ethics that needs to be completely rewritten. So, you know, we have a lot of antiquated rules in Fulton County that all need to be relooked at. And just because we've been doing something that way for 40 or 50 years doesn't mean that it doesn't need to change now. So I look forward to the changes to the resolution so that it will make sense. And that this group can move forward it doing what they're doing. I wonder, how does this affect the other groups. And you know, are they all going to be lobbying for different positions, or these -- they're not going after the members from the other groups, right?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Commissioner, from what I understand from this organization, the population that they're going after is all 2400 nonexempt



employees, which could have some overlap, related to the Police Association and correction officers that are also part of other existing unions."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "So then I would recommend that we should, you know, talk to those other five or six unions to understand their positions, right? So that everyone can move forward. I mean, you know, I don't have any problem with organized labor, but I think everyone needs to be on the same page. And I don't know if it makes sense that the unions are competing. I know some of them, typically, they work in certain service industries, right, and they're targeted towards a certain area, right? Electric -- IBEW is for electrical workers, right? And so if you're a lawyer or someone, you're not going to be in IBEW. So maybe it's just having an understanding of the differences between the different unions and knowing that, you know, because I -- I don't know if it makes sense for them to have competitions amongst each other, but I guess if that's what they want, then you know, that's -- it's free, at least for now, it's a free country."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Barrett."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just had a quick question, well, two, I guess. What's the timeline? Like, what are the next steps? What's the timeline on moving this forward?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Well, the timeline is following it -- working with the County's Attorney's Office, trying to at least get something in front of the Board for the next Board meeting. Because between then and now, we should be able to reconcile whether or not this organization need to be registered with the Georgia Secretary of State, and if that says, yes, then that's easy, and that's it. So it's easier, easier after that. But it's just the tweaks to the ordinance so that we can level the playing fields, for lack of a better term."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "And my other question is, you rattled off some numbers, the ordinance number, the dollar amounts and such. Could you maybe provide, like, a one-pager summary sheet of kind of where you are on this process now? I think that would be really helpful, just so that, you know, we can do some interim research before the full thing is ready to go."

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Yes, ma'am."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Other comments?"

**COMMISSIONERS:** (No response.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Mr. Hermon. Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "25-0273, Discussion, approximately 800 authorized, funded, vacant positions, sponsored by Chairman Pitts."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay, Mr. Hermon, break out those 800-plus approximated 100 employees. How many have been vacant for one year, two years, three years, and so forth? And what that means from a dollar -- and also, I guess everybody saw the paper, I think I sent it to everybody, where there were right under 2500 CDC folk who were let go, so that should be a target for us."

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Yes, good afternoon again, Commissioners. Mr. Chair, since our conversation, the numbers have shifted dramatically. As of the last report when we talked, Mr. Chair, we had 41 general fund full-time vacancies that had -- that have been vacant for more than 12 months, which has a dollar value of \$2.1 million. Since then, we have seen a significant uptick in activities that are related to some or not all of those positions. And I think what is happening, Commissioners, is if you recall when you adopted the 2025 budget, part of that budget adoption had, I think what we called, and attrition factor, roughly about a 30 percent attrition factor on vacant positions that were vacant as of, Sabrina, I think November 8, or -- November 8. So what some departments may have opted to do, and it's clearly now that we've seen an uptick in activity, is 30 percent of a position is you wait your first three months of the year, and then you could fill the position. So now you're starting to see them start to pick up activity in the month of March and April. So that 41 of 2012 general fund full-time positions where we had no activity for the last 12 months has now been dwindled down to about eight. So I have currently eight positions that are general fund, permanent, full time that I have no activity for the last 12 months on. And that has now brought the dollar value down to around \$450,000, Mr. Chair."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any beyond -- well, you said one year, 12 months?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Well, this is 12 months --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yeah."

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "-- on here, it says 12 months or more. It's only eight now that I have no action for for the last 12 months."



**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. I'd like to see a further analysis of that, or whatever that total number is because, you know, with federal funding for social service organizations and we have a bunch of them being cut, we're going to need every dime that we can get our hands on to fund some of those organizations that speak to our mandated services. Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "So Mr. Hermon, I just want to make sure I understand, because the agenda item is talking about 800 vacant and open positions. But I thought I just heard you say that there were 41, they're based on the activity. The 41 is not -- no longer even available. And now they're only eight open positions; is that correct?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "I apologize if I -- if I wasn't clear, Commissioner Arrington. So there are 800 vacant positions for general and other funds available."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "You're leaving out the word authorized."

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "And authorized. What the Chairman asked me to speak on today was this smaller population of that 800 that has been vacant more than 12 months or more. So the 12 months or more bucket in on the general fund, and solely on the general fund that is authorized by this Board was 41 when we originally talked in the middle of, I think, last week. But since then, we've started to see some activity. And now of that 41, the only -- there's only eight general fund permanent positions that are vacant for more than 12 months that I have no activity on. So that's what the eight is on."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay. That's eight, not 800, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, eight positions?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Open, vacant for more than 12 months, yes. There are 800 positions that are vacant between 12 months or less."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "All right. And what -- what's -- why are you making a distinction in 12 months?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "That was the conversation that I had with the Chair that he wanted me to focus on, those that were 12 months or more. And I assume, based on the comment that he just made about potentially with the impact, with the federal dollars, potentially moving some of that funding from those vacant positions to other areas within the county where it may be better situated. And I don't want to speak for the Chairman."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "All right. So you don't, in your day-to-day job, you don't distinguish those open positions by 12 months or less, or 12 months or longer?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "No, sir."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay. And how long have you been here?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Ten years."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay. And so I guess the goal is to say these positions have been open, vacant for 12 months or longer, maybe we need to consider putting the money somewhere else?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "That's my assumption."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's -- yes, sir."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Okay. And you know, I think, Mr. Chair, that I don't know that we can just count X's and O's and just say, oh, this position has been open. We got a lot of open, vacant positions in the County Attorney's Office. And just because -- I think there's more analysis that goes into it than just whether it's been open for 12 months or not. I mean, a lot of the -- lot of the jobs that we have, there are probably a lot of jobs at the Sheriff's Office and at the jail that have been open for 12 months, and it's -- it probably has to do with them -- the amount of pay that they're being offered. The amount -- the fact that they're not getting double time when they're getting triple time in DeKalb. Like, there's so many other relevant factors, but it sounds like a, you know, eight -- 800 -- 2500 people laid off from, I guess locally, from CDC, 800 open positions, 41 that's not -- that have been open longer than a year. That's now reduced to eight that's opening longer than a year. I think our biggest challenge with filling positions is that people are overworked and underpaid. And I hope that we can also have a discussion about raising the minimum salaries so that these jobs will be more attractive, and that they won't remain open for 12 months or longer. The reason a job remains open for 12 months or longer is because nobody wants it because it's not -- it's either too much work, and they not getting paid enough to do it. And so, you know, they're unintended consequences with everything. And I wonder if we don't create a different problem by taking that money away from where it is, rather than offering competitive salaries to people so that the positions can be filled."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Barrett."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "I just had a quick question. The eight -- you said it was eight left?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "And they are -- does that include our personal staff?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "There is one personal staff position on that eight, yes."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "Okay. I was just curious if you had the departments for the eight that are in that category."

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Yes, Commissioner. So we have the At-large Office, IT; one position in the Sheriff's Department; Public Works, DREAM; and one position in Behavioral Health; and another one -- and another one in the Tax Assessor's Office."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "Gotcha. I just was curious if they were sort of focused in one area. But it sounds like it's just sort of --"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "It's scattered, correct."

**COMMISSIONER BARRETT:** "-- it's scattered. Okay, thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Ellis."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Thanks, Mr. Chair. Well, staffing is a pretty complicated thing, and you know, multifaceted. So I'm not -- we're not going to break this down in the next 10 minutes. But just when you're getting to that eight number, you're -- let's say there's a basket of, like, you know, open 20, you know, 50 positions of a particular type, right? And you know, we have, historically, you know, every year we're having the -- we reach the end of the year, and we've got 50 positions of that same open type. But people are continuously hired and leaving within that. You're not including that in those eight?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "No."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Okay. So we do have other areas where we're perpetually not filling positions, like over an extended period of time, right? But that's not captured in this eight. So in theory, you have a lot of jobs where positions have been sitting out there for longer than 12 months?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Right. And this eight is, there has been no churn or activity within this population."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "Right. But it's just sort of one or sort of singular positions, as opposed to, there are 50 of these, right?"

**KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER:** "Correct, correct."

**VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS:** "So it's sort of a misnomer, I think, the way that you've got that presented that way. But -- but, but clearly, we historically have a large number of positions open and we're running the county, you know, the way we're running the county. It does sort of beg the question of, you know, are there places where these positions should just be reduced and the funds either redeployed or, you know, our budget reduced accordingly, you know, given the nature of kind of the way the budgetary challenges that we face. So I think we should continue to work on that analysis."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, thank you. Madam Clerk, is anything other than Executive Session?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "No further items."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch, Executive Session, items, real estate, litigation and personnel."

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

**Recessed for Executive Session at 12:01 p.m.**

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**Resumed Regular Session at 2:06 p.m.**

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Without objection, we'll resume the regular order of business. Items from Executive Session, Madam County Attorney."

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have several action items from Executive Session. Is there a motion to approve the request for representation in item 4?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory, seconded 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 the request for representation in item 5?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "A motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please 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 the request for representation in item 6?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please 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 the request for representation in item 7?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Favorable motion by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please 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 the request for representation in item 8?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please 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 the request for representation in item 9?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Cast your vote, please."

**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 the request for representation in item 10?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please 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 the request for representation in item 11?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve Commissioner Arrington, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Is there a motion to approve the request for representation in item 12?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Please vote."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; five yeas, one nay."

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Is there a motion to approve the request for representation in item 13?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Ivory. Please 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 the request for representation in item 14?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Thorne."

**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 deny the request for representation in item 15?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Please vote."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Wait a minute, Mr. Chair. It's a motion to deny."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'm sorry, deny, correct. Correct that, Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay. The vote is open for the motion to deny. And the motion to deny passes; six yeas, zero nays."

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Is there a motion to approve the request for settlement authority in item 16?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please vote."

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

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "And finally, is there a motion to approve the request for settlement authority in item 17?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Motion to approve by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

**Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "No further action items from Executive Session."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Any other items, Madam Clerk?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "No further items."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "No further items to come before us today, we are adjourned. Thank you."

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.**