

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

May 05, 2021
10:00 AM



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



MINUTES - RATIFIED

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Ratification date: June 2, 2021

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

Liz Hausmann, Commissioner (District 1)

PRESENT

Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)

PRESENT

Lee Morris, Commissioner (District 3)

PRESENT

Natalie Hall, Vice Chair (District 4)

PRESENT

Marvin 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

CONSENT AGENDA**21-0315 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 Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0316 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Johns Creek Chamber of Commerce 15th Anniversary Appreciation Day." **(Hausmann)**
April 28, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Richard T. Colson Appreciation Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**
April 29, 2021

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**21-0317 Board of Commissioners**

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY

Term = 4 Years

Term below expires: 5/31/2021
Michel M. Turpeau **(Arrington)**

Commissioner Arrington nominated Michel M. Turpeau for a District reappointment to a term ending May 31, 2025.

21-0318 Board of Commissioners

FULTON COUNTY REPARATIONS TASK FORCE

Term = 2 Years

Commissioner Arrington nominated Marcus Coleman for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2023.

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

21-0319 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 Refunding Revenue Bonds (AMC Campus Project I, LLC Project) Series 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$9,500,000.00 (the "Bonds"). **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Open & Responsible Government

21-0320 Real Estate and Asset Management

Resolution approving a Pole Attachment Agreement, Addendum to Pole Attachment Agreement and Banner to Pole Attachment Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia and the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of installing police video surveillance equipment and other Fulton County Banners on utility service poles; authorizing the Chairman to execute each agreement and related documents; authorizing the County Attorney to approve each agreement and related documents as to form and to make necessary modifications thereof prior to execution; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Health and Human Services

21-0321 Department for HIV Elimination

The Department for HIV Elimination requests approval of additional "*Ending the HIV Epidemic*" grant funding to Grady Memorial Hospital (D/B/A Grady Health System) for Mobile Health services to be provided in Fiscal Year 2021 through FY2024 in the amount of \$275,000.00 per year. Request authorization for the Chairman to execute contracts with selected subrecipients. To protect the interest of the County, the County Attorney is authorized to approve the contracts as to form and substance and make any necessary modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chair. Effective upon approval by the Board of Commissioners. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

21-0322 Board of Commissioners

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by removing items #21-0328 as requested by the County Manager, #21-0219 and #21-0220 as requested by Chairman Pitts. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and
Abdur-Rahman

21-0323 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Regular Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2021

Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, April 21, 2021

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to ratify the meeting minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and
Abdur-Rahman

21-0324 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Mental Health Month." **(BOC)**

Proclamation recognizing "Drinking Water Week." **(Hausmann/BOC)**

Proclamation recognizing "Certified Public Manager's Appreciation Day."
(Hall/BOC)

Proclamation recognizing "Older Americans Month." **(Hall/BOC)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS**21-0325 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.

Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. Members of the public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The Public Comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed thirty minutes at the Recess Meeting. Those who could not speak during Public Comment will be allowed to speak first at a subsequent Board meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office. **(CONDUCTED/COMMENTS READ INTO THE RECORD)**

21 Speakers: Solicitor Keith Gammage (Board of Commissioners Support); Maggie Goldman (Fulton County Elections/Item #21-0340); Cheryl Davies (Item# 21-0340); Andrew Randell (Voter Suppression/Item #21-0220); Lori Randall (Items #21-0220/#21-0340); Sara Fuchs (Items #21-0220/#21-0219); Cathy Karell (Items # 21-0220/#21-0219/#21-0340); Susan Mehalic (Item #21-0340); Carrie Smith (Items #21-0220/#21-0219); Cathy Bruce (Items #21-0220/#21-0219); Thomas Hughes (Voter Suppression); Alyce Goldberg (Voter Suppression); Joseph Keller (Items #21-0220/#21-0219); Melissa Mulvaney (Items #21-0220/# 21-0219); Rachel Bartione (Reparations Taskforce); Nia Corsten (Items #21-0220/21-0219); Bridget Thorne (Fulton County Elections/Item #21-0340); Michael Baron (Fulton County Elections); Donna Renfro Lawson (Library Services); Sheila Hamilton (HIV Grant Funds); and Ben Howard (Events for Older Americans Month/Seniors Services)

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****21-0326 County Manager**

Presentation of COVID-19 Operational Response Update. **(PRESENTED)**

21-0327 Purchasing and Contract Compliance

Request ratification of emergency procurement - County Manager, Countywide Emergency Procurements. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0246 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution approving a Ground Lease Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia and Brakkam Aviation Management, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, jointly with The Integral Group, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, for the purpose of formalizing rental terms for an airport site consisting of approximately 13.879 +/- acres at the Fulton County Executive Airport - Charlie Brown Field; authorizing the Chairman to execute a Ground Lease Agreement and related documents; authorizing the County Attorney to approve the Ground Lease and related documents as to form and make all necessary modifications thereto prior to execution. For 40 years, with two five-year option periods.

(HELD ON 4/14/21 AND 4/21/21) (APPROVED)

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

21-0328 Registration & Elections

Request approval of a statewide contract - Registration and Elections, SWC99999-001-SPD0000136-0003, Temporary Staffing - Clerical & Light Industrial in an amount not to exceed \$7,744,880.00 with Happy Faces Personnel Group, Inc. (Tucker, GA) to provide temporary staffing services for the Department of Registration and Elections 2021 Elections. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2021. **(REMOVED)**

21-0329 Human Resources Management

Request approval to extend existing contracts - Department of Human Resources Management, Bid/RFP# 17RFP215152B-TR - Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Administration Services in an amount not to exceed \$24,345.66 with Sedgwick Claims Management, Inc., (Dublin, OH) to provide/perform comprehensive FMLA administration for the County workforce for an additional one hundred twenty (120) calendar days. Effective dates: May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0330 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to rescind an Award - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid# 20ITB126447C-MH, Commercial Appliance Repair and Replacement Services in the amount of \$185,000.00, with Hobart Services-a division of ITW Food Equipment Group, LLC (Troy, OH), to furnish all materials, parts, labor, tools, equipment and appurtenances to provide standby on-site commercial appliance preventive maintenance and repair/replacement services for Fulton County facilities on an "as needed" basis. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0331 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to extend existing contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Bid#17ITB107780C-GS, Standby Emergency Repair and Restoration Services in the total amount of \$495,000.00 with: (A) Blackmon Mooring of Atlanta, LLC (Norcross, GA), in the amount of \$165,000.00; (B) CRM Services, LLC (Austell, GA), in the amount of \$165,000.00; and (C) Full Circle Restoration & Construction Services, Inc. (Duluth, GA), in the amount of \$165,000.00 to provide continued standby emergency repair and restoration services for Fulton County facilities for an additional two month period. Effective dates: May 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0332 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 20RFP127341K-DB, Judge Romae T. Powell-Fulton County Juvenile Justice Facility Building Automation System Upgrades, Air Handling Unit Repairs and Chiller Replacements in the amount of \$1,802,591.00 with Trane U.S., Inc. (Atlanta, GA), to provide renovation of the Building Automation System (BAS) upgrades, Air Handling Units Repairs and Chiller Replacement at the Fulton County Judge Romae T. Powell Juvenile Justice Center. Effective upon issuance of Notice to Proceed for a period of 12 months. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Health and Human Services**21-0333 Public Works**

Request approval of a change order - The Department of Public Works, 17RFP0108784K-JAJ, Design/Build Services for Fulton - Cobb Diversion Line and Pump Station with John D. Stephens, Inc. (Lawrenceville, GA), for an extension of time only to provide construction services associated with the permanent bridge structures located within the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. This requests is for an additional 119 days to allow the design/build team to perform these activities. The new completion date will be September 1, 2021. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and
Abdur-Rahman

21-0334 Community Development

The Department of Community Development request approval of a Resolution approving the orderly closeout of the Fulton County Business Improvement Loan Program (BILP) consistent with the framework approved by the Department of Community Development; and authorizes the County Manager or His Designee to execute all necessary and related documents to implement the policy for the BILP and to effectuate its closeout; and for other related purposes. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and
Abdur-Rahman

Justice and Safety**21-0335 Public Defender**

Request approval of the renewal of a MOU - Office of the Public Defender - in the amount of \$60,000.00 with United Way of Greater Atlanta (UWGA) and Fulton County Atlanta, Georgia (from FY2021 Operation's Budget appropriation) within thirty (30) days of signing the MOU. To support a select group of chronically homeless individuals released from Fulton County Jail providing transitional housing with case management. To provide assistance to clients suffering with substance abuse and physical and or mental concerns, as well as, placing some clients with mental health or substance abuse issues in transitional facilities. **(APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and
Abdur-Rahman

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**21-0219 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution expressing the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County regarding the appointment, hiring, and termination powers of the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections; and for other purposes. **(Ellis) (HELD ON 3/17/21, 4/14/21 AND 4/21/21) (REMOVED)**

21-0220 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution expressing the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County regarding the authority to terminate the Fulton County Elections Supervisor; and for other purposes. **(Arrington/Hall) (HELD ON 3/17/21, 4/14/21 AND 4/21/21) (REMOVED)**

21-0336 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution amending Article 2, Division 2, Subpart B of the Fulton County Code of Resolutions, to amend Subsection 118-50 regarding membership and qualifications of the Board of Directors of the Development Authority of Fulton County; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (MOTION TO HOLD FAILED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to hold items #21-0336 and #21-0337. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Hausmann, Hall, and Arrington

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

21-0337 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution amending Article 2, Division 2, Subpart B of the Fulton County Code of Resolutions, to amend Subsection 118-50 regarding membership and qualifications of the Board of Directors of the Development Authority of Fulton County; and for other purposes. **(Morris) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Nay: Hausmann, and Hall

Abstain: Arrington

21-0338 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution supplementing the Board of Commissioners' December 17, 2008 Resolution consenting to the inclusion of certain Fulton County taxes in the computation of the tax allocation increment for the City of Atlanta Tax Allocation District Number One - Westside so as to consent to and ratify the use of a portion of County tax increment for two projects within the Westside Tax Allocation District. **(Morris) (APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Abstain: Arrington

Did Not Vote: Hausmann

21-0339 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution reaffirming the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County's commitment to the National "Stepping Up" initiative to reduce mental illness among the Fulton County Jail population; and for other purposes. **(Ellis/Morris/Hall) (APPROVED)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

21-0340 Board of Commissioners

Discussion and Resolution: Directive and Implementation of (BOC Resolution 21-0221) Fulton County Priorities and Funds Distribution of American Rescue Plan Act Funds. **(Abdur-Rahman/Hall/Arrington) (HELD)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve. The motion failed by the following vote: **(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, and Hall

Nay: Morris, and Abdur-Rahman

Absent: Arrington

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****21-0341 Registration & Elections**

Discussion: Elections Cost Update. **(DISCUSSED)**

COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**21-0283 Board of Commissioners**

Discussion: Election 2021 Cycle **(Hausmann) (HELD ON 4/14/21 AND 4/21/21) (DISCUSSED)**

21-0342 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Update of Activities of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority (AFCRA) Grounds, Facilities and Security Committee **(Arrington) (HELD)**

21-0343 Board of Commissioners

Discussion: Update of Activities of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) Community Engagement Subcommittee **(Arrington) (HELD)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION**21-0344 Board of Commissioners**

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

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chair Hall, Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman; County Manager Dick Anderson; Interim County Attorney Kaye Burwell; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chair Hall, Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Arrington and Abdur-Rahman and Chief Human Resources Officer Kenneth Hermon.

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

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

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

c. A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve Settlement Authority in item #3 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

May 5, 2021

10:00 A.M.

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'd like to call the meeting to order, please. This is the Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Today is May 5th -- Cinco de Mayo -- 2021. It is approximately 10 o'clock a.m. This is the first meeting in our newly renovated Assembly Hall. And just as a reminder for those of you who were here at the time, you will recall that I did not support this renovation, but I guess that I'm pleased to say today though that I'm really pleased at how it looks. Those involved in particular Chief Operating Officer was the Mastermind, and the pusher behind all of this. But I didn't support it. But it really -- I thought that the original facility had more character, and I'd just like to make a couple of suggestions. Mr. Manager, Mr. Ellis -- Kirby, Ellis. Which one is it? You got me confused now, Bob -- Commissioner Ellis. Anyway, but typically these buildings -- there's a plaque -- we need a plaque some place that would -- I mean, really nice plaque that would commemorate those of us who were here existing including Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, someplace on display for those of us who were here number one. Number two, what I also think is missing would be photographs of the -- nice photographs of the Board. And typically in Assembly Halls like this, there are photos of the previous Commissions, and Chairs, and so forth. I think that that would really add some character to it. If there are no serious objections to it, let's give the Manager, and Mr. Ellis Kirby -- which one is it? Ellis Kirby -- some marching orders to pursue that unless there's some serious objections. All right. Yes, ma'am, Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes, sir. Thank you, so much for those comments, and I would like to say that I would like a drawer. I miss my drawer."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I got two drawer misser's here, so Mr. -- three drawer misser's. Man you got me -- what is it? Ellis Kirby or Kirby Ellis? Ellis Kirby. And a clock."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "A clock for the public that would be nice."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So we need a clock up here to be mindful and watch the time. Any other thoughts or suggestions at this time before we move forward? All right. Thank you, very much. All right. Madam Clerk, please call the roll for the purposes of a quorum."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Liz Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bob Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Lee Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Vice Chair Natalie Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Thank you, Commissioners for being here. I should have said "aqui" for Cinco de Mayo. Please rise for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Alliance."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **21-0315**, 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 Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Mr. Chairman, I'll move approval of the Consent Agenda."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Properly moved and seconded. Any questions or comments? If not, cast your votes, please. Let's see here. Mover was Commissioner Morris; secondeder by Commissioner Hall."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 3, Regular Meeting Agenda, **21-0322**, Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Board, we have one amendment to today's Regular Meeting Agenda. Item to be removed on page 5, 21-0328, Registration and Elections. Request approval of a statewide contract with Happy Faces Personnel Group to provide temporary staffing services. This item is moved to the May 19th Recess Meeting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. And on page 6, at the bottom of page 6, item 0219, item 0220; those two should not have been on the Agenda today because they've been held three consecutive meetings, number one. Number two, I met with the County Attorney, and she's still in the process of reviewing, and making a recommendation to us. But she has assured me that at our next meeting she will have her final recommendations. She has gone through it with a fine tooth comb. She'll have her recommendation, and I'll have my recommendations to the Board. And we will take, say, final action at our next meeting. So if there are no objections, we will remove these two from the Agenda today, and take them up for sure at our Recess Meeting on May 19th."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Point of Order, Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, Sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "My Resolution was introduced a week after Commissioner Ellis' Resolution. So I don't know how this came about. They were not on the Agenda the three same times. I ask the County Attorney at the meeting where Commissioner Ellis introduced his meeting, his Resolution to draw-up my Resolution. So it's no way that these two were tracked together from the beginning of time."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "They actually are because this, Commissioner Arrington. This is a different Resolution than the one that I had originally had. So, yeah, you are -- that's the difference."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay did I see --"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "-- I'll move approval of the Regular Agenda with those amendments; the removal of those two, and the removal of the one indicated by the Clerk."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Question, please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So if they've been held three times, will they have to start over with a new number, and new --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "-- and a new format the next time see them?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. I see the mover, Commissioner Hall -- Vice Chair Hall. Seconded -- is that correct, Mr. Arrington?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's correct?"

CLERK GRIER: "That's correct."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Cast your votes, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And this is on the Agenda as amended."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0323**, Ratification of minutes, Regular Meeting minutes, April 14, 2021, and Recess Meeting Post Agenda minutes, April 21st 2021."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's your pleasure?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Move approval."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Do I hear a second? Commissioner Arrington, is that a second?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Any questions or comments?"

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Alright, cast your votes, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 4, **21-0324**, Presentation of proclamations and certificates. First proclamation is recognizing "Mental Health Month sponsored by the Full Board of Commissioners."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Now, we'll proceed as we typically do. Okay. So we'll go down front to present the proclamation. We need mask or no mask?"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Has everyone been vaccinated? I think we all have been vaccinated, correct?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes, correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: So, our first proclamation -- and do we have anybody here from the Behavioral Health team? I don't think so. No? Okay. Well, our first proclamation is for Mental Health Month, and I'll read the proclamation. Whereas, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our communities, and throughout our nation. And many people face challenges in life that can impact their mental health especially during a pandemic. And whereas, mental health is essential to overall health and well-being, and prevention is an effective way to reduce burden and mental health conditions. And whereas, one in five people will experience mental health illness during their lifetime. And there are practical tools that all people can use to improve their mental health that creates resiliency. And whereas, this year's theme "Tools to Thrive," supports efforts for effective treatment for individuals with mental health challenges to recover, and lead full and productive lives. And whereas, recovery is a unique and personal journey that requires trial and error to determine what works best for each individual. And whereas, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization, and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems. And has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and prevention efforts. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners calls upon the citizens, governmental entities, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Fulton County to commit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health. The steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need to provide appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions. And does hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as Mental Health Month in Fulton County, Georgia. And I just also wanted to take a moment and just stress the importance of this particularly as so many are coming out of the pandemic, and beginning to reemerge and engage in society. And this has been a particular challenge, I think that's going to be -- we're going to see some interesting manifestations and challenging manifestations particularly with our young people. And so, I hope that we are all sort of redoubling our efforts to focus on mental health in the month of May and beyond. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing Drinking Water Week sponsored by Commissioner Hausmann with Full Board support."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you. And as we all know, 'Water is life'. So I'm very pleased to be able to present this proclamation, and so glad to see some of our Public Works folks in-person. It's been a while, so it's good to see y'all. Whereas, water is one of our most valuable natural resources and only tap-water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy, and the quality of life that we enjoy. And whereas, Drinking Water Week is a celebration where in the America Water Works Association and Fulton County Public Works joined together to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives. And whereas, this year's theme, "There When You Need It," calls upon the citizens of Fulton County to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues by getting to know their water. And whereas, the Fulton County Department of Public Works, provides safe drinking water to over 75,000 retail and wholesale customers in North Fulton. And maintains over 1200 miles of pipes, ranging from 12-inch to 54 inch in diameter, 12 water storage tanks totaling 17 million gallons, five operational pump stations, 75,000 water meters, 21,000 fire hydrants, and over 20,500 valves and appurtenances. Say that three times. And whereas, Drinking Water Week spotlights and brings to the forefront that we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations depend. And whereas, to commemorate the occasion, Fulton County will celebrate Drinking Water Week through virtual school events, virtual tours, and community presentations where the focus will be placed on the ways in which our customers can get to know and value their water supply during this very special week. So now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, recognizes and commends the Department of Public Works for their continued dedication and public service. And hereby proclaims the week of May 2nd through May 8th 2021, as Drinking Water Week 2021 for Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations. Would you like to say a few words?"

DAVID CLARK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS: "Thank you, very much Commissioners for the recognition. And as always, I'm always very proud of the Public Works staff and being able to deliver these types of services to the residents and visitors of Fulton County. Never more so than this past year. It certainly with the COVID pandemic it really put a lot of new challenges on to our staff. Our staff wasn't allowed to have the luxury of working from home like some of the other people. We still had to come to work every day and to provide the drinking water and to treat the wastewater on a daily basis. And we have a tremendous amount of dedicated staff members, who did that every single day when the rest of their family got to stay home, and their neighbors got to stay home; but they come to work to make sure that we did what we need to do to sure everybody had the drinking water, and the wastewater treatment needs that they needed to be able to stay at home and stay productive. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing Certified Public Managers Appreciation Day sponsored by Vice Chair Hall with Full Board support."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "My fellow Cohorts. This microphone won't even come up. I'm a little bit taller than most. There we go. Thank you. It's so good to see the Certified Public Management classes are still going. I was part of the very first one when I was Chief of Staff to the late Fulton County Commissioner Joan P. Garner, so this is an honor to be able to stand here and present this proclamation to you. Whereas, Fulton County Government entered into a memorandum of agreement with the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government to offer the Certified Public Manager program to managers and supervisors within Fulton County. And whereas, the University of Georgia is the only organization within the State of Georgia authorized by the National CPM Consortium to offer the CPM program, and Fulton County CPM class of 2021 is the fifth class in Fulton County to receive the CPM certification. And whereas, the CPM class Cohort 1 partnered with Georgia Radio Reading Service GARRS, and read various newspapers, service programming, magazines, and books to add to the GARRS library for the visually impaired. And developed a plan to increase awareness and volunteer opportunities by creating two 30 second video public service announcements. And whereas, the CPM class Cohort J -- oh, that was Cohort I. I'm sorry. I thought that was a Roman numeral. Cohort J constructed webinars in several areas: juvenile justice, prevention and re-entry, library teaching technology, hurdles for public contractors, social media responsibility, and homeownership webinar topics including early intervention, and delinquency prevention tips, enhancing and expanding services and resources and providing solutions to contract dilemmas. And whereas, the CPM class has completed 300 hours of coursework in nine months, dedicating three full consecutive days per month to attending classes; completing out of class homework and academic studies, and giving back to the community of their time, talents, and intellectual capital. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, congratulates the CPM class of 2021 for successfully completing the requirements to receive their professional certifications as Certified Public Managers. And does hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 5th, 2020 as Fulton County Certified Public Managers day in Fulton County, Georgia. Congratulations."

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HR OFFICER: "Good morning, everyone. Kenneth Hermon, Jr., Chief HR Officer. Commissioners, thank you very much for supporting this program. As you well aware this program is going into the fifth year. And without your support we would not have been able to train up close to 300 plus managers, and supervisors, in all things that they would need to be strategic, and to adjust in the most very trying times of the County last year. The investment almost getting close to a million dollars now. It's a true testament to your commitment to the employee development activities within the County, and I just wanted to thank you, first for that. Also, to the County Management, and the department heads for allowing their staff to participate in this program, and juggling both work, CPM, and home responsibilities during the ten month period of time which as the two presidents will now tell you is a

Herculean task in itself. But thank you very much. And let me invite the two presidents to say some brief remarks."

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: "I have been vaccinated, but let me keep you a little bit comfortable, right. First of all, let me just say, thank you. And I want you to know what we would've learn. I'm part of Cohort J. And I'm overjoyed because it's a group of extremely talented and intelligent men and women, who work for Fulton County, and not just in Fulton County; their talents and leadership can be rivaled throughout the world. They are that great. We've learned in CPM how to articulate [Indiscernible.]. How to embrace democratic leadership, and explore situational leadership. But not only that to marry management, and leadership; and transform into servant leaders. It's what we do. Along the way, yes, we were just Fulton County employees taking a leadership course, but along the way became Fulton family. And not only that we found the Fulton County way. That meant that we wanted to engage, educate, and implement excellence on a daily basis. It's what we do. It's what we're taught to do. So if I don't leave you with nothing else, it is true what the late great Congressman John Lewis said, "Education is the cornerstone of democracy". Maya Angelou, said it best "When you know better, you simply do better". Thank you."

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: On behalf of Cohort I, I humbly and excitement except this proclamation. This Cohort along with Cohort J had the task of completing this rigorous, yet rewarding program during these uncertain times. I would have to say these times is what has cemented the bond of this group of leaders for the rest of our days here at Fulton County, and where ever our paths may take us. Thank you, to the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Anderson, and the entire Fulton County Executive Team, our departments, and our colleagues that have supported us along the way. Lastly, good luck to both Cohort I and J as we present our final capstones next week."

CLERK GRIER: "The last proclamation is recognizing Older Americans Month, sponsored Vice Chair Hall with Full Board support."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. Do we have anybody here from Senior Services? No? Okay. Whereas, Fulton County Government focuses efforts and resources to achieve tangible outcomes for older Americans. And recognizes the value of the Older Americans Act, the Administration on Aging, and the continued need to shape policies that inspire, influence, and enrich individuals of all ages, and future generations. And whereas, the Fulton County Department of Senior Services, has been the designated County based agency for the planning and coordination of Older Americans Act services in Fulton County since 1991. (Audio interruption) And exist to this day -- oh, is it echoing? Okay. And exist to this day to support independence, health and delay cognitive decline through programs for seniors, caregivers, and the community. And whereas, Fulton County, and Senior Services celebrates Older Americans Month each day, and continues the tradition this year by emphasizing the 2021 national theme of "Communities of strength," which celebrates the strength of older adults, the aging network, and the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities.

And whereas, older Americans residing in Fulton County, have shown their resilience over the past year, and faced the global pandemic with strength, and the Department of Senior Services has displayed its commitment to these individuals through the continuity of programs, providing transportation, in-home services, emergency home delivered meals, and virtual programming to reverse the effect of ageism, loneliness, and social isolation. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County urges every resident to take time this May to reinforce the strength of our communities, promote connectivity, and celebrate the resilience of older adults; recognizing their invaluable contributions to the continuity and vitality of Fulton County. And does hereby proclaim May 2021 as Older Americans Month 2021 in Fulton County, Georgia."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: "On behalf of the Department of Senior Services, I accept this proclamation with honor. Seniors are such a vital important part of our community, and they continue to give and give. So this is just a small recognition of all of the years of hope and love in service that they have provided. So I, thank the Board of Commissioners for this honor today."

DARRYL CARVER: "Commissioners, we have a special presentation for you all to see."

JOSEPHINE HILL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I am Ms. Josephine Hill. On behalf of the citizens who attend the Fulton County Multipurpose and Adult Daycare Centers, I am pleased to accept this proclamation. Older American Month, which is May, gives us the opportunity to give special thanks to those who work hard to see that we live, comfortable, and rewarding lives. We wish to thank the Fulton County Government, the Board of Commissioners, and the Fulton County Department of Senior Services for all they have done and are still doing. They make sure that our communities continue to stay strong in providing activities for the needs of our senior citizens. During this pandemic, we are still being providing all the necessities that we need. Much of this is done through virtual programs, which keep us involved weekly. Again, from the senior citizens of Fulton County, we say thank you."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair. Before we get started, may I have a point of privilege? Yesterday, I got to participate in a little event that our Senior Services in collaboration with our Arts and Culture Department where they have interviewed several senior citizens over the age of 94 that are participants in our multipurpose centers. And asked some questions about their lives. And I think they're going to post all of these videos, I think, right; and share them. Please take a chance to take a look at some of the humor, the advice, the wisdom that they shared. It's just invaluable. And it was just a really great thing. And I just want to point that out as we recognize Older Americans Month."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 4, Public Hearings, **21-0325**, Public Comment. Citizens wishing to participate in public comment are allowed to appear in person or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom videoconferencing, or by submitting their comments in writing online, by registering on the County website at www.fultoncountyGA.gov. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes. Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Board, we we'll start with speakers here in Assembly Hall today. We have received two speaker cards. Solicitor Keith Gammage, and Maggie Goldman; if you will please come down."

KEITH GAMMAGE, FC SOLICITOR GENERAL: "Good morning. I rise today to give thanks to this auspicious Body, Mr. Chairman, Madam Vice Chairman, and each of the Members of the Commission. I reflected as I'm thankful for this morning's reopening, and for my role as Fulton County Solicitor General. I reflected on March of last year. And all of us in crisis mode, trying to right the ship of our County, and handle our various responsibilities, during the first in a century pandemic. I'm thankful, and rise to say, thank you, on behalf of my 96 employees who have been working each day early, in the morning, and late in the night to provide justice as best we can do in this time. But there were concerns like year about furloughs. There were concerns about whether folks would be able to take care of their families, and because of you all's leadership, because of you all's leadership, and service to our citizens, we survived probably the worst year of our lives. And so, I don't want us to move forward, and reopen without that being said. And so, I speak today in my individual capacity as Keith Gammage, citizen; a family man. But also on behalf of the folks who I represent, about 1 million citizens across our great County, who have benefited from you all's commitment. You all have a part-time job that requires full-time work. We are appreciative to each and every one of you all. To our County Manager, your leadership has been brilliant. The true metal of people as we all know is really revealed during times of crisis and challenge. This is an unprecedented time. And the season that we've been in Mr. Anderson, you all -- and on the court side, Mr. Adams and his team, and the other department heads, elected officials, and our employees have benefited from you all's leadership. And I want to make sure that that's recorded in the annals of our history. So, thank you all."

MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "My name is Maggie Goldman. I'm a resident of Johns Creek in District 1. I wrote these comments before I knew that you were moving the Agenda item, so bear with me on that one. I'm offering my support for the Resolution today that will begin implementation of the Resolution that provides Fulton citizens with the piece of the American Rescue Plan dollars coming to Fulton County. Home mortgage assistance will help keep families in their homes, while businesses who do need grants to stay afloat will be able to keep employed, and their shops open. And our young people who summer jobs that will keep them occupied and out of trouble. I'm urging you to vote next week -- in two weeks, yes, to support Commissioner Arrington's Resolution allowing the Commission to affirm and maintain

it's oversight in hiring and firing decisions of the Fulton Election's Board, and vote, no, on the Ellis Resolution. Ultimately, the Fulton Commission is responsible for everything that happens in the County departments, and needs to have final say in choosing the department leaders. Since the Commission controls the budget for the Election's Board, the Commission needs to have a say in hiring and firing decisions of who is spending Fulton County tax dollars. With the risk of the State Elections Board could use SB 202 to push aside all five members of our Fulton Election's Board, and install one person as an Election Superintendent that person could bypass the Commission, and direct the Elections Department in partisan ways in future elections. We must affirm the role of the Commission in hiring and firing decisions of the Election's Board, so we have as many tools as possible to fight SB 202, and protect the voting rights of every single Fulton voter. I went looking for the new Fulton Animal Shelter that was approved to be built in 2019, with an expected opening in the summer of 2021. None of the staff I spoke to on Monday could tell me the address of the new shelter. I also visited the current animal shelter and they did not know either?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "15 seconds."

MAGGIE GOLDMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I'll be following up with the County Manager and the Board. But where is the new animal shelter? And is it in fact opening in the summer?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I see now we have a clock. It helps me to keep track of everything. And I failed to mention that for the speakers. Any other speakers in the Assembly Hall?"

CLERK GRIER: "No, further speakers in the Assembly Hall. We do have 18 public comments that we're submitted in writing. Mr. Carver."

DARRYL CARVER: "Yes. There are a total 18 -- actually, we have one additional one as well, so we have 19 now. The first of these is from Cheryl Davies of Johns Creek which says, "My name is Cheryl Davies. I live in Johns Creek. I would like to voice my support for the Resolution today that will begin implementation of a Resolution that provide our Fulton County residents American Rescue Plan dollars. You're plan to offer home mortgage assistance, give County employees a needed premium payment, give small businesses a grant, and keep our artist afloat, and summer jobs for our young people shows you care. It also shows that our County government works for the people. Please vote, yes, for the implementation plan today."

DARRYL CARVER: "Next one is from Lori Randall of Roswell. I would like to reiterate my support for Commissioner Arrington's Resolution. It is so important for us to have some transparency and accountability in elections to protect our right to vote. So it is best for the Fulton County Commissioners, as an elected Body, directly responsible to the public to have control over the Fulton County Elections Board. I'm also in favor of

implementing our funds from the American Rescue Plan to improve life for struggling people and businesses in Fulton County as soon as possible."

DARRYL CARVER: "Next is from Cathy Karell of Johns Creek. Good morning Commissioners. My name is Cathy Karell and I live in Johns Creek. I would like to encourage you to pass Commissioner Marvin Arrington's Resolution. It is important for the Commission to be in charge of deciding who runs our elections. Please vote, yes, on Commissioner Arrington's Resolution, and, no on the Ellis Resolution. I also support the implementation of the American Rescue Plan, and asked that you vote, yes, to get assistance to those who need it quickly. Thank you, for your service to our County."

DARRYL CARVER: "The next one is from Carrie Smith of Johns Creek. Hello Commissioners my name is Carrie, and I live in Johns Creek District 1. As a Fulton County resident, I'm pleading with you to vote, yes, to support Commissioner Arrington's Resolution allowing the Commission to affirm and maintain it's oversight in hiring and firing decisions of the Fulton County Elections Board. And vote, no, on the Ellis Resolution. I repeat; I am pleading for you to vote, yes, on Commissioner Arrington's Resolution, and, no, on the Ellis Resolution. It is my understanding that the Fulton County Commission is ultimately responsible for everything within the County departments including controlling the budget for the Election's Board. Therefore, it only seems logical the Commission will have the final say on who's hired and fired from the Election's Board. To have anyone else in charge of the hiring and firing process for the Election's Board seem extremely political, and a little underhanded to this Fulton County resident. We, the residents of Fulton County, are able to hold the Commission accountable for their decisions through our tried and true system of voting. But we, the voting residents of Fulton County, have no say on who sits on the Election's Board. What happens at the State Election Board tries to use SB 202 to push aside members of the Fulton County Elections Board? What happens if just one person is installed as an Election Superintendent, and that person could bypass the Commission? What happens if that one person directed the Elections Department in partisan ways in future elections? That may seem like a bunch of what ifs, but if we cannot forget that elections must have consequences. You must affirm the role of the Commission in hiring and firing decisions of the Elections Board, so we can have as many tools as possible to fight SB 202, and protect the rights of every single Fulton voter."

DARRYL CARVER: "The next public comment is from Thomas Hughes of Roswell. Stacey Abrams provided an overview that raised serious questions as to the motives of those who remove County officials from the oversight of the Elections Administration of a minority/poor/elderly voter suppression bill. Before Abram's comment were cut short, she presented many provisions which were racist, or suppressed the vote of the poor or elderly. Abrams' response to questions on the voting right bill went viral. I urge a vote of, no, on the Ellis Resolution. And I am Thomas Hughes, and a residents of Fulton County."

DARRYL CARVER: "Next is Joseph Keller of Roswell. As a resident of Commission District 1, I support the Arrington Resolution and urge you to vote, no, on the Ellis Resolution. The people of Fulton elect our County Commissioners. When we elect Commissioners to do the work of the citizens, they must be allowed the responsibilities and resources to do their jobs including: controlling the Fulton Elections Board budget, and hiring and firing of department heads. Voters in Fulton have no say regarding anyone appointed by the State Election Board. And should that Board choose to remove our Fulton Election Board Members, we can hold our County Commissioners responsible and exercise our displeasure with their decision by choosing not to vote for them again, but appointees of the State Election Board are not elected by the people of Fulton County. We cannot allow opportunities for partisan politics of any party to influence our elections. We cannot allow overreach of State control of our duly elected Commission Board, and subsequently our Election Board. Vote yes, on Arrington's Resolution, and, no on the Ellis Resolution."

DARRYL CARVER: "The next one is from Rachel Bartione of Milton. I strongly oppose the creation of a reparation task force within Fulton County Commission Board. Our justice system wouldn't dream of punishing individuals for the crimes of others, so why should public policy? Slavery was a human rights atrocity that occurred over 160 years ago. The people who should be asked to pay for those wrongs have no direct connection to the actual slaveowners. And the same could be said for those who will be receiving the funds. Many believe that the debt was paid by the 620,000 plus American lives that were lost fighting the war against slavery. Nobody on either side of the equation was alive when these atrocities occurred. In today's already tense environment reparations would further increase the widening racial divide. They will not mend, or restore, or bring us together. Reparations will only divide embitter or impoverish. I'm originally from Chicago close to Evanston, Illinois. As you may know, Evanston was the first city to pay reparations to its citizens for housing injustices, and discrimination dating back to the years 1919 to 1969. Illinois is number 3, behind New York and New Jersey in the nation for its citizens fleeing the state. Reparations will be another mounting reason for those to get out of dodge, and relocate to a state that's not burdened by taxes and government regulations. Let's not take a cue from a state that is drowning in debt; carries the highest murder rate in the country, and has a massive exodus. If I thought for a moment that reparations will heal the racial divide, I would be 100 percent behind the effort. But that's simply not the case. Look at the war on poverty. Today we have spent 25 trillion and have simply lost the war reforming education, criminal justice, and housing policy; while encouraging job creation, economic growth, and individual savings will do more to help those who feel they have been left behind."

DARRYL CARVER: "The next public comment is from Bridget Thorne of Alpharetta. Commissioner Hall, you mentioned how great it was that your hometown, Evanston, Illinois was paying reparations. I see that you went to Devry University, Chicago location, so you are a Cook County native. I am also from Illinois, but I am from downstate. We aren't very fond of how Chicago/Cook County has bankrupted the state."

There are calls to have Cook County break off from the state; in my hometown the university used to have 26,000 students, now it has less than 10,000. Housing values have depreciated, taxes are high, and people are leaving. Do you think paying reparations is wise? Don't Cook County, Fulton County. Ms. Hall, I'm also waiting to get those facts that you have to support not firing Richard Barron. I've e-mailed and called your office. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you wanted COVID bonuses for all Fulton County employees; 3.5 percent was not enough, so why not 5 percent? Ms. Abdur-Rahman, Fulton County employees should be grateful that they didn't lose their jobs or businesses. Last fall in North Fulton County, businesses were pretty much open normal. I met a friend for lunch down by the airport in your District on a cold and rainy day. We could not find a place to eat inside. It was sad. We had to get take out and eat in our car. Ms. Abdur-Rahman, small businesses are hurting, people are hurting. Let's spend the money helping people who were hurt by COVID. Commissioners, your reparation tasks force government pay out for for government employees, no support of election integrity bill, and your takeover of the Board of Election bipartisan decision to terminate, I believe, the director are leading our County to a socialist/communist policies. Democracy is being diminished. It may be time the District 1, 2, and 3 become Milton County. We do not wish to divide, but your policies will not unite us. We're not being heard. Thank you."

DARRYL CARVER: "Next public comment is from Donna Lawson of Atlanta. God morning elected, selected, and rejected Fulton County Government audience. As previously revealed, I have been unknowingly chosen to represent many, many, many disenfranchised actions violations, policy failures, et cetera in our public library system by library management. The devastating and wicked schemes is costly unjust and defaming at a minimum. Managing the 29 plus million dollar budget and hundreds of highly educated department focus staff members is not an easy job. But the saving grace of such a matter is that it could be found in a book. Books are the point specific tools used to create positive change in leadership attitudes. However, nobody seems to be reading. Better yet, worse than reality, nobody is comprehending. Maybe it will be more clearly stated that there was no one willing to accept responsibility for responding to serious patron concerns of expulsion, and termination of services which deprives me access that has otherwise granted to other people. This is a huge library safety matter for all citizens. Furthermore, it exposes the lack of procedural knowledge of legal department representatives who are attorneys Adebola Lamikanra, and Kaye Burwell that have reportedly bumped heads per interpretation of their fact-finding and communication efforts. Chip Joyner, Board Chair, and Commissioner Marvin Arrington's appointee, missed the publicly disclosed date announced last week in the Library Board of Trustees meetings. He has failed again by not implied intent implied of not completing this assignment. Trustees are not to be trusted -- trustees are to be trusted. Sorry. Not so much with your selected group. Who is Cheryl Small on the library chain of command? How are patrons to engage with Teryn Gilliam, Nicolas Rodriguez, and Victor Simmons, who are reported as library leaders. Why are the staff members afraid to voice their concerns with safety in this pandemic season? Could it

be fear of retaliation? It seems as if the employees have no engagement with the Commissioners appointed board reps. That's not good. They should have a voice."

DARRYL CARVER: "The next public comment is from Ben Howard of Atlanta. Actually, we've -- Mr. Howard's comments -- bear with me because they've just disappeared from my screen. If we could move on to the other public comments from Ms. Waller."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What happened? What's going on? Did the sound -- so far so good ladies and gentlemen. This is our first day and is smooth so far. Mr. Manager, I don't see Mr. Ellis Kirby, but while we're waiting on the list of things to do, in addition to the drawers, we need trashcans. What? They are? How many more speakers do we have?"

DARRYL CARVER: "I'm sorry. We're going to resume with public comment from Andrew Randell of Roswell. I have been so disheartening to see recent voter suppression efforts. I support Commissioner Arrington's Resolution because having oversight of the Fulton Election's Board by an elected Body, the Fulton County Commission that is directly responsible to the people will help provide and protect our right to vote. I also support implementing the American Rescue Plan in a community -- in the community right away to use these resources to help Fulton County Fulton make a strong recovery from the pandemic."

DARRYL CARVER: "Next one is from Sarah Fuchs of Roswell. I'm urging you to vote, yes to support Commissioner's Arrington's Resolution allowing the Commissioner to affirm and maintain its oversight in hiring and firing decisions of the Fulton County Election's Board and vote, no, on the Ellis Resolution."

DARRYL CARVER: "Next one is from Susan Mehalic of Roswell. Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Susan Lynne Mehalic. I'm a resident and small business owner in Roswell Fulton County, District's 2. I wish to express my support today for the implementation plan that you all are allowed to consider. The American Rescue Plan will help small businesses like mine, help homeowners who are struggling to stay above water, preserve jobs and young people to stay employed. This is the right decision and the right thing to do for our community members. It benefits all of us in the near term. Vote, yes, on the implementation of the American Rescue Plan dollars today. Thank you."

DARRYL CARVER: "Next one is from Cathy Bruce also of Roswell. My name is Cathy Bruce. I am a resident of Roswell. Please vote, yes, on -- to support Commissioner's Arrington's Resolution, allowing the Commission to affirm and maintain oversight in hiring and firing decision of the Fulton Election's Board and vote, no, on the Ellis Resolution. The Fulton Commission is responsible for everything that happens in County departments, and needs to have final say in choosing department leaders. The public can hold Commissioners accountable if we don't like their actions, but we have

no control over who sits on the Fulton Election's Board. Since the Commission controls the budget for the Fulton Election's Board, the Commission needs to make hiring and firing decisions on who is spending tax dollars. This is how every other department works in Fulton. And its a political decision to make an exception for the Election's Board. There is a risk that the State Election's Board will use SB 202 to push aside all five Members of our Fulton Elections Board; install one person as Election Superintendent. That person can bypass the Commissioner and direct the elections in partisan ways in future elections. So we must affirm the role of the Commission in hiring and firing decisions of the Election's Board, so we have as many tools as possible to fight SB 202 and protect voting rights. Please vote, yes, on Commissioner Arrington's Resolution, and, no, to the Ellis Resolution.""

DARRYL CARVER: "Next is Alyce Goldberg of Johns Creek. Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Alyce Goldberg, I live in Johns Creek in Fulton County. And I support Commissioner Arrington's Resolution to keep the Commission in charge of who runs our elections. Stopping -- stopping voter suppression and not allowing others of the state to try to subvert our will at the ballot box; it is vital to democracy. By supporting Commissioner Arrington's Resolution today, you will help us keep Fulton County elections fair and trustworthy. As a taxpayer, I provide the money for the elections. As an elected Member of the County Commission, you appropriate money for the elections. We should have final say on who spends it."

DARRYL CARVER: "Next is Melissa Mulvaney of Roswell. As a resident of Commission District 1, I support Commissioner's Arrington Resolution to ensure the Fulton County Commission maintains control of running our elections, including the hiring and firing decisions of the Fulton Election's Board. It simply cannot be overlooked that the Fulton County Commission are elected by the people of Fulton. As a result our Commissioners are accountable to us to do their job faithfully. That job includes controlling the taxpayer funded budget for the Fulton election, and subsequently control over choosing department leaders. If we don't like the actions taken by our Commissioners on our behalf, then we have the power to not to reelect them, but we would not have that power in the State Election's Board uses SB 202 to remove the five Fulton Elections Board Members, and designate their own potentially partisan member instead. Given our current political climate in public and majority General assembly the risk to our democratic process to the voting rights of Fulton County citizens in future elections is very real. Please vote, yes, on Commissioner Arrington's Resolution, and, no, on the Ellis' Resolution. Thank you."

DARRYL CARVER: "Next is Nia Corsten of Milton. I am urging you to vote, yes, on Commissioner Arrington's Resolution allowing the Commission to maintain its oversight in the hiring and firing decision of the Fulton County Elections Board. With the imminent risk of the State Elections Board could use SB 202 to push aside all five Member of our Fulton Election's Board, and install a person of their choosing to an Election's Superintendent. And that person could bypass the Commission and direct the Election's Department by partisan ways of each elections. You must affirm the role of

the Commission in the hiring and firing decisions. I urge you to vote, yes, on Commissioner Arrington's Resolution, and, no, on the Ellis Resolution."

DARRYL CARVER: "Next is Michael Baron of Sandy Springs. I have been a resident of Sandy Spring for the past 16 years. And I have been inspired to write to this group previous. I've never been inspired to write to this group previously. It seems strange to be writing in Fulton County. It seems strange to be writing in Fulton County. Keeping control of its elections, but recently there's been a lot of talk about how Fulton County does not know how to run its own elections. I have knowledge that the last two elections, November 2020, and January 2021 was carefully analyzed by the Secretary of State, and other independent auditors. There were minimal irregularities, and those who rule not to have impacted the elections. The recent state legislation, SB 202 that allows the state --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- Mr. Carver."

DARRYL CARVER: "-- county officials -- "

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- Mr. Carver, time is up. Time is up. Mr. Carver. Mr. Carver. Time is up on this."

DARRYL CARVER: "-- Fulton County is running elections in proper fashion. There is no need for the State to surpass local elections officials."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Carver. Time is up on that speaker."

DARRYL CARVER: "And there's one more. Sheila Hamilton of College Park. Greetings. I'm concerned that the HIV grant is being eliminated. As an African American woman who realizes HIV-AIDS is affecting us more than any other group of citizens, please find funds to continue this grant. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any others?"

DARRYL CARVER: "No further speakers."

CLERK GRIER: "No further speakers. No further speakers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No other speakers -- entonces. Entonces, not entonces. Got me speaking Spanish today. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 4, County Manager's items under Open and Responsible Government, **21-0326**. Presentation of COVID-19 operational response update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. As usual we'll hear from the Manager, followed by the introduction by the Chief Operating Officer and her presenters. Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Good morning, Mr. Chairman, and Commissioners. I'm very pleased to have you back, and thank you for all your kind comments relative to Assembly Hall, the entrance plaza, and the Atrium. We've worked very hard on that, and we think it really projects the image both of welcoming as well as professionalism. So again, thank you. We will work on the punch-list that you've come up with, so we'll get on that post this. Today we'll walk through the COVID response trends: the vaccination rates, and the innovations like walk-up service as well as mobile vaccinations as we continue to intensely focus on mitigating the spread of the virus. What you'll see today is that trends are good; with new cases plateauing around a hundred a day, hospitalization rates and positivity rates at about 205 percent respectively. Both of which are much improved over where we were at the first of the year. Mercedes-Benz has been our flagship location, and we have now administered over 250,000 vaccines through that site. It's been recognized by FEMA as the best performing Type 1 site in the United States. I want to say publicly, I was also pleased by the AJC reporting on this site as they took a visit there and looked at the walk-up service, and actually followed someone from the time that they arrived, through the process, and I think that was around 20 minutes. As well, last week I had the opportunity to meet with the FEMA representatives on site as well as GEMA, and thanked them for their support of Fulton County. In addition, GICC and 4700 North Point continue to do tremendous work, averaging over a thousand vaccines a day and are very important in our overall vaccine program. Walk-up service, I mentioned is an innovation. That's one not requiring an appointment, although appointments are still recommended and we have now done that 22,000 times at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. We will announce that we're doing now walk-ups at both now 4700 and GICC effective today. So you will be able to encourage citizens that if they don't have an appointment, they can simply show up at one of those locations and procure a vaccine. The really big idea that is next on the agenda is mobile delivery; not that you haven't heard of it before, but we want to go into some detail today. We will be having 11 units in the field. It's a really big push. And I think it's the natural transition from big sites to fundamentally in the community. We want to couple that with data that we are now beginning to receive from the State that will show where we have underrepresented populations by geography, customized messaging to those communities, so you'll see that. Some of you I've talked to you about that personally, and I want to thank you for your support of those -- that messaging approach. And then the last leg of that still is mobile units directly to the community. So it's data, messaging, and a mobile unit. And we believe that with 11 units in comparison to the rest of the State will have 17 in total we will lead in that effort. And it will be the fundamental approach to closing the health equity gap; and we do have numbers on health equity today that we'll share with you. We want to remind you today of all the anticipated ARA funds as well as funds you provided in the three broad areas. And just a couple of caveats, one to keep in mind as you deliberate. One is Treasury guidance and the other is city participation, or coordination with our municipalities. We have received outside counsel review. It's been forwarded to you on

premium pay proposal that we elected to recommend that we hold until we received Treasury guidance. And that I also I think that applies to the other programs that we've overviewed. The more that we looked at that I think the better served we will be for outside counsel as well as receiving the Treasury guidance. As well, I think, as I mentioned before, a collaborative approach with our cities will be the key to maximizing the benefits to citizens. And I think that will beginning in Friday's Mayor's meeting, and remembering that we received 206 million. The cities, without Atlanta, included and received a hundred and 53 million. And including Atlanta, 331 million or will receive, I should say, since none of us have received these funds as of yet. Finally, I would just say it's good to be back in Assembly Hall. It's a very visible representation of returning to normal. We probably over indexed by not having department heads and departments here for some of the Resolutions, and so we'll work on that going forward. But that was the reason we had some here and some not. I think we over indexed on saying for everyone to stay out of Assembly Hall, generally unless they had a need to be here, and that was clearly a need. But I also want to acknowledge again the phenomenal work of Ellis Kirby, Joe Davis, and Bill Mason, Tim Diamond who also did a lot of leg work making sure that our facilities were safe, and now when we're back in them now truly phenomenal. So again, I thank you for your support for all of that. We're going to change just a bit because I'm going to introduce Matt Kallmyer and Doug Schuster to give the emergency management report, Mr. Chairman. And then the Chief Operating Officer, Anna Roach will come in to talk about reopening in one area that I know you're going to be interested in which is Senior Services. And then we'll finish up with a report from Sharon Whitmore, the CFO. So, Matt Kallmyer."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Thank you, sir. Good morning, Commissioners. We'll go ahead as we normally do. We'll start with Doug Schuster to give you some overview of where we are in our neck of the woods. Doug Schuster with EMSI, please start."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Thank you. Thank you for having us again. Good to be here in person. Next slide, please. Next slide. There we go. So I will quickly kind of run through where we are. I always like to start with a little bit of history and kind of tell you where we are up front and then we'll move quickly into the vaccinations, and some of the equity initiatives that we are ongoing here in the County. So first off as the County Manager mentioned, our seven-day average for cases and precent positives continue to plateau. I have a slide that would demonstrate that pretty well, and we're moving onto the next slide. Okay. This is kind of a look back. I like to do this at the beginning of every month. Right here on this: The seven day average for hospitalization and COVID deaths have started to slowly decline which is good news. And then our percent positives are now 5 percent, moving us from yellow to green in the indicator. Next slide. And like I said, I like to take a look back at the beginning of every month and kind of show you kind of where we've been, and kind of the main point of this slide is to -- even though we're back in this building, we are not out of the woods. We still have 3,395 cases in April. And I just want to pay particular attention to the most deadly months have been since the beginning of this year on the four right-hand bars on

the orange graph, talks about how deadly COVID can actually be. And that's why we need to remain vigilant and continue our push to get people vaccinated while we're in the trough that I'm about to show you. Next slide. So I've stretched these out so you can actually see kind of the duration of the trough. The top slide is the cases in Fulton County, and you can see over the Fall it was about where we are now, may be a little bit higher. A little bit rocky road through the Fall months, but we've seen it very flattening of our curve, or a flattening of our trough. And the duration is about what it was this Fall, so if we were to expect to see another rise, or wave we would expect to see it pretty soon. So will continue to monitor that; but you can actually see like I said the plateau that is in the trough of cases. And really the same thing -- this is most important metric that we track are hospitalizations because that is the true metric of people that are suffering in the county, and you can see kind of the plateau been reached over the last three or four weeks there too. I will say good news up at the top. I've really been waiting for our cases -- we actually dropped last night below a hundred for the first time since September. And we dropped to 200 for hospitalizations last night for our hospitalizations. So that's really good news. Next slide. I'm going to talk a little bit about vaccination response as a whole and turn it over to Matt to talk about Mercedes-Benz. Yesterday our fixed and mobile vaccination sites that are under the Board of Health and AFCEMA kind of auspices have vaccinated -- have administered 450,000 vaccines. We're actually 451,326. Yesterday North Point and GICC began accepting walkups as the County Manager noted. And we want to make sure that everybody understands that within you all's District, so that we can get and continue to push to get as many people vaccinated as possible by removing the barrier of appointments. This week we have 17,500 second dose appointments that are scheduled at our three fixed locations. That numbers a little bit down because we're starting to get to a point of saturation a little bit that's why our efforts that you're about to hear -- equity and communications are really going to be important. Also this week Fulton County mobile vaccination units -- which we're going to give you more information on later -- have administered over 25,000 doses just from our mobile vaccination units, which is a huge number and we're very proud of that also. This week we'll have eight mobile units at 30 unique locations for the week. Next slide. This just kind of a look by location. Over 271,000 -- actually we're 275,000 at Mercedes-Benz now, and the North is at 85,000 based on the latest numbers; and between our three southern sites that have been open at one time or another; we're over 67,000 total at the southern sites. And like I say, our mobile units have done over 25,000. Next slide. Quickly, I wanted to mention the State dashboard which tracks by -- it now tracks by ZIP Code. That people in the county that's been vaccinating. As you see they're reporting 37 percent have received at least one dose, and 27 percent have received and fully vaccinated. I do want to bring attention these numbers probably are higher. The State dashboard reflects a percentage of the total population, not the percentage of total eligible population. For example: Of eligible population at least one dose is 42 percent, and fully vaccinated would be 32 percent. Also there is still a data entry lag as we -- done so many vaccinations around the State and in Fulton County over the last two months, that there is still some -- a lag of time getting data entered so we expect to see these numbers grow. And also there is unknown addresses within the system the state is trying to

reconcile too. All those unknown addresses are captured in the State's numbers, not the County's numbers. One more thing I wanted to mention here was also we're expecting either late this week or early next week, but it's imminent; is the EUA approval for Pfizer for 12 to 15 -year-olds. Which will hopefully give us a bump in people getting vaccinated, or their children getting vaccinated. And hopefully we can have children bring their parents in with them, which will expect to see, like I said, a rise in that area. And then I just wanted to note here that really now the real work begins. We've done a lot of great work through our fixed sites, but as the County Manager noted, getting in to the detail and getting really good -- like we got really good at fixed sites, we need to get even better at our mobile deployment. And that is going to be kind of our shift moving forward. Next slide."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "So as we transition slides, one of the things that we've been working with is Atlanta Public Schools and Fulton County Public Schools in anticipation of the EUA for 12 to 15-year-old addition. And we have commitments from them that that student body will be directed to our fixed locations to be able to go ahead and get vaccinated. So we're very appreciative of that partnership, and we look forward to be able to go ahead and help those school children; make sure their parents seek the vaccination for those individuals. So you did hear the County Manager initially go ahead and say we've reached another milestone at Mercedes-Benz community vaccination center. Over 250,000 individuals have been vaccinated there since January the 4th. As of yesterday, our new number is 275,588. It's an incredible partnership. We can't thank Arthur Blank and his team enough to be able to open up that facility, as well as this incredible private and public-sector product partnership. We have had so many individuals that have come through that say that they cannot believe that it works with this many levels of government together. So we are working hand-in-hand with our State partners and our federal partners; and they are supporting us as we go ahead and manage this site and administer the process there. So we're really appreciative of that. We've done a great job of making sure that we get this out through the social media channels of the media partners, but we have actually combined Gates 1 and 2. So before all walk-ups would go to Gate 1, which is closer to the north side of the building by the big soccer ball sculpture; now everyone is coming through Gate 2, it allows us to be able to go ahead and utilize more of the space inside with the pods and distribution of folks. Before we would actually have to send them to 1 or 2 pods now this allows us to go ahead and distribute patients to all the pods in the building. We had our third day over 10,000. That puts us as the highest Type 1 facility to be able to vaccinate most amount of folks in one particular day of all the FEMA Type 1 locations across the country. That particular day was 12,726 -- incredibly hard day for everyone that was working at the site. And I just want to go ahead and take a moment to go ahead and say congratulations to them. And the number one thing for us to go ahead and hang our hat on is that there's that many individual in Metro Atlanta that were able to go ahead and vaccinate in one day. So far to date we've actually went ahead -- it's just a little higher than we see on the screen its 25,103 individuals that have taken advantage of the walkup process. That was one of the things that we did. Once again, in the last meeting, we talked to you guys about that we changed our model once we

started to see a significant drop in the amount of individuals that was actually signing up for vaccinations. We switch to the walkup model. It has worked very well at this facility. Yesterday was our first day welcoming individuals at 4700 North point location, as well as the Georgia International Convention Center for walkups. We're capping those at 500 a day. We want to make sure that that team has the ability to be successful, and as we start to go ahead and do better with that process and figure out how to go ahead and welcome more and more individuals those numbers will go up. But we just wanted to make sure that everyone was aware; we did receive guidance from the BOC to go ahead and expand those sites and we have done so at your request. And once again, the highest single day of walkups is 3,010. Extremely grateful for being able to go ahead and manage that many individuals that took it upon themselves to be spontaneous consumers that day, and we look forward to being able to provide that at the other sites. And while we do spend a little time talking about the middle largest vaccination center, we cannot forget about the incredible work that our partners are doing at 4700 North Point, as well as the Georgia International Convention Center. Next slide, please. How do we make this happen? To this point it was definitely leveraging the support of our municipal partners and the firefighters. So the paramedics, the advanced EMTs that we had from municipal partners came forward; you can see that these municipalities went ahead and did everything they could to cut some additional firefighters over to the cause to support ourselves and the Board of Health with vaccinating individuals. If any of you guys have had the opportunity to come to our sites, you saw a firefighter sitting at the table actually administering the vaccines. So we are grateful for that. They're actually transitioning back into a normal state themselves, so the Board of Health is getting to a better place, where they've been able to go ahead and bring on part-time and full-time staff for clinical support to take on these roles. We'll be with them for about another week, leveraging these municipal partners, and then will let them get back to their quarters to go ahead and concentrate on some of the activities that they put aside to help us, and help their community to be better prepared and respond to the COVID vaccine. So the important thing to go ahead and concentrate on over here is over 1200 personnel hours was dedicated to this cause from our municipal partners. And I just can't thank them enough for that. Next slide. I'd like to welcome Jessica Corbitt up to the podium to go ahead and help us with this equity piece."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "I'll get started and she'll come up in a second. Thank you. So, our health equity response; the first bullet is kind of nebulous, but I can't tell you how important is in the work that's gone in dealing with the States immunization program; and then the two reservation systems that we continue to use the VRAS and JOT Forms to extract information from those that we can come up with really good demographic picture of what's going on in Fulton County as far as our vaccine equity. We've increasing shots today. Each of our multi-pronged health equity approach, which you'll see in upcoming slide, and then the County's mobile units will increase from eight to 11 by the end of May 10th. And we're going to continue to do targeted communication plans emphasizing hesitancy and misinformation. Next slide. So I wanted to share with you as a group this slide; while colorful it has very good

information the blue bars are the percent of population of the demographics you see below, so it's the standard -- standard population number from the last census update. And then the orange bar is the percent of vaccine delivered to Fulton County residents per that demographic on February 23rd. And the gray bar is the same information on April 23rd. And then the gold bar would be Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and the CDC, and what we've done there. So as you can see the white demographic was vaccinating at a 50 percent rate and then 51 percent on April 23rd. But 47 percent at Mercedes-Benz the black demographic was vaccinated at 18 percent on February 23rd, and that has grown to 25 percent as of April 23rd; and 29 percent at the Mercedes-Benz. And so while there's a lot of work to be done there has been some improvement in actually getting a 7 percent increase in two months. The numbers have to be incredibly good, and so we hope to continue to push those numbers even higher. The Asian population as you see got vaccinated very early within the County, and their numbers have tapered off back to their population demographic. But they've also taken advantage of the Mercedes-Benz site, and the Latino population was less than 1 percent in February, and now over 9 percent of that community has been vaccinated which is just great news from less than 1 percent to 9 percent. And for the last two weeks at Mercedes-Benz that number is about 16 percent coming through the stadium. So there's a lot of word-of-mouth going along within that community and we hope to see that continue also. You can see the unknowns going down, which goes to the work of us extracting the information to be able to produce it like this. So we're going to update this for you all every time we come to kind of show you the gains that we've made -- we're not claiming victory here; there's a lot of work to be done. But I wanted to show you what's being going on. Next slide. So this is the equity strategy: Is we started off early on with the senior center vaccines, and actually today will be the second round of second shots for each of the senior centers that we went to. At this point we're sending those people to GICC, but that's over 2,300 people that have been fully vaccinated. Most of them over 65, and so that's just great news. And we continue to canvas and work those areas and provide transportation when possible to mind those partnerships with the senior services group. Our faith-based leadership partnership: We continue to try and leverage that, and message, and communicate, and do mobile sites at those locations; and we're continuing to do that so we're up to 5300 there. Our next outreach has been, like I said, one of our big successes and a lot of that was going to the Mexican Consulate and working with Latin-X. At Mercedes-Benz working with the soccer team, and messaging all kind of things to kind of improve there. And our partnership with Tuxedo Pharmacy is continuing as they continue to go to even smaller places, where we can't get in, or people can't get out to get the vaccine. Then our street teams are out knocking on doors, calling and doing on some other things. We have some other newer initiatives that Ms. Corbitt is going to talk about here in a second. Next slide."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good morning, Commissioners. And I'm very excited to be back in touch with you-- back in person with you, I should say, after almost a year. And I just want to say, thanks to all of you for your service and ongoing support. As Doug just mentioned, our teams are doing a lot of outreach in multifaceted ways. And if I could give just kind of a landscape setting

statement: The first three or four months of our vaccination efforts are really people who have -- who understand access. They know how to easily navigate the health care system, and navigate the appointment system, and go through the process to actually get a vaccination. Now we're at a stage -- and we know in Fulton County that there have been historic barriers to access for a number of different reasons that you're all familiar with. And so, we're kind of transitioning from a place where it was enough to say the vaccine is here, and you can come and get it. To a place where we really have to have a conversation with folks about why it is important. Why it is something that is safe to do. Why it is something that can protect them, help the community, help their families, and that kind of thing. There is a lot of -- unfortunately, a lot of misinformation about the vaccine. Some of it is innocent information that people may just misunderstand what the vaccine does and doesn't do. Some of it may be more malicious in nature we could say, or more focused on kind of undermining trust in the vaccination process. And so that's where we're kind of transitioning, and having a more conversation based in seeking to bridge access. So what you see on the screen in front of you is just an example of what a person will see at a library. For example: When they're walking by a library in one of our targeted neighborhoods they would see a set up like this, and there'll be a person sitting there ready to talk to them about the vaccine; help them understand that walkup appointments -- walkups are available; appointments are available. Set that appointment on the spot. And you'll hear more in just a minute about the mobile strategy. And coming soon we will have actually days when mobile vaccination is available inside the library. So that's a really exciting development, and we're excited to share more with you. We also have outreach folks in tag offices, and they will be doing more and more community-based events. They're already accessing appointments through the library system, and through other County appointments. I think the community-based events are where we're going to talk a little bit more about engaging with all of you. Next slide, please. And so, again, with our communications kind of broader efforts, we've talked about this before. Hopefully, some of you have heard our radio ads and have seen some of the digital ads; they are already in place. And then coming -- we're now kind of moving down the path of the out of home. Some of you are -- Commissioner Abdur-Rahman gave me some great suggestions about additional outlets to consider and we're engaging with those as well. And then with the Black Cross, I'm excited to announce that on May 28th, we will have our first faith-based town Hall meeting working with Pastor Eric Thomas is going to be working with us. We'll be sharing that information with all of you. And really the purpose of that and what you'll see more with our Live and in Color campaign is an effort -- kind of a train the trainer type conversation where we prepared that person to say, your congregation has expressed concerns to you, these are ways you can have that conversation. You or someone they trust. Here's how you can prepare for that conversation and address some of those misunderstandings that people have about the vaccine. Nurses, that was another great recommendation -- a nursing associations, community healthcare workers, just any partner who is trusted in the communities we want to engage. Next slide, please. And I think Doug and Matt are going to talk about mobile vaccination."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Thank you, Jessica. So we do talk about the next frontier. Mobile vaccinations is where it's going to be for us. We're getting to the end of the fixed site model, just solely fixed site. We've been weaving in some mobile vaccinations, as we've gone along with our three fixed sites for mass vaccination. But once again, everyone seen the numbers decreasing; you've seen the news reports as well. Those spontaneous consumers because what they really want to go ahead and get a vaccine are not there. We have to take it out to them. We have to take it out to the communities. We have to go ahead and penetrate the areas where individuals do not have mobility -- abilities to get these locations. And just sometimes make it easy so they can walk out the door and say, oh, yes, let me go ahead and get a vaccine, it's right in my neighborhood; it's right in my apartment complex. So that -- a long time ago, we talked to you about our three-pronged approach. One of those things is making sure that the Board of Health and Emergency Management will go ahead and do the vaccination effort. The second pillar of that -- the second prong of that is working with our hospital partners, in what they're doing to that effort and that end. And the final piece is definitely partnering with the pharmacies: CVS, Walgreens, Publix, Kroger; all those other ones -- the pharmacies that are actually out there. So one of those major legs of it, and quite frankly, we are the safety net vaccination effort for the people of Fulton County. So, one of the things that we want to do is create a capacity to be able to vaccinate over 2,000 people a day. We did talk about we have eight mobile units in play right now. We have the ability go up to 11. That's ten with our partner CORE; one with the Board of Health. And we'll be able to go ahead and scale based upon what we need to be able to go ahead and meet the needs of our citizens. We have a different mixture that we can use. It's not one-size-fits-all, so we have three different types that you'll see in the next slide that we can go ahead and put towards it. One is a full vaccine unit, which can vaccinate up to over 400 individuals. The next one is a lean unit, which can go ahead and vaccinate to about 200 individuals. And the final one is the micro one. That can go up to about a hundred individuals. So we have different staffing models for that. Well, like Jessica said, and like Doug said, we want to make sure we bridge those equity gaps. We want to improve the overall access getting out to the community partners working with over 200 faith-based organizations. I think we're closer to 300 right now and helping them advocate for us as well as the other community-based organizations that the equity between that Dr. Roshell, and Jessica Corbitt go ahead and lead, along with the services of Doug to facilitate that effort. And then finally, just making sure we talked as the pivoting; switching away from asking folks to come to us, and now we're taking it to them. We're taking the fight in to the community and that's what we're looking for in this next piece. We can go ahead and bridge the next slide. I'll just talk a little bit about what we've talked about. I know this is something that Commissioner Arrington was looking for just a little bit of how we have this different mix of vaccination units. And Doug, could you walk us through this."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Thank you. Just a couple of things. We do have a vaccine equity group that meets three times weekly that has Dr. Paxton at about 12 different members from the community that can help us kind of reach and get targeted

as we want to get. And we do continual improvement if we find out something didn't work, we'll get better. So that team is really good at getting better. We need to get better. But one of our big partners is CORE, and as you can see CORE by the 10th will give us ten mobile units. Matt talked about -- if you look at the bottom where it says full units, there's a cost, and then a vaccine capability, so we may launch -- and like Matt also said, you can look at this like a transformer machine depending upon the needs and where we're going to be giving vaccines. So if we're going to a Juneteenth celebration or something, we may launch a full team with a capacity to do 400 vaccines. I do want to reiterate that a mobile unit really are strike teams. We're not a mobile unit that drives up and does stuff; we have to go set out, we have to have observation area. So it's a little bit more complicated than what we're use too with the testing strategy. But what CORE has given us is the ability to send the right size unit and team into an area to vaccinate the right number of people because we also have to think about vaccine wasted, and the like because of cold-chain storage. So you see what a full unit looks like at the bottom. A lean unit is 200, and what we call these micro units that are going in to some of the downtown towers, and then our rec rooms, and things like that. And so we're always looking for new opportunities and working with our partners in the equity group to find locations. And then find the right tool to go in that location. And like I say, it is the area where we're going to get better and better. And also is the launch dates over there on the right where you can see when we launched up the micro teams nine and ten are already working, but they haven't officially been launched yet. And then the Board of Health mobile unit was launched in January. One thing that's not up to here is the mobile unit that's working through Tuxedo Pharmacy. at has been a great partner vaccinating over 7,000 people for us in long-term care facilities. So this information is in there. If you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them by e-mail later or any questions today. Next slide."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "And before we part and bring Dr. Paxton in, it's been the conversation -- I do not have a slide for this, but I just wanted to go ahead and touch base. One of the requirements of my offices is to go ahead and initiate the recovery process. So disaster management is a five-phased cycle. Starts off with mitigation, and prevention, preparedness, responsiveness and ends with recovery. So we're entering into the recovery phase of this, and we've actually initiated with our State partners, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Homeland Security, and FEMA project worksheets to go ahead and start this. We partnered with the Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Whitmore which you'll hear a lot more in her section of the presentation today. I just want to go ahead and touch on three main project worksheets that we put forth. One is to go ahead and capture any 2020 cost that were not covered through other means, grant funds, or anything else, or general funds. The other piece was to cover any cost that we see in the 2021 year for this response efforts. So once again, anything that is associated with testing or vaccination effort is an eligible cost for federal reimbursement. And the final piece is the Mercedes-Benz center community vaccination center. So to that end, we have a budget of about 11.8 -- 11.9 million for the community vaccination center. So far we've been obligated 5.9 million to that effort. A check is being processed through our State partners to be able to go ahead and turn

over to County government to be able to go ahead and pay some expenses that we have with that as we continue to go ahead and do our recovery efforts to that in. And the last thing I want to be able to go ahead and ask the Board is just to consider to make sure that we can continue to have our emergency declaration. It helps us and my team to be able to go ahead and be nimble; to be able to continue to respond; and that's the number one thing we continue to help our citizens to be able to fight this COVID virus as we continue to go through this calendar year, and most likely into the next calendar year. And the final piece is that we have to maintain this emergency declaration in order for us to be eligible for a lot of these recovery dollars. And so if we say that we're trying to receive money to be able to say that we are responding to an emergency, but we do not have ourselves in emergency state, it's going to go ahead and cause us a lot of difficulty as we sit down with our state and federal partners to that end. So, please, I ask you; I beg of you to allow us to continue to have emergency declaration to allow us to go ahead and do the things that we need to do in our effort. To that end I'd like to go ahead and pass it over the Chief Operating Officer, and she'll probably moderate the next section."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It's easy to hear you guys and girls, but it would be a lot better if you didn't have those masks on."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "I was standing so close to Mr. Schuster, but I probably should have taken the mask off."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: Good morning, Members of the Board. It really is a pleasure to see you in person. As my colleagues have expressed before, it's a pleasure to see you in person again. And it's a pleasure to be in Assembly Hall. Just a reminder, Dr. Paxton is with us remotely, and available to answer any questions for the first section. We've completed our presentation on the Emergency Management section, and are ready to take any questions, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. This is the lineup: Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, Vice Chair Hall, Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Couple of quick things, Matt. I think it was about slide seven or eight. I didn't make a good note of the number. I just have a couple of questions about numbers if we could go back to about seven or eight."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "About vaccine, sir, or --"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah. I jotted down a number of 446,000 total."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "We can go to slide seven, please."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "This one. This one. Okay. Yeah. Is this 446,000 total vaccinations, that's countywide, right? All the sites and all of our partners. And in connection with that the next slide or two has the six hundred thousand something number."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Well that's -- the 400,000 is the Board of Health auspices. It's not Walgreens, CVS, hospital numbers, so."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Okay."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Or private doctors."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "So that's the difference. We have done with all sites in Fulton, we've done 657,000 vaccinations?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "That metric on that slide is by ZIP Code. Somebody could've gotten their vaccine anywhere. It's --"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "-- in Gwinnett but they lived in another ZIP Code?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "And it goes both ways."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Total vaccinations?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "It's a hard one to explain, sir."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "You've explained it. It wasn't too hard to explain. And I'm a simple guy so a simple explanation goes a long way with me. Complicated ones lose me. Then slide 12 if we could. Right there. So I want to understand these numbers. On the left, on the white population, we're saying 44 percent of Fulton County roughly is white? And the orange suggest that we've vaccinated or 50 percent of those people have been vaccinated?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "It's 50 percent of the vaccines given at that date. So of the vaccines that have been given in the county on that day, it was 50 percent of the vaccines delivered."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Aww. Okay. That clarifies it. So 18 percent of the vaccinations delivered went to the 41 percent of the population; is that correct?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Okay. And there's our equity issue in a nutshell."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "In a nutshell."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "And all the rest of the slides we're trying to address. Thank you for that clarification. That's it, Mr. Chairman."

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

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Thank you, Chair. I appreciate that. I just wanted to openly say that I know I've been probably the most vocal, when it comes to what I feel is inequity when it comes to, you know, brown and black communities. And the fact that you all went to the no appointment so quickly, I commend you for that. This is an issue that I take to heart. And the reason that I take it to heart, I find, not only my staff, but myself taking people to get vaccinated. And so, it is what it is. You know if I have to load up three or four people in my car, or even if my staff members have to do it, we do what we have to do. But on that note, I want to say that I appreciate what you all are doing, especially when it comes to the communities of brown and black because there is a trust issue there. And I spend every day of my life trying to explain why Fulton County should be trusted. That we will do what we need to do in our capacity to make sure those numbers rise. And so, I just wanted to openly, in front of my colleagues and the public, thank you all because you have begun an outreach. I know sometimes it's hard. When I have to be vocal; when I have to bring things to you that the community brings to me, but sometimes I'm the person that they trust. They may bring it to you and feel like they don't trust you, and bring it to me, but you and I both know that we will work together to make sure they get the resolution that they need. And so, what I wanted to say, I am on board making sure that you all have the funds, have the staff, have everything you need to make sure that we not only attack this, but we really do need the numbers in the communities of color to rise, and we may have to think outside the box. We may have to bring in partners, but whatever we need to do to make sure we fight against this wall of distrust, I am on board openly today to let you know I am here to do that hand-in-hand with you. Thank you."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Thank you, ma'am."

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Chairman. As the Commissioner that came onboard in 2018 advocating for mobile units, and finding out that we had literally started a mobile unit graveyard; and wanting us to get more for the services and programs that we needed to take to the community, I am really pleased to see the mobile vaccination portion of this presentation. This is outstanding. I must thank you, and say, and commend you on your work because I was reading an article the other day that said, many government entities, and health entities are currently trying to figure out how to downsize the vaccinations because there's so many Americans that have been

vaccinated, and of course that creates a lower demand. But there's still a need to continue to vaccinate, and you have made that accessible to our communities by instituting these mobile units. And so, thank you, very much for your hard work."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Thank you, ma'am."

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thanks for the presentation. Just a couple of questions and then a suggestion. On the 12 to 15 age groups, sort of two questions. I think you mentioned APS, but sure we've been in contact with Fulton County schools as well. And along those lines to do we anticipate any need to do anything different at our sites to accommodate that age group?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "That's a great question, sir. So we actually -- if I didn't clearly state that; we are working with Fulton County Public School as well as Atlanta Public Schools. Actually, there Chief Nursing Officer, Ms. Lynn Meadows, who's actually a Board of Health Representative as well is who we've been dealing with that team, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "We meeting weekly."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right. What about the sites? Any adaptation needed?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Sir, right now what we're doing is working is working with Children's Hospital of Atlanta. We'd like to leverage some of their expertise and helping our clinicians know how best to target that age group. One of our locations we already have cohabiting us, the Georgia National Convention Center. So it's easy for us to go ahead and leverage their support. We're asking them now is to bring some of their expertise to help us at the Mercedes-Benz site as well as a 4700 site to make sure that we're ready for his next wave."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. On the 500 -- you said the two sites North Point and 4700, and GICC. We've started walkups yesterday, and you're going to cap it at 400. Is that 500 per site or 500 between the two?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "500 per site per day, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Did we meet that mark yesterday when we opened up?"

DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI: "Weather related we believe. If we're not close we're going to open it up without restriction, but we're still giving it a couple of days to see. We were down at all sites yesterday. We think it's something had to do with weather."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Do we have any sense of rates of no-shows for second doses?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "We do have that data. We can provide that to you. We also have a percent no-show for first dose as well. We can provide that to your office."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Yeah, I'd be interested particularly on the second dose no-shows and how significant that is. And the municipal partners: They've just been at 4700 and GICC predominately?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA: "Our partners from the northern cities supported the 4700 location. And the southern cities provided the support for GICC. And the City of Atlanta supported the Mercedes-Benz site."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So just the City of Atlanta portion would be for Mercedes."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Yes, sir. Geographically we tried to go ahead and split that up."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. And just look at the data -- it's not meant to be critical, just something for consideration. We've been doing these presentations now for a while in this format, Mr. Manager, and Madam Chief Operating Officer. Just a suggestion: Maybe with some of this data it could be, you know, without presenting it to us, we've seen these charts kind of over and over. We kind of know what they are. Maybe we don't need to kind of go through them in the entirety going forward. We can just open it up for questions if there are. I'll leave that to y'all for consideration."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "I think we'll certainly look into that, Commissioner Ellis. Thank you, for that recommendation. I think that now we're in person that may be an opportunity to reduce the number of slides, and allow Commissioners to review it at their leisure."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I just wanted to follow-up on the walkup vaccinations. Are we advertising that we now have walkup appointments or non-appointments at the two other sites?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Yes, ma'am. Great point. We're actually doing that through media as well as our social media partners. And our communications team has been pushing that as well."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. Well, there was no information to me this morning. So I just encourage you to double down on that."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So that people know. I put it on my social media just a minute ago. But it was new information to me as well. And then as far as the slides go: While we may not need to go through each one in detail, I think it's great for the public to see that information. So I would encourage us to continue to provide it, whether we go through it, you know, line-by-line or not, but at least have it available for the public to review."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Yes, ma'am. Thank you."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Thank you. Good job. Y'all keep it up. You're making us look good."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Thank you. Madam COO, Fulton County Government Reopening Plan."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Just before we switch over, Mr. Chairman are there any questions for Dr. Paxton; she's available?"

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "She's experiencing a lag, so."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any questions for Dr. Paxton? All right. If not, continue, Madam COO."

MATTHEW KALLMYER, DIRECTOR, AFCEMA/ANIMAL CTRL: "Thank you, folks. I appreciate the opportunity."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Next slide, please. Next. Commissioners, Doug Schuster has finally given me the green light to turn all of our County reopening indicators to green. Next slide, please. And so, that represents a positive trend with respect to the total number of positive cases as well as our ability to test, and our ability to acquire and have available personal protective equipment for the public that comes into our facility, as well as our employees. Next slide. We're continuing to report the total number of Fulton County employees that have tested positive for COVID-19. Over a two week basis, over the last two weeks we've had a

total of six employees test positive, two in the Tax Assessor's office, and one in the Tax Commissioner's, Superior Court, General, Probate, and Emergency Services departments. Next slide. That brings the total number of Fulton County employees reported positive, since we've been measuring this to 355 employees. Again, we are celebrating the reduction in the rate of positivity that we are seeing across our County, in our nation. And it's reflected here in the numbers for our COVID positive employees as well. Next slide. Commissioners, Mr. Hermon, and his team, with the support of the Executive Team have put in place an incentive program for vaccination of our workforce. And that program has started, and as of May 1 we have updated numbers on applications, approvals, and who will be receiving the incentive payment on May 14. We've had a total of 1,454 employees apply. And when I say, apply; they are applying at the point they receive their second dose. So both doses are required for the application. We've approved 1354 of those, which represent approximately 30 percent of our workforce fully vaccinated. We're very excited about that. And we're excited to have this program continue so that employees will have an incentive other than being fully vaccinated to go ahead and take advantage of the vaccine. Next slide. Commissioners, our timeline for reopening includes Phase 2, where we emphasize reopening's of our libraries for two days a week as the major reopening that happened on May 1st. As you recall, we also returned to a -- our internal services returning to 141 was also a big portion of that phase of reopening as well. They did come back in a hybrid format, where part of the staff would remote work some days of the week, and others would be on-site. But the highlight of our May 1 opening was the opening of our libraries. That happened yesterday for the first day since Tuesday was the first day of our library opening. And I wanted to give you a quick highlight of some of the things that we saw, and learned on our first day opening. We had a lot of successes. In fact, our three libraries with the highest participation on our first day of opening were Sandy Springs with 360 patrons taking advantage of our opening, Roswell with 179 patrons taking advantage of our openings, and Ponce at 159. But many of our libraries outside of those top three had patrons take advantage yesterday. We do believe that again as it impacted our vaccinations that the weather impacted the launch of our reopening of the libraries as well. We think it could have been much more successful had we opened on a sunnier day as it were. We did experience some technical difficulties with some of our equipment being mothballs for so long. And so we're proud of the fact that we took a phased approach to library openings, so that we can work with the staff, and the public, and our IT department to address some of those challenges. The public computers are still not working at Milton, Northwest, and MLK. IT is working again with our library staff to address those things, and we thank you for your patience, and the patience of the public as we work through these reopening challenges. But other than those challenges with IT, I'd say we had a successful opening of our library yesterday. And I look forward to increasing those days as we work out the kinks. Next slide. Today we're going to focus on what I'm calling our Phase 3 reopening. And the major events within that is an area where this Commission has a huge amount of interest, and that's what our senior services. We thought it will be helpful to provide an update on the landscape of what our regional partners are doing in terms of reopening of senior centers, and we actually have some updated information from what you see on your

screen. Fully open we have talked to Athens Clarke which is not immediately adjacent to Fulton, but they are fully open. And they have opened their senior centers to services to their constituents. Cherokee County is also -- for all intents and purposes fully opened. The one thing that they are restricting in Cherokee County is they haven't returned to taking trips with their seniors. Third: Fayette County is also opened -- fully opened for all intents and purposes. The thing that they are limiting in Fayette County is the total number of participants and registered programming, so that they can achieve social distancing. So we do have some counties that are neighboring counties that are fully opened. In terms of partially open as you see there, Cobb has a limited opening of its gym, and then began registration for some classes on the 3rd. Forsyth has one center open for in-person services two times a day. So, again, some sort of hybrid partial opening. We've also learned that Clayton County is in this column of being partially open. And they're focused on socially distance congregate dining services as their first group of services that they'll offer to seniors. The senior centers that continue to remain closed in our neighboring counties are ones in DeKalb County, but they are emphasizing, heavily their online programming. Gwinnett remains closed. Rockdale -- and then one that's not up there is Douglas County. Next slide, please. Our Senior Services Department has worked over the last several weeks with the Executive Team, with DREAM, with IT to come up with a phased reopening plan for Fulton County senior services. And much like our neighboring counties, we will be taking slow responsible steps to reopening our senior centers. We do want to make sure that we acknowledged that that is some of the most vulnerable of our community, but we also want to celebrate the fact that they were the first to be vaccinated. And so, we do have a lot of interest from our senior community, and our services; and they would like to see our senior centers back open, so that they can resume activities, and interaction with each other. So I want to congratulate Ladisa, who is the Director for Senior Services on a very thorough plan that she has developed working with DREAM, and IT. And I want to ask Dr. Roshell, who leads that group to walk us through the phased reopening steps that the team has come up with."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: "Thank you, Anna. Pamela Roshell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer. First regarding the plan I like to highlight three main pillars. One, is safety. The other is engagement with seniors and getting their thoughts and input into this process. And the third is ensuring that we have the programs to continue to combat social isolation. So these three -- four steps are highlighted here. The first is really just about preparation: Looking at the facility, reassessing where we want to go with the participants as it relates to their care, and working with DREAM on a variety of facility issues. Number 2 is the return of the deployed staff, who have worked really hard throughout the County; throughout the pandemic to provide support in other areas like vaccines. This also includes focus groups. The Department of Senior Services has worked very hard to engage seniors in this process, so that they understand what is going on, that they have an opportunity for their voice to be heard. And so, Senior Services creates an experience that helps them to feel safe and comfortable. And so three -- four of those focus groups have already happened, and the remaining three will happen by the end of May. We are also resuming nutrition and

transportation services in those facilities providing transportation to the facilities for those that need it -- need that support. And also enlisting the input of many of our other stakeholders. In step number 3 is where we have limited access. And so what this will look like for seniors, who have enjoyed our programs over the years are congregate dining days; taking small steps to bring back our neighborhood senior centers, and our adult day participants into the facility to enjoy fellowship and meals. We are also going to have participants reorientation. So much has changed due to COVID. And we want to ensure that seniors know what to expect, and what will be happening as it relates to their health and safety and programming in those facilities. We will also test a curbside meal test. As you know, the Board was so gracious to provide support for emergency meals in a curbside service early in the pandemic. We're going to resume a curbside type of meal option for seniors as we move in to full access, which will also provide full meal service in the facility, but this will be a small step toward that. And then we will also have reservations for the gym and open swim. Finally, full access will resume in August with onsite classes, meals. We will also continue with our virtual programming. Many of our seniors have enjoyed that. We had been able to reach many more seniors, who simply aren't quite ready to come back to the facility, so that option will still be available. And throughout this process, we will continue to monitor all of the information that Matt and Doug have provided as well as customer satisfaction and our hygiene protocols."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Next slide, please. Thank you, Dr. Roshell. So I wanted to close this section with just a briefing with the Board on what the critical success factors are for our plan to reopen senior centers. Dr. Roshell touched on this in her comments, but the redeployment -- the redeployed staff returning to the HHS cluster departments will be critical to making this work. As you recall, for our Elections effort, there was a push to reengage employees and HHS to support that effort. They also were redeployed to support the Tax Commissioner's offices reopening as well as vaccinations. And so we have still approximately a hundred employees that are deployed to various different departments to support those efforts, while our senior centers and libraries are/were closed. And so, getting that staff back into the HHS cluster, and supporting those functions with temporary staffing is something we're working on now that we hope to have achieved by May 17th. So getting back further down the path is going to be critical to the success. The second bullet there is the vaccination pace. Now, the President of the United States, Joe Biden, as well as the CDC director has talked about this goal of getting to 70 percent vaccine population by July 4th. Currently, nationally it looks like we're at about 30 percent, and that is reflected here in Georgia. And actually we're performing slightly above that here in Fulton County as well. So if we continue to see the pace of vaccinations get us to the place where we can have more vaccinated individuals within our community that something we'll be watching closely as well as we look to fully provide access to our seniors in August. And same with the infection rate; it's something that we look at as a measure for our gating criteria. And it is also something that we will be looking at making sure that we have that steady below 5 percent infection rate within Fulton County, and that will inform our reopening of senior services as well. Next slide. Mr.

Chairman, that's being us to the end of our reopening section. Dr. Roshell and I are in person to answer any questions about reopening the senior centers. And, I believe, Ladisa is available virtually as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Madam COO. Vice Chair Hall followed by Commissioner Ellis."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you. Great work Anna and team. On page 28, the redeployed staff return. I just wanted to know out of how many total employees is this for Arts, BHDD, Library, and Senior Services? Because how many employees does Arts have right now if there's only one person that is redeployed?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yes. So I wanted to make sure, and I probably should have noted this on this chart. These are staff who we -- within the departments -- that are redeployed to other departments. So these are the staff that we will be looking to bring back into each of these departments. I'm sorry, I should have been clear about that. And I don't -- off the top of my head -- have the employee counts for each of these. Kenneth Hermon is here, he might. Kenneth. Do you want us to provide it to you in writing, Commissioners?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes. That would be great."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "I'll be happy to do that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Just showing the total number of employees, and then how many of those employees are currently working and are going to be redeployed."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Okay. We will do that."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes, thanks. Just real quick question on slide 24 which speaks to, you know, our vaccination efforts among our employee base. What's our total employee population at the moment?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "4,400 and change."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "4,400. So it's a percentage than what we know of this 1256?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "1256 are the employees that have been approved and will receive payment in May 14th. I suspect that that has happening

on a rolling bases, which explains the difference between the number approved and the number that will receive payment on May 14th."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. But it's not much more?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "No."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I guess, I just, you know, around 30 percent here on this page, which is not statistically that much higher than where we are on the rest of the population is a little bit surprised at that based upon, you know, kind of particularly employee population groups that we would have vaccinated early."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Exactly."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Health, Public Safety, et cetera. So, I guess, I would be interested if there's a way for us to maybe get a routine sort of update on this maybe, you know, weekly, and give us a report kind of where we're at. I think it'll be good to know."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "We'll be happy to do that, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "And, you know, kind of along with that, you know, are we doing any other efforts beyond this that y'all have thought about to encourage vaccinations amongst the employee groups?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "The incentive program has been our primary vehicle -- the \$150 incentive payment is our primary vehicle. But I think that is something that we can continue to discuss; Dick, additional ways to incentivize our employees. I think that is something we can continue to take a look."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "You don't have a way to tell -- and maybe we don't want to - by sort of service area, you know, what kind of attraction we're getting? I don't know."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "We do have that information, but given the sensitivity of the medical data, I think Kenneth is keeping it close to the vest."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. And then lastly, it's not exactly related to this. And maybe it was said earlier, but I don't think it was. I think maybe it had been noted in a prior meeting. I know there was some discussion that we were at some point in time going to go do vaccinations at the jail. Is that occurred yet?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "I believe that effort has begun, Alton. We can get you a summary report on the progress of our vaccination effort at the jail."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right. Thanks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chair. And I apologize because I meant to bring this up to the County Manager, Dick, but unfortunately I forgot. My staff did receive -- my office did receive a couple of employee concerns with the glitching when they went to put in for the incentive. So I don't know if that could be throwing the numbers off, but it is definitely something you may want to look in to. They would say upon one or two tries, it would still be at the screen as though they hadn't put in their e-mail address and employee ID number. And so, they didn't know if it actually took or not. And so, I meant to -- I apologize, Dick. I meant to bring that to your attention, but I just wanted to let you know just in case because you never know."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Thank you Commissioner Rahman. We'll ask Glen Melendez, our CIO, and Ken Hermon to take a look at that and make sure that it's working smoothly."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner. Madam COO, continue."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "That's it for my section, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to hand it over to the CFO at this point."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Madam CFO, you have the floor."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer. We do have our standing report for you today on our Emergency Response Reserve updates, and our Recovery Funds Plan. Next slide, please. Next slide. Commissioners, as of April 30th, with regard to the Emergency Response Reserve that we set aside in the General Fund, we have committed 38.9 of the 45.7 million, leaving 6.8 being un-obligated. And 6.9 has actually been paid out year to date. Most of the payments still are related to the receipt of goods and services that we had ordered in 2020 that were provided in 2021, and paid for in 2021. And then it's rounded out with expenditures across the board in every other category. Next slide, please. Yes, thank you. With regard to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, ERAP 1: We have through April 30th expended a total of 900,600 of that for rental assistance, 400 in utility cost, and 300,000 in administrative cost. And so we still have 17.1 remaining. 14.6 of that is in the rental assistance. A little under a million dollars remaining in utility assistance to expend. And the 1.5 remaining in our admin cost. Next slide, please. We did -- today want to represent this information to the Board in advance of the Mayors meeting that scheduled for later this week to remind the Board of the total amount of fiscal recovery funds that will be coming as direct payment to the County as well as payment to the cities within the County. As you all know, the County is estimated to receive 206.3 million in the Local Fiscal Recovery

Funds, while our cities -- our 15 cities are estimated to receive 331.7 million. So that's a total of \$538 million infusion into the County that will be available to expend over the next four years. Next slide, please. This next slide, again is the details of the estimated allocations for the County as well as each of the cities. You can see the County is listed there for the 206 million, the three cities that are identified as entitlements cities: Atlanta, Roswell, and Sandy Springs are in line to receive around 207 million between the three of them. And then the remainder of the cities are estimated to receive an \$124 million for the total of 538. Next slide, please. Again, we shared this concept with the Board back in March that the recommendations that we would bring forward would be focused more on the countywide type activities that the County already has some responsibility for, while allowing our municipal partners the opportunity to focus on specifically unique community needs that they may have within their jurisdictions. Next slide, please. We did want to just re-summarize for the Board the recommendations that we have presented to you previously; not really planning to spend a lot of time on these today, but just to remind the Board that we had recommended a response around these three primary areas: Our health response; 71 million to be able to provide for vaccination support including the funding that will be needed to support the MBS mega site, prior to receiving reimbursement from FEMA. As well as a communication program and then setting aside some funds to be able to really improve our basic health infrastructure, primarily in the behavioral health area in that particular sense. In the operational stability area, we had recommended a hundred and 31.5 million to support activities related to the pandemic proofing our County facilities; a premium pay program for employees, a significant court back-log project, as well as some additional information technology investments to continue our ability to support both virtual programming, and our continuing support of employees who are still working remotely. And also -- all of the purchases and everything that we carry forward from 2020. And then in the community needs category we had recommended 68.5 million to cover rental assistance, our safety net services, mortgage assistance program, a long-term revolving loan program, as well as an artist's grant, and a small business grant funding to address food insecurity, funding to address adult job-training, and then funding to address a youth job training -- youth summer job training program. And then lastly, we had identified about 68 million in contingency that we would hold primarily in order to ensure that the funds that we expend on vaccination support, and anything specifically related to the direct health response associated with the pandemic that we would be seeking reimbursement from FEMA on. That we would have that contingency in place to cover those costs in the event that the FEMA reimbursement does not actually materialize. Next slide, please. This next slide is provided specifically to address premium pay. We did receive some communication from outside counsel around the recommendation that we had initially presented for premium pay. And based on the guidance that we received from outside counsel, which I believe the County Attorney shared with the Board, we are recommending that we hold, at the moment, the premium pay plan recommendation until we see the actual Treasury guidance to ensure that what we recommend and the manner in which we recommend it will pass the Treasury guidance test. We did include on this slide what the basic criteria are: The Fiscal Recovery Plan section of the American Rescue Plan legislation does provide for premium pay for

eligible workers. It does allow for an amount up to \$13 per hour, and not to exceed 25,000 for any single worker. It allows for eligible workers to be designated by the Chief Executive Officer, and they can be defined as employees who are necessary for continuity of operations or to support essential infrastructure. Again, as of this morning, the Treasury had not released specific guidance for the use of the local Fiscal Recovery Funds. And so, we are really recommending we pause on anything formal around premium pay until we receive that official guidance, and can make sure that ultimately what we do decide passes the Treasury requirements. Next slides. Next slide, please. Excuse me. This next slide is again our next steps. These are very similar to what we're presented at the last two meetings. And of course we will continue our response effort within the resources that we have available in our emergency expense reserve fund while we await receipt of federal -- further federal funds, and also confirmation on our FEMA reimbursement requests. And then we also plan to validate our use case recommendations against the Treasury guidance when it's received. And also allow for outside counsel review of those recommendations. They have been forward to outside counsel and they are already looking at them. And then these last steps are the same as what we presented at the last meeting. We'll continue to make sure that we're ready to execute with our nonprofit, and other partners when the funds are received. Continue to build out any operational plans for major programs. Develop the programs parameters around the grant summary programs. And as Mr. Kallmyer mentioned during his comments, we'll continue our work with AFCEMA, FEMA, and GEMA on our FEMA reimbursement application process to ensure that we are able to receive reimbursement for the funds that we're expending in support of vaccination program. And then we'll continue to update the Board at each meeting as we move forward on the use of all of these funds. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I'm ready for any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Madam COO -- strike that -- CFO. Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Hausmann, Commissioner Ellis, Commissioner Adbur-Rahman. Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Actually, you'll have to come back to me. I forgot my question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Okay. Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I can appreciate that. Okay. So we had a really good meeting with the Mayors on the agenda prep, in preparation for our meeting on Friday, last week. And a couple of the items that you've gone over were asked to be on the agenda of course. And one of them was the rental assistance program. So if you could go back to that slide, I think we need to provide an explanation as to how we're at this point with 18 million to spend, and only 17.1 having gone out the door. I think that's relevant to our discussions with them on Friday."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, ma'am, Anna."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Thank you. That was my question, thank you."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "You're welcome."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "I think it's, okay, for me to admit this: That we are -- we're all surprised -- it is the next slide. I think we were all surprised in implementing this process at what it took for our constituents to reach completion, in terms of uploading the information required by Treasury to have a complete application that could be funded. I think most of the delay could be explained by that. It's the case management work that it's taken to get people to fully complete their applications. I think also contributing to that is the fact that we don't have enough staff on board to help us adjudicate those applications. And so, we have solved for that in that we have engaged a company to provide a hundred additional adjudicators. That company is now fully on board, and we expect our adjudications to double if not triple in the next coming weeks. And so, I think that we are aware that these numbers are slow, but we have solved for the adjudication process. Many more of the applications are now farther along because we've case managed them. And the only thing I'd like to say in conclusion is that this issue of adjudication and completion of applications is not unique to Fulton County. I have been in almost daily conversations with the State. They're having the same issues, and we have a biweekly regional call with all of the direct recipients of ERAP for the State. And they are all experiencing the exact same thing. I think one of the things that we can be proud of as a County is that we were literally first out the door in terms of making the funds available for applications to come in for. And so we're slightly ahead of our partners I'd say in implementing our process. So that was a very long answer to your question Commissioner Hausmann, but I hope I have given a full appreciation for everything that has gone into it. Why the delay is caused and that we have a plan to address it. And all of that will be discussed with the Mayors."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. Great. I agree. I've read multiple articles also about things happening in other parts of the country, and the issues with complying with the reqs which is what you're talking about another areas also. So as far as we know at this point any new money we get in addition to this the requirements are going to be similar?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "The requirements will be similar. In fact, we've gotten new word that they are not going to make ERAP 2 available until you expend ERAP 1; is that not right, Sharon? Yeah, and so we are -- we understand the importance of doubling down on adjudication efforts to get our payments out the door because that is sort of the gateway to receiving our second tranche of funding as well."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "and then one more question on this particular topic. So you've brought on a new group to assist, and you're working through it. Do you have an estimate of say in the next two weeks how much more money might actually go to the intended recipient's?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "We started to do that calculation based on our discussions with the firm. Let me pull a memo together and circulate it with the Board. I'm not comfortable sharing what we came up with just yet."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "If you can do that by Friday that would be very helpful to our discussions. All right. Thank you. And then we also really had a great discussion, preliminary of course, on the fact that we are getting, you know all, over \$500 million countywide. I don't know the number right now. It is 538 countywide. And how we can make sure that we cover the needs, you know, we don't duplicate some that the cities will do, and we don't omit some that they may not do. So the cities were very -- their Mayors representatives of the cities, were very open to having that conversation, so that's part of what they want to talk about Friday. And to prepare for that they did ask for us to send them in advanced these three areas that we've already identified. So Madam Clerk, if you could please make sure that gets out to them, so that they can look at it. But I think we'll have a very robust conversation on Friday. But there are things -- like they can't do anything with the court backlog; we know that, right? In those other things that we know we do on a daily basis with our safety net programs it doesn't make much sense for them to take those over. But they may be better at servicing small businesses in their cities. I mean, there are things that naturally they probably can do more efficiently then we can. So I think that we cannot make the mistakes we made in the first go-round. And on the front end of this one start off with open dialogue, and a plan in place of how we are going to address all the needs that are out there with the resources we have to maximize that. So if we could get them what we preliminary laid out, I think that'll be a great basis to start that conversation."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yeah, I mean I think we're looking forward to that conversation. We wanted to review this step with the Board before providing it to the Mayors, which is why you see that we went through it today, and we plan on providing it to the Clerk to send to them."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Great. Thank you, very much."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yes, ma'am."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Morris, you ready?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah. My memories been restored. Thank you. Yeah, I was struck by how little we've expended. I mean, this need has just been out there, and these folks are struggling with the eviction notices, and utilities that want to cut them off and everything else, and we just can't get that money out there. I'm involved in a little bit -- it's just a treasurer who wrote a check from a nonprofit, and of course, they don't have the government red tape and they're getting the money out to folks right away and to the landlords right away. And I hope that we can really speed that up. And in that connection, really this was going to be my point: If we've learned anything here through the rental assistance program if indeed we're going to do mortgage assistance with

some of this money, maybe we've learned a little bit from this about how to speed that up because that one may be even more costly to folks. I don't know that there are eviction moratoria -- that mortgage foreclosure moratoria like there are eviction moratoria. So if we can speed that mortgage assistance up, if we've learned anything from this that would be terrific, too. Thanks."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "It will be. What we know about mortgage assistant that's going to come from the federal government at this point, Commissioner Morris is that it's going to go to the State. And so we're really looking forward to getting more information about how the State plans to administer that program, whether it will sub-grant to counties for us to administer, or whether they will directly administer. So we're looking forward to that information as well. And we're also looking forward to implement learnings from rental assistance if we're going to run that program."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Are you suggesting that the money we received is not going to be used at all for mortgage assistance? I thought in some of the preliminary looks we were going to do that?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "I think we did earmark some, but before moving forward with our program, we were waiting to see how the State would administer the funding that it received, which will be significantly more than I think \$10 million that we had preliminarily set aside."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Thank you."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, thank you. So we have not actually received any funds yet; is that correct?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Sort of in the envelope of kind of expenditures, are we more fronting this from a cash flow standpoint at the moment?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The emergency rental assistance funds we actually have received those funds --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- we have those funds?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "-- yes. And as a matter of fact today we did, on the emergency rental assistance, we did receive the application for the ERAP 2, although we won't receive those funds until we fully expended what is already been provided. So we do have this 18 million in hand."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: " For that? Right. What about the other stuff? Are we basically, right now, are we generally fronting on the other stuff?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes. We are providing the resources for everything else that's being done at this point out of that 45 million that we set aside at the beginning."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So essentially we're using the General Fund at the moment to borrow from?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, until we receive the fiscal recovery --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- so I just want to make that point. We don't actually have these funds in hand at the moment. We're utilizing our own in seeking reimbursement. The -- can you go back to that municipal allocation slide again. And I just want -- may be it's right, but I just think it might be worth double checking, particularly before we get to our meeting on Friday. Another one that had --"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "-- go forward one more. One more. You want that by city?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Go back one. There you go."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "It just -- the numbers for Roswell and Sandy Springs relative to their population? It just doesn't look right to me. Anyway. Maybe their right, but it's sort of counter intuitive that the two of them would be getting a third less sometimes, or less than half than what cities of a smaller size would. So I don't know if that's worth going and just go back and verifying."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "These estimates were taken from, I believe the NACO website. And I believe we also got a different correspondence from GFOA that showed where these estimates came from."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Anyway. Well, it just don't make a whole lot of sense. I don't know. You may want to verify with those cities that's what they're actually receiving. That's enough on that. On, I guess, going back to this ERAP department stuff -- the rental stuff; how much of this -- I mean, if you had to sort of weigh a percentage of this is the requirements versus our staff? And I don't mean to put you on the spot on this but I think it's a frustrating point."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "I think it's both. I don't know if it's 50/50, or our staff capacity versus the completeness of applications, but certainly we found that we are struggling with both."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So can you give us a sense of like of the requirements. So this is like -- just so people understand it, right? This is not like I'm so-and-so, I live in such and such. I got six months of rent that's due because, you know, I was laid off in such and such, right? I mean, just because you just can't say, I've got a need and I lost my job, right? It's much more extensive than that. So can you give people sort of a sense of kind of what this process looks like, and what the federal requirements are?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yeah, I'll ask Dr. Roshell, to come up. But we're seeing -- because she is handling this day-to-day, but we're seeing things like: my lease is not in my actual name, or it's in, you know, it's in somebody else's name; and we have to work through situations like that. But I'll let Dr. Roshell, talk about the specifics of what she's seen in terms of challenges."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: "Thank you, Anna. So, Commissioner Ellis, to your question, one of the main requirements, of course, is a lease. The things that we see is that the lease is not signed; the lease is not current; a lease was not ever uploaded for income, which is a real barrier. Piecing together their income depending on the type of job that they had getting at their attestations, if they, for example: if they work for cash only. Did not have checks we have to follow all the protocols for attestations for all of those pieces. If there are other adults in the house, that make up the income, it's not just the applicant. So if anyone over 18, we have to have all of the income in the home for everyone. We have to go through that same process of piecing together every name on the lease. We have to have employment, or other documentation to support income for every single name on the lease. What we also find is that the names on the lease don't match the names that the applicant put in the application portal. We have to then go back and work through that. We also are required to get all of the documentation for utilities. If it's arrears, we need proof that no other payments were made, we need all of the current proof of utilities, the utilities need to be in the name of the applicant, which is also a challenge in some cases. So those are some of the issues that we've seen. We have had issues where applicants upload blank piece of paper just to get through the submission. And so when we get to their application, there's actually no documentation in the application. But the team has really tried to work through all of this with the tenants. And then on the landlord side, surprisingly, we have landlords who for other reasons don't want to comply with the process. They have had other challenges with the tenant, and they simply want the eviction process to ride out. They've refused our funds which they can do. In those cases we do offer alternatives for that tenant to try to rehouse them elsewhere. We also have landlords that the tenant thought they knew their e-mail address, we find out that

it's wrong. We then have to try to go back in and connect that landlord, so that they can provide their corroborating information regarding that tenant's status. And so, those are some of the challenges that the case managers have been facing in really wanting to make sure that according to the now three rounds of Treasury guidance that we've received for this program that we're following each of those components because some of those components tie back to the quarterly reports."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Has there been either or I know you said we've been in conversations, Ms. Roach, you've been in conversation with other folks who, you know, doing these programs, and they've experienced similar issues. Is there been any discussion about highlighting some of these things that -- I mean, some of these maybe very legitimate requirements, but things that are really more just obstacles to getting this stuff processed and highlighting that to the feds. Are you sharing that information?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "You know that has not been a part of our conversations, Commissioner Ellis, but it is an interesting point that I can raise on our next regional call. Because if we all sharing the same challenges, perhaps a joint correspondence to the feds about the challenges would be helpful."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "And on the -- I guess, on the landlord, I guess it's an important point too is for this process to work, you know, it's basically a three-party process, right? It's us as the administrator, and the landlord, and the tenant. If we had any -- and I guess, on this, too this is more of an ask as well -- and I ask on the landlord side particularly with, you know, may be some of these trade associations like the Atlanta Apartment Association or something like that, you know, some feedback from them, and anything that they can do to encourage their members to help us, you know, collectively, you know, kind of get through this process. I know that's not capturing all of the folks who are going to be applying, but seems like it would be a decent overlap. So we anticipate on a mortgage front that there will be a State program? That's the anticipation right now?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "We're not sure how this is going to administer. We do know that they will be receiving the funds."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "The State will be receiving the funds?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "We're not sure how they're administered? We're not sure about what the requirements are."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Very likely that they may have requirements that are some of the things which we're talking about right now, right? Okay. So I think that's very

important part of this whole process is that people here these funds are out there, oh they should be able to get out the door, but you know, we do have some part, you know, part of the process in terms of the way we're adjudicating them, but a big part of this is there are, you know, significant requirements that have to be met in order for you to receive the funds?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I think that's important for citizens to understand. I want to ask about the compensation slide that was outlined here on the premium pay, and maybe it's a question for County Attorney. I guess, as I read this as the Act is written right now, and based upon, I guess, the reading of some advice we got from some outside counsel on this; let's say we wanted to have just a lump sum payment to all employees -- a subset of employees or whatever. As it's written right now that would not be permissible under the Act? Is that a fair statement?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "That is a fair statement."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So it looks like, and you know, in reading the advice that we have received that premium pay piece would have to be from some set of eligible employees, which would be defined somehow, right? Some essential workers of some sort?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So that would be the eligible group up to \$13 per hour for work performed going forward -- performed as opposed to not going backwards performed. Okay. So that's the piece from a compensation standpoint that would be eligible. 13 bucks per hour for work performed for essential workers recognizing that there're still not quite clear guidance as to what essential workers might be under this; is that fair?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "That's correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "But recognizing that ultimately the Treasury might [Inaudible. Speaker is not on a microphone.]"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam County Attorney, is your microphone on? Madam County Attorney, I think it there can be only four opened at a time. I think I heard that correctly."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, come on up."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is that right? Only four open at a time. Mines is always on, so that means three."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, as currently written."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "But recognizing that the guidance from Treasury could be more liberal than the actual language."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. Right. So we're in a generally a holding pattern in terms of how do you would quantify and qualify what would a pay -- any sort of pay might look like?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Correct. If you want to use American Rescue Plan funds."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. All right. And last, one of the things I want to highlight in this is, you know, in particular because it's a point of frustration with CARES, I think we did a very good job of mobilizing getting CARES Act money out quicker in some regards partly because there were not as many requirements in some of these things as what we see in this. But there are -- and we all want to see business relief, right? And I asked this before, and I don't think anything has been sent out at least or publicized on our sites and so for -- I'm not sure if Select Fulton put something out or not. I didn't see it. But I do think it's important for -- to put something out there and make a big deal about it for all of the businesses in our communities, right? So, there are three programs that are open up right now, there were, I think 7.25 billion dollars' worth of PPP money, which was outstanding. And the deadline for that was recently extended to May 31st as I understand it. So there are funds still out there, eventually, I guess, maybe they could continue to extend them, they extended this I believe from the end of March to the end of May. So there are funds there. I think it's important that we get that information out. More significantly, I believe this week this restaurant revitalization fund is which in restaurant terms is -- it's much more broad than that, you know, in terms of what qualifies. That's now open. That's got \$28.6 billion in that program. And I think in the first three or four weeks of that it is only open to certain types of businesses. I was reading from their site during this period yesterday will find applications where the applicant has self-certified that it meets the eligibility requirements for a small business owned by women, veterans, or socially and economically disadvantages individuals. And it has examples of that below in their guidance. So that programs out and is open, you know, right now. And I think that's particularly important that we get that publicized throughout our business communities because that is going to be the quickest source of funds that they can see. And I believe, most of those are in a in a grant format so to speak. And then lastly, information on these EIDL grants, I think that was opened up -- an additional 15 billion was opened up on that on April 6th. So there is significant amounts of funds which are

accessible. If there ways in which we can help sort of publicized that, and make that known throughout our business communities, and/or, you know, through Select Fulton, or others help provide any assistance in those regards for seeking those funds, I think that is a critical service that we can play for our small business community. So those were the remarks I had. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman followed by Vice Chair Hall."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chair. My first question would be to Sharon: Between the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan, which one was the most restrictive or is the most restrictive?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Without receiving the full guidance from Treasury, I am not sure that I can answer that just yet."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "As of today."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "As of today, without receiving any additional guidance -- well, let me rephrase that. Let me rephrase it so you can answer it correctly. The CARES Act required you to go by what guide lines and offered what flexibility did it offer you, or the County Manager, or as far as the implementation of the funds, and what was to be done with the funds, and the set of rules were. The CARES Act, was it restrictive in that respect?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The way the CARES Act was rolled out, Commissioner they provided you like three broad reasons that you could use the funds for. And then Treasury released an FAQ that answered very specific questions. And so the restrictions came from the combination of those two things. The American Rescue Plan is similarly structured in that it has delineated three or four broad uses of the funds, and we have been advised that there will be guidance released from Treasury that will provide more specifics around allowable -- allowable uses of the funds."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Let me ask you this: So the CARES Act would you be -- would I be correct in my assessment of the CARES Act was more restrictive? It did give you all lead way for certain things. You had to go by a strict set of rules in order for the CARES Act funding?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The CARES Act was restrictive in the sense that it had to be related to responding to the pandemic, to the COVID-19 pandemic. And it did define essential like -- emergency essential type services."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "And is that the same with the Rescue -- with the Rescue plan -- the American Rescue?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The Rescue funds are structured to allow local governments to use the funds to respond to the continued -- continue to respond to the pandemic. It does have some specific things that you cannot use the funds for like for example: There is a section in there that talks specifically about premium pay. There is a section in there that talks about local governments being able to use the funds to support economic development, you know, assistance to businesses and things like that. But it's still in a broad sense. It's not -- it's not detailed. We can't use the funds to reduce taxes. So we can't take the money and use it as revenue to reduce taxes. The guidance is expected to sort of give you the more granular level of allowability around how you intend to use your funds."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Sharon, you may just comment on how it's changed over time last year."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "So the CARES Act guidance it continued to evolve as organizations began to make their plans, and spend their funds, and report back to Treasury on the use and ask questions then Treasury, you know, began to provide answers. And it was very narrow, and then through continued conversation with Treasury, eventually, they broaden it somewhat to where it allowed for use in areas like public safety; even if public safety the individuals were not specifically assigned to testing location, or guarding a quarantine center, or something like that. So it started out with these three broad categories then Treasury released some guidance that really narrowed it and, you know, it was very specific in the guidance. And then over the course of time, they continued to refine that guidance, and it did open up a little bit at the end of 2020, including an extension on the period of time that you had to spend the money."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Let me ask you this. So my understanding would be that it would've been the CARES Act was more narrow or restrictive. It gave you more specification as to what was eligible and what wasn't eligible? I want to make sure I'm understanding correctly what you're saying."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I guess the best way to answer that is that that specificity evolved over time. Again, the CARES Act just like the American Rescue Plan, you know, had three -- if I remember correctly -- there were like three specific stated reasons that you could use the funds. And there was some room for interpreting what those meant, which is really what the Treasury guidelines provided was the interpretation of what each of those meant. I think when you read the American Rescue Act because a portion of these funds are focused on recovery. And the section of the Act that local governments are receiving their funds is entitled the Fiscal Local

Government Fiscal Recovery section. So there's still broad in the sense that you know they're not listing out every single possible thing that a city or a state, or county, or travel unit of government can come up with to spend the resources. But they're giving you very broad categories."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "So when you said broad categories. You're talking about the American Rescue Plan?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, broad categories in that it says you can provide assistance to businesses, right? But it doesn't then define whether or not that business had to have had a loss of income; had to have had, you know, been closed for any period of time. It doesn't define the amount of the resource, it doesn't define whether that resource can be in the form of a loan, or it should be in the form of a loan or a grant. All of those clarifications are really expected to come through the guidance that Treasury would provide."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Let me ask you this. Was outside legal guidance sought for the CARES Act?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, ma'am?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. My final question to you would be this: Have you seen my Resolution?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, ma'am, I was reviewing it this morning."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Let me ask you this: The Resolution that I have put forth in the priority areas is it in anyway violating the American Rescue Plan Act, so long as we abide by the Act and any guidelines from Treasury or other federal agencies?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "As long as we adhere to the guidelines, I wouldn't say that it is outside of the -- well, the caveat is -- well, that's why I say, as long as -- if the caveat is as long as it complies with the Treasury guidance, then as far as the recommendation for a mortgage assistance program, a youth job training program, for a small business grant program, for employee premium pay, for a arts grant program. I wouldn't say that those in and of themselves are in direct violation of what the Rescue Plan has set forth. I think, what we would have to do is to make sure that as you have detailed them that the details comply with the guidance that's provided by Treasury. Specifically, you know, where in cases like the premium pay program, where your recommendation has been a lump sum payment, and we may find that that is not allowable manner in which to provide a premium pay program. But the provision of a premium pay program in and of itself is not a violation; does that make sense?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "That answers. Just one final question. So on that note, if you're looking at my Resolution, the ultimate guidelines coming from the Treasury Department would be at the -- it would be the County Manager's decision as far as compliance. If he saw that it was not in compliance, then he would have the final say so to say, now, looking at my Resolution because it has to be in guidelines not only with the Treasury, but with what the County Manager in his duties to follow the guidelines of the Treasury and of the legislation."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Let me step in here for a moment. Ms. Whitmore and Commissioner, if y'all don't mind, can we put a pin on that until we get to the Resolution in the interest of time?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, that's fine. No problem."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anything else, Commissioner, at this time?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "No. That's fine, Chair. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair Hall followed by Commissioner Hausmann, you want to be heard again. All right. Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman for your questions. That moves me to ask for a report or a list of the restrictions, the funding uses that are allowable. I would like that to be worked on by our County Attorney, our County Manager, and CFO, and County Executives as necessary. It needs to include if we have any restrictions as far as spending in the cities inside of Fulton County. And I think that covers it all. I want to go back because the Sheriff would like for me to answer a question that was asked earlier about the number of vaccinated inmates. And he said that there are at over 600 inmates vaccinated to date. They're currently using an opt in model, which means that inmates are asked if they want to be vaccinated, and they can say, yes, to opt in. But they are going to move to utilizing an opt out model where inmates who are arriving at the jail will automatically be vaccinated unless they say, no. That they don't want it. So that is the report on that. And my question is: I was looking through this portion of the presentation, and I did not see where we addressed the money that we needed to complete the contract for services program grants. Remember we were to take a portion of the American Rescue Plan funding, and utilize it to go ahead and completely cover those nonprofit organizations that did score adequately enough to receive funding, but we ran out. It was depleted before we could do so. I didn't see that in here. But I did see on page -- there's no page number on there. But it is the last page before the question page where there's a bullet point that says, prepared to execute with nonprofit and other partners as soon as funds are made available. So, I guess, I need an explanation on that. And is the other portion covered in that?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Vice Chair, on the use case recommendation slide under community needs the second bullet down safety net services, that is the funding for the balance of the community service program this year?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. Great. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's it, Vice Chair?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes, that's it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Hausmann one more."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes. And just for the public's clarification: The rental assistance program that we received, that was separate from the CARES, and the Rescue plan; is that correct?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. But we're basing our projections on what we can do in the future on the regs from the current rental assistance program? Or we're presuming that the regs would be similar?"

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

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay. So the idea that Commissioner Ellis gave about conveying the concerns, and the issues, and the problems we're having with getting those funds to where they are needed, I think, is extremely important. So I encourage you to do that, so that when we do get this next round of funding we can get it to those that need it. I mean, to me it's really frustrating to see those numbers. You know, and we know that they are folks out there that really need that assistance. Hopefully, they're starting to get back to work, and things like that, but they've got a big, big hole to fill. So, you know, anything that we can do to streamline the next round of funding that we get, I think, would be a benefit. And then I don't know if it was mentioned before, but there's also a bucket of money to support arts programming. I think it's a 135 million or something like that. So I would hope that as we're trying to advertise these outside programs that we're not managing that we would also get that one out there to the arts community, so they can take advantage of it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any other comments or questions at this time? All right. Madame COO."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Mr. Chairman that concludes our COVID update. We can move on to the other items on the agenda at your pleasure."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. It's a little after 1. I would recommend that we recess for lunch and Executive Session we have a couple of items of real estate, personnel, and litigation."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So moved."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Oh, I'm sorry. During the public comment -- this want take but a minute -- public comment section Ben Howard, the senior advocate was cut off, and he'd liked his statement read into the record. Can we do that quickly? Is he ready? Is he ready?"

DARREN SMITH, IT: "Yes. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Greetings Commissioners. Greetings Commissioners. And greeting also to the citizens and voters of Fulton County who are monitoring your County government in action this election year. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate, Public Policy Analyst. I urge you to use your influence to encourage the Fulton County Board of Registration and Election's to come out and boldly against the big lie. Not one voter should stay at home this November or next thinking that their vote might not or might be stolen. Events for Older Americans Month are being planned without the participation of the Commissioner on Elder Affairs and organization like the Council on Aging. For their sake senior citizens in Fulton County both of these organizations need to be fully functional. It is my belief if there are meetings are properly publicized in accordance with Georgia Open Meetings Act, more senior citizens and friends of senior citizens would join in participation. May you continue to have a blessed day. Yours truly, Ben Howard. That so ends the reading of public comments for, Mr. Howard."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Now on the motion to recess for lunch and Executive Session. Cast your votes, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Probably, around 1:45 we should resume regular order of business. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll entertain a motion to resume the regular order of business without objection. All right, Madam County Attorney, you ready with the Items from Executive Session?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, Chairman. Is there a motion to approve the request for representation that were identified in Items 1 and 2 on the Executive Session Agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Next item.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Is there a motion to approve the request for settlement authority set forth in Item three on the Executive Session Agenda?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Is there a motion?”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “I’ll move approval.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the motion passes unanimously.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “I have nothing further.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Nothing further?”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “No.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. Now back to the regular agenda. Madam Clerk.”

CLERK GRIER: “On the bottom of page 4, **21-0327**, Purchasing and Contract Compliance. Request ratification of Countywide Emergency Procurements.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “I’ll move approval; but the machine doesn’t have it open for me to do that.”

CLERK GRIER: “Okay, one moment; we’ve gotta go backup. And the vote is open.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Just a minute. Just a minute. We were doing okay technically, right? We were doing, okay, this morning. So, let’s – so we have a motion to approve, and we have at least one speaker, Vice Chair Hall.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “No, it was actually myself and Commissioner Hausmann in the queue to speak.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. I only have you.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “But when our Clerk changed the system, it wiped us out.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. Now, I have Vice Chair Hall and Commissioner Hausmann.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: "All right. There we go. If you can turn to -- there's no page number. But at the top of the page, it says Fulton County Emergency Procurement 4/9/2021 to 4/26/2021. And there is an Item on here that says reimbursement of overtime payment for city of Alpharetta officers providing traffic safety and security services at North Fulton COVID-19 testing sites and I have two questions on this. Did we have any officers providing any overtime anywhere else like at South Fulton, or the Mercedes-Benz site, or any other sites? Did we not have officers providing any overtime there?"

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "[Microphone was muted.]"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Turn the mic on, Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "No, ma'am, we did not. And this was an agreement that we entered into with them back sometime last year for traffic control and security for that site. So, they actually provide 24 by seven."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Great. Okay. I just want to make sure that we weren't leaving anyone out."

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "And then on the back of that same page, there's an Item called Mercedes-Benz Stadium Mass Vaccination Site Use Agreement. Two questions on this; It was said that FEMA was covering this until around the 2nd week of May; are they not covering this cost?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "No, ma'am. So, the way that -- well, yes and no, we have to expend the funds first and then we file with FEMA for reimbursement. So that's what this represents is the expensing of those funds until the reimbursement occurs."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay. And it simply says COVID-19 in the source. Is that CARES Act funding that you're referring to?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Which one?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "You know the column that says source of funding, it's supposed to be the source of funding it says COVID-19 and I was wondering if that was CARES Act funding. Oh, it should say FEMA? Okay, so can we be a little bit more careful about indicating where the source of funding is coming from especially since we're now moving toward the American rescue plan funding."

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “Yes, Commissioner, I will make sure.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you, we appreciate it.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Thank you Vice Chair. Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yes. Following up on the MBS Item, is that a hundred percent reimbursement? Is that what we should expect.?”

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: “Yes, ma'am.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay, no further comments. Let's vote please. Motion is to approve. Madam Clerk.”

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Continue.”

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0246**, Real Estate and Asset Management –”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Is your mic on?”

CLERK GRIER: “Yes, 21-0246, Real Estate and Asset Management, request approval of a resolution approving a ground lease agreement between Fulton County and Brakkam Aviation Management LLC.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “It removed, it said Commissioner Ellis made the motion and I seconded it.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “The motion is to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded --”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “No, no; it was originally Commissioner Ellis moved approval and I seconded it in the system. We didn't say anything, but on the screen, it says that Commissioner Khadijah Abdur. It's up there, but it's not down here on the screen on our desk.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. So, we were doing great this morning, so what's going on now?”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Mr. Chair, it actually shows twice on my screen. It shows the original and then -- then it shows the second one which is different.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah. First one shows a motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Hall; and the second one to approve by Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. So now where are we? Let's start over. All right, is there a motion? All right motion to approve by Commissioner Ellis seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Any comments Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Is there going to be any presentation or should I just ask a question?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "There is no presentation."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I just wanted to confirm, it's a forty-year ground lease and they have five years to construct something on the property or it goes away; is that correct?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: "That is correct Madam Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "All right. Thank you. That's all I needed."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right cast your votes, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion passes unanimously, six yeas, zero nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 5, **21-0329**, Human Resource Management. Request approval to extend existing contracts to provide Comprehensive FMLA administrative services for 120 Additional Calendar Days."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Move approval."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, motion is to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Questions or comments; hearing none, cast your votes."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0330**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to rescind an award to furnish all materials, parts, labor, and tools to provide standby onsite commercial appliance prevention maintenance."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Move approval."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Vice Chair Hall. Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Questions, comments hearing none --”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Just want —”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Yes, this of course is to rescind an award; where are we with replacing? We’re re-soliciting so what happens in the meantime if there's a need?”

ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: “Commissioner Joe Davis can answer that. [Inaudible.]”

JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: “So we have a few mechanisms available to us to be able to provide that level of service to you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Excuse me sir, may I ask y’all when you’re speaking to lower your mask, when you’re speaking; it’s not really clear.”

JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM: “I’m terribly, sorry. We have a couple of mechanisms at our disposal to be able to provide those services to the various County facilities. One being the simple issuance of requisitions for the basic repairs that are under \$2499. The other is to go to one of our standby construction and repair service contractors to accomplish that work. Is not ideal, but it allows us to continue provisional service.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Anyone else? If not, cast your vote. The motion is to approve.”

CLERK GRIER: “The vote is open. And the motion passes unanimously.”

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0331**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval to extend existing contracts to provide continued standby emergency repair and restoration services for an additional two month period.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hausmann; and seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Any questions or comments? Cast your votes, please.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0332**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of a recommended proposal to provide renovation of the building automation system

upgrades air handling at the Fulton County Judge Romey T. Powell Juvenile Justice Center.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Move approval.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Hausmann. Any questions, comments? Hearing none, cast your vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “On Page 6, --”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “I voted in that and I don't know why it didn't show up. I voted yes.”

CLERK GRIER: “Okay. So, noted. Passes unanimously.”

CLERK GRIER: “On page 6, under Health and Human Services, **21-0333** Public Works. Request approval of a change order for an extension of time only to provide construction services associated with the permanent bridge structures located within the Cherokee Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Second.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Vice Chair Hall. Commissioner Hausmann would like to be heard.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Just for the benefit of the public, a brief explanation for the reason for this extension.”

TERRY PETERS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: “Good afternoon Chair. Good afternoon Commission. My name is Terry Peters, Deputy Director of Public Works. The reason for the extension at this time is to actually put the construction of the bridges in place. It is part of the National Park Service special use permit and some right-of-way agreements that were previously approved. The National Park Service has done a good job of working with us and allowing us to get in these areas so that the substantial completion of the pump station and the associated forced main will be reached with no issue according to the contract. But these bridges now which are part of the overall project that is what we're looking for the 119-day extension which would take place from today onto September 1st.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So, it's not a material disruption of some sort due to COVID.”

TERRY PETERS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: “No, ma'am. It was really just making sure that we had in place all the materials associated with the bridges, but as far as the pump station and the force main, those are in place for the most part and we're looking to conduct testing in the near future.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “All right. Thank you very much.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Anyone else? If not, the motion is to approve. Cast your vote.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0334**, Community Development. Request approval of a Resolution approving the orderly closeout of the Fulton County Business Improvement Loan Program.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Is there a motion?”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Move approval with discussion.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Motion is to approve by Vice Chair Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Vice Chair Hall would like to be heard.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. If you turn to the back page 2 of 3, the second paragraph it says the Department continues to have a reoccurring audit finding related to the administration of the defunct business improvement loan program -- the loan servicing system, loan management software that has been historically used to track the loans went out of business in 2018 and with the exception of six of the businesses who received loans from the County all have been dissolved by the Secretary of State. Of the remaining six active businesses, approximately \$191,000 in funding is unallocated. And then there is a lot more in here about how we've been audited with these programs, and so, my first question is did Fulton County collect on these loans before the businesses were dissolved?”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: “Pamela Roshell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer. To my knowledge, there were 37 loans totaling \$1.6 million that were originally lend through the Department of Economic Development and a Cooperative Agreement with an entity called the Economic Development Corporation which has also since gone out of business. During that time according to my records there was little to no collection on those loans. The 23 loans that have now dissolved. Since that time, we have six loans that paid in full. We have six loans that are active and can continue collections and we have two loans that have offered settlement agreements.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. So, we did not collect on those loans before those businesses were dissolved. Are there any future implications to the County if there’s an audit from the office of the Inspector General? “

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: “So, in consultation with our compliance company Humanele [Phonetic.] and HUD, we talked through how to not continue to have audit findings and the recommendation by Humanele and HUD was to follow the lead of many other counties in the country who needed to close out their business loan programs that were not continuing to collect because of dissolved businesses. So, to that point we do not expect to have any OIG findings we do have all of the records and documentation with the exception of two companies that we do not have a record for. According to my records, the loans were established in 2004, and since that time, no other loans were awarded and the companies that we collected and the companies that have gone out of business we have records of those, and we do as indicated have the six active companies totaling the \$191,000 and the two companies that have offered settlement agreements. So, we have been advised by HUD and our compliance officers with the orderly closeout that there will be no implications for future funding in a negative way for the County.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “So did HUD close this out or did Fulton County close this out because of the audits?”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: “So actually the County did not closeout the program. The original contracting agency that was providing the loans actually has since also dissolved and went out of business. The company that actually handles the loan payments which was a national company has also gone out of business. And so, the reason that Fulton County continued to receive the audit findings is because we didn’t take the steps to actually close the program.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay, so based on the collection based on the fact that we had a defunct program and we took no steps to close it officially. And when did the HUD compliance period end?”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: “I can get you the last audit that reflected the finding of the noncompliance with the closeout. I can provide that for you, ma’am.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. And I have never seen this come up before; so, I’d like to know how many businesses have we literally helped? How much money are we closing out? And historically how much money have we received with the businesses that we’ve helped.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: “It was 37. And I do have that list and I can provide that for you. And the total loan amount was \$1.6 million.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay, thank you. If you could list those businesses that we actually helped, that will be great, thank you.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: “You’re welcome.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Hi Dr. Rochelle.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: “Good morning, good afternoon.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Just really quickly. This is nothing to do with COVID relief funds that we’ve received. This is HUD CDBG money, correct?”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: “Yes, ma'am, that's old money from 2004.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yeah, I just wanted to make sure the public was aware of that.”

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS: “Yes, ma'am. Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. The motion is to approve.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “Under Justice and Safety, **21-0335**, Public Defender. Request approval of the renewal of an MOU with the United Way of Greater Atlanta to support a select group of chronically homeless individuals released from the Fulton County Jail providing transitional housing and case management.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. The motion is to approve by Commissioner Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Vice Chair Hall has a question.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “I just have a question about the success rate of this program. Is there anybody that can -- thank you, Alton.”

ALTON ADAMS, DEPUTY COO, PSS: “Hi Commissioner Hall. I'll find out what the success rate is. As you know we’ve been doing this for a number of years, and the United Way sets aside I think it’s 20 beds or something like that for the individuals as part of the reentry. So let me find out if we track that. And what the success rate might be.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you, I appreciate that.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, the motion is to approve. Cast your votes."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7, **21-0336**. Request approval of a Resolution amending Article 2, Division II Subpart B of the Fulton County Code of Resolutions to amend Subsection 118-50, regarding membership and qualifications of the Board of Directors of the Development Authority of Fulton County and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay now, these are the two with basically competing resolutions - _"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So, let me see here. We have a motion."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I would maybe do a motion to have them heard together. I really would like to hold them. I got an e-mail back from the chair of APS indicating that he's willing to look at any potential changes; I think that we had some feedback from the development authority that was received. They've now had an opportunity to review that and so I really like to hold both of them -- I don't know, I guess we to do that separately; one we have to do something to have them both heard at the same time, and then may be a motion to hold. I think we're almost there. I'd like to see us have consensus on this and make sure that we got everyone on board."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's, for the sake of the conversation, sound the second one."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0337**. Request approval of Resolution amending Article 2, Division II subpart B of the Fulton County Code of Resolutions to amend subsection 118-50 regarding membership and the qualifications of the Board of Directors of the Development Authority of Fulton County and for other purposes, sponsored by Commissioner Morris."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I have a question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have a question?"

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yeah. What's the difference between the two? I'd like to know that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Let's do this. Hold on everybody, let's do this. Commissioner Arrington, you describe yours; Commissioner Morris, you describe yours."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Well, they’re actually both mine. His version is the one that I originally presented two weeks ago. And the second one is the one that has the -- that has input from the development authority, but does not have input from APS yet which is why I would like to hold both of them so that we can make sure that we get input not only from APS, but also from the development authority.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “I’m a little confused because on our Agenda sheet it doesn’t have your name on 337.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “So once I amended it, it had to have a new number and Commissioner Morris took the original language from the original motion without it being amended and use that, so that’s why that one is now sponsored by him. But it is the same version that I presented that I held for the last two meetings. And because I made a change it had to come back with a new number this time.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Okay. But Commissioner Morris you’re not on board with 336? You want to go with 337?”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “My dear colleague – and I have had some fundamental disagreements on this. And his -- my version was introduced by him last time -- two meetings ago only because he asked the County Attorney to draft it before I did. So, I cosponsored it with him because it was exactly what I had wanted to do, he just beat me to the punch getting to the County Attorney because he’s younger and faster than I am.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Also because I called the meeting and facilitated the whole meeting between our Board and their Board.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Yes. Well, it’s something that I’ve been working on for years, literally. Commissioner Pitts and I sponsored the resolution some time ago to give them some opportunity and I was hopeful that their representation on DAFC would be akin to our representation, and APS’s representation on the Beltline Board and on Invest Atlanta’s Board because the school Boards contribute 50 percent literally of the investments that the AFC makes. It seems to me that they ought to have some say so. So, following our meeting, with APS our joint meeting where I thought and most of them thought that we were basically making the commitment to give them the permission to have one of their representatives on the Development Authority Board. I wanted to sponsor this resolution to clarify that and give them this resolution and Mr. Arrington as I said beat me to it, so we cosponsored that version. He then received as I understand it, some feedback from DAFC who wanted to put some constraints on APS’s and Fulton County school’s representation on DAFC and proposed his 336. The major difference is that they would just be members in lieu of the two current at-large members of the DFAC. In my version, they would just be members. They would select their appointee of the members DAFC. After we ratified it. Under his proposal that’s on the Agenda, which unfortunately APS had not seen until yesterday, and I think there was just a

clerical error in sending them the version, but the version that they sent them to review was the original version he and I cosponsored and the version that I am sponsoring today. But what was on the Agenda, which they had not seen until yesterday, provides that if Fulton County schools or Board of Education approves or has approved any action, resolution or legislative agenda item or engages in active litigation or provides any funding for litigation against DAFC or economic development in general each and anti-DAFC action than any member selected and nominated by Fulton Board of Education or Atlanta Board of Education shall not be considered for appointment to the full Board and in fact removed if they continue to do it. So that they found totally unacceptable after they saw this yesterday and I understand Commissioner Arrington is engaging in some discussions with them now seeing if there are some restrictions on the representation that they can live with. But my sense is that this ought to be -- like our representative BOC member on the Beltline Board, APS has a member on the Beltline Board, city of Atlanta has a member on the Beltline Board and everybody who's got some skin in the game get some input in, okay and involvement. Invest Atlanta Board, the Development Authority there, has a BOC member as an APS member because they've got skin in the game and have an opportunity to be involved and have some input. So, what Mr. Estevez has said to me is they are interested in moving forward. Their issue with the legislative agenda two sessions ago, in General assembly says that doesn't apply anymore. That was the legislative agenda for that general assembly meeting. That's over. That's not on their legislative agenda now. The one they put forward about the airport test that was for the last general assembly; it's not on the table anymore. They're anxious to move forward in a positive way and I've said before, their representative on the Invest Atlanta Board, I think has voted no on one item. They're not unreasonable people. But this will give them an opportunity to be involved, have a say-so about the 50 percent of the investments that DAFC makes that are their general fund dollars. And this effort I'm convinced will tamp down. What all of you must know is a growing sense of concern about DAFC, and its' use of the bonds for title. We're seeing it from neighborhoods from Buckhead, we're seeing it from city council, we're seeing it from a group of developers, and this will tamp down the growing concern and I think it would be a tremendous thing to do for some intergovernmental cooperation. So, I hope we will not approve 336 and approve 337; so that's where I am."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, let's be real clear. Both versions give them a seat on the Board; so, it's a little disingenuous, Commissioner Morris, to seem to assert that only one of them gives them a seat of the Board and gives them a voice at the table. That's disingenuous for you to imply that. They both give them a seat on the board. My recommendation is that we hold both so that we can get input not only from the development authority, but from APS and frankly we haven't had any feedback from Fulton County schools. So, we might need to share with their Board before we bring it back. But Mr. Estevez sent an e-mail today -- he sent one late last night saying, hey, we didn't see 336. You're right, there was a clerical error; I thought we had sent it to them. But today he sent e-mail responding to my e-mail saying, hey, they look forward to receiving the new amended language -- I told him that I was going to ask you all to

hold it today, that we would amend it again and try to get it back within two weeks so that we can make sure that we have something that everyone agrees on and everyone signs off on. It makes no sense to be having the Arrington versus Morris -- these are our children. This is APS we should be coming together. We should have consensus on this."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute everybody."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I still have a question. What you just received from my Director of Legislative and Committee Affairs is a resolution passed by the city of Atlanta and a resolution passed by the Atlanta Board of Education. And these are resolutions that are in conflict. I brought this up when we had our BOC meeting with the Atlanta Public School Board reps and the city of Atlanta -- city Council members because this is the reason why Commissioner Arrington even brought this up in the first place. Because if you read the resolution from the Atlanta Board of Education it says: limit County development authorities from issuing bonds within city limits. Amendment to Georgia Development Authority's law, Title 36 to Chapter 62 of the Official Code of Georgia annotated to limit, excuse me, the operations of a development authority within a city's boundaries to be only the municipal development authority. It was passed by the Atlanta Board of Education unanimously with the motion moved by -- and also city of Atlanta did the same thing and it was passed by the entire Board of city of Atlanta counsel. These two resolutions are in affect. If you look, and I was shocked to hear what Commissioner Morris said that Jason Estevez said because this has 2021 priorities and part of the 2021 priorities says specifically on-line number two to protect the Atlanta public school property tax base to support quality instruction for all students including by restricting the issuance of tax abatements to projects that would not be developed otherwise. So, they're trying to restrict what the development authority of Fulton County was even created to do. Now is this not in conflict with the development authority of Fulton County Madam County Attorney? I'll ask you for your legal opinion."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And it rolls over until the next session."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Yes. You can have my copy. You want my copy?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Let me try to ask; I'm not easily confused."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Mr. Chairman, I'm in the que. Can I ask a question?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, let me try to clarify where we are and you have the floor. Again, I'm not easily confused, but this one, just the language and listening -- they're real simple. The 0336, let's call that one the Arrington resolution. It adds a member of the Atlanta school system to the Board and the Fulton County schools system to the Board but there's some restrictions or conditions. The difference is 337 which I'll refer to as a Morris, it also adds a representative from the Atlanta school system and the Fulton County school system with no restrictions. That's the only difference. Now I

support -- I believe that what the development authority does impacts the Atlanta school system and the Fulton County school system and therefore each one should have a representative, unfettered representative, on that Board period. That's what the Morris resolution does without any restrictions. So, it's real simple to me what's before us. Now, Commissioner Hausmann."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I was still in the queue; I just let you go ahead and talk."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Oh, I'm sorry. Just a minute. County Attorney said that she has what you're -- she's reviewing what you gave her in the meantime I was going to hear from --."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. This is not complicated. You've asked the County Attorney to/for a written opinion -- I thought you said written. All right Madam County Attorney, are you able to answer Commissioner Hall's question?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Tell me again what the question was."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I'm saying that the Atlanta Board of Education has unanimously passed a resolution that goes completely against what the development authority of Fulton County was created to do in the first place. Does that not create a conflict for anyone from the Atlanta Board of Education or representing them having a seat on that Board, because they will be going against a resolution that was passed by the Atlanta Board of Education which says they completely go against the development of Fulton County."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Well, whether or not they had a conflict with respect to their position at the Atlanta Board of Education wouldn't that, I mean that will be a conflict that they would have, that wouldn't be a conflict that the County would have."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "No, I'm talking about the person that they have as a member of the development authority of Fulton County."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Whether or not the Atlanta Board of Education would consider that to be a conflict would be an issue -- that would be something that they will have to address; whether or not them sitting on this Board constitute a conflict because they might take an action that would be contrary --in conflict-- to what their Board has expressed that they should do."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Exactly. Exactly. That's my point. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. What I see in the flaw in this piece of legislation is the fact that we're giving APS a seat on our Board, but we don't have a seat on our Board. We have a seat on invest Atlanta but our rules do not allow a Commissioner of Fulton County to be on our development authority. So that to me sets up an unequal situation because we do have skin in the game as we said earlier. And to be fair, if they're going to have a seat as an elected official on that Board, we should as well.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Anyone else.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Good point.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Yes, I'm in the queue.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “And if we can't agree on any of this, I agree with holding it. Holding both of them until we refine it.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Morris objects to holding it, so Commissioner Arrington has the floor now.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “Colleagues, I would just urge you actually -- I've got the motion to hold which includes both items on the floor. But colleagues, I would encourage you to hold this. I'd like to get an opportunity -- I've been taking the lead on this matter. I called for the meeting. I facilitated the meeting. Originally drew-up the legislation, got input on that legislation, made changes to it, got additional input from APS and I'd like the opportunity to correct it and get it right. So that is something that we all can live with and all support. We both want to see APS and Fulton; everyone I believe wants to see APS and Fulton County have a seat on the Board. The question is not whether they have a seat on the Board, what 336 does is ask them to repeal this resolution before -- before their appointee can be seated. Because this was introduced in this session and it can automatically extend over to the next session, so APS said they not necessarily willing to do that, but what they are willing to do is to say that they are willing to work with the development authority going forward. And so, I'd like the opportunity to come back with language. So, I ask you all to support my motion to hold 336 and 337. And if not, I'll be you know if we can't get language that doesn't make sense, I'll be happy to cosponsor the legislation that I originally drew-up with Commissioner Morris.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. The motion before us is to hold 336 and 337.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Mr. Chairman.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “You want to be heard again on this Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yes. I just want to put back on the table that without Fulton County Commission also having a seat on our Board, we’re setting up an unequal representative situation. We have two elected bodies that have elected officials on that Board and we do not. I do not think that that is equitable at all.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. Commissioner Morris, you have the floor. The counter argument that I will make to that though Commissioner Hausmann, is that we have 7 representatives on that Board because each of us has an appointee. I’m not trying to create an argument. That would just be my thought.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “But that was what I was going to say. We have an overwhelming representation on that Board, but Mr. Chairman I object to taking these two together in this whole motion.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “You what?”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “I object to taking these two votes together.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right. The motion before us is to hold both. If you favor holding both, you vote yes. If you’re not in favor of holding both, vote no. The motion is to hold both, both meaning 0336 and 0337. Cast your vote please.”

CLERK GRIER: “The vote is open on the motion to hold. And the motion fails; three yeas, four nays.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Mr. Chairman, I’ll make a motion -- a substitute motion to approve 337.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “I’ll second. Questions, comments? Let’s vote. Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yes, we all have appointments, but as we all know our appointees don’t always vote the same way that we would vote. So, I think that that is not comparing apples to apples. And so, I can’t support this if we don’t also make it to where that this Board of Commissioners has a voice in those decisions if we’re giving a voice to our school systems who I respect immensely and I also agree that we have not heard from Fulton County schools on this matter.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Commissioner Arrington.”

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: “I guess I’m just in disbelief that my colleagues will not give me the opportunity to try to clear it up. Again, we all want APS and Fulton County schools on there and I’m just in complete disbelief that we can’t wait two more

weeks to make sure that we have the buy-in of APS and the development authority particularly given that we got an e-mail today from Mr. Esteves, the Chair of APS saying that he's willing to look at the new legislation and to have it sent over. It's just very disappointing."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion is to approve 0337. Cast your votes, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. And the motion passes; four yeas, two nays, and one abstention."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0338**. Request approval of a Resolution supplementing the Board of Commissioners December 17th, 2008 Resolution consenting to the inclusion of certain Fulton County Taxes in the computation of the Tax Allocation increment for the City of Atlanta Tax Allocation District number 1, West Side."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion is to approve by Commissioner Morris seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Any questions or comments on this? If not, cast your vote. Motion is to approve."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Wait, I'm sorry. What did we just vote on? I thought we just voted on Commissioner Morris."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, this is 0338."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "Okay for West Side, absolutely, yes. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "**21-0339**. Request approval of a Resolution reaffirming the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County's' commitment to the National Stepping-up Initiative to reduce mental illness among the Fulton County Jail population and for other purposes, sponsored by Commissioners Ellis, Morris, and Vice Chair Hall."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I have a motion to approve by Commissioner Vice Chair Hall seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Ellis would like to be heard."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Thank you Mr. Chair. I also wanted to invite – we’ve got some folks from superior court -- if you want to come down that you may want to say just a couple brief remarks. While you’re coming down, I’ll make a couple brief comments. Thank you for indulging me. At the beginning of this meeting we recognized that May was mental health month. And back in 2016 of May 4th, my good friend Commissioner Joe Garner sponsored and the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the stepping-up resolution which signaled the County's commitment to improving outcomes for individuals with serious mental illness who become involved within our criminal justice system. And on the 5-year anniversary of that resolution, we’re encouraged by cross systems collaboration that’s continued in the commitment of all the stakeholders and community members involved in the justice and mental health task force. And if you’ve ever seen sort of a menu of all the different types of things this group has gotten engaged and done; it’s quite a lot of work, you know that’s been done, and I definitely commend everybody that has been engaged with the task force. You know at this point in time where we’re at you know, the work of this group is even more critical to do the necessary data work that’s outlined through the set measure achieved and work towards connecting people with care, reducing the number of people booked into the jail, reducing the jail length of stay's, reducing recidivism you know just the people with mental illness in this County deserve our full attention and our full efforts and access to quality supports and services and this remains a big part of that effort. And I hope that the BOC again will fully support this important collaborative effort and would ask the judge to share a few words with us.”

JUDGE DORIS DOWNS: “It’s so good -- I’m a senior judge now and it’s good to come back down to the courthouse. Things are improving and things are really getting painted, and this looks beautiful here. It is good to see all of you again. This task force is a huge effort. Not just by the courts. Not just by the Sheriff. It’s by the city, it’s by NAMI. We have had a broad coalition since the time we got our Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant in 2016. We met monthly. We worked extremely hard with facilitators that we hired. This group is well over a hundred meetings. Everybody showing up. Police, 911, it’s just phenomenal. The numbers of people that were concerned about the situation that we found ourselves in, and we realized there was hope. And so, we got busy collaborating which has resulted in four business cases that we presented it to this Commission in 2019 January of 2019. And you all were kind enough to understand, listen, and vote to fund every one of those four initiatives that we narrowed probably 500 initiatives down to four to try to get it to something that we could present to you all quickly and that will be most effective. The most effective things that we thought we needed were data. You can’t make a good decision without data, and we didn’t have any data. How many people in the Fulton County jail have mental illness? We didn’t know that. We didn’t have trained officers so we asked for training money for officers. We asked for money to get this data together. We wanted a diversion center which we’re still working on that and that’s a big part of it. How do you divert these people to begin with from the jail because many of them don’t need to be there? And screening and reentry is the key you all. We needed to know who is, how many people in the jail are mentally ill. So, we got our doctors who are working with us, Emory doctors came

together; they gave us a validated screening mechanism. We worked with Fulton County -- all offices across Fulton County participated and were wonderful. So, we ended up with the funding resulted in actual data and we're now ready to move forward using that data making decisions that are going to affect change. And the new step-up initiative is called Set, Measure, and Achieve. Now that we got data, we want to set our goals as to what we want to do about the situation. We want to use our data to measure how our progress is coming along, and then we want to achieve our goal which is a reduction in the numbers going into the jail, a reduction in recidivism. I will tell you all that we had a friendly face, that's what we called it. People that just cycle through, cycle through, cycle through they're usually charged with very small crimes. They stay 77 percent longer in the jail than anyone else charged with their crimes. These frequent fliers or friendly faces is what we call them, the costs to the County is astounding I will say, and we can put that money somewhere better. And this is the types of things we're going to really work on. We want our number, we want to show it with our data that we're achieving that, and we're excited to move into the next phase of this project. I am here right now because I was the Chair of this Commission, as you all know. I was the drug ward mental health volunteer judge. I've been volunteering my time since 2002. And it is such a pleasure to have been able to chair and move this thing this far; however, Judge McBurney is stepping-up and I needed an active judge because I'm just senior now and I need somebody that's active on the bench to pull with me to get this accomplished. So that's what we've got. It's great to see you all. If anyone has any questions, I'm happy to answer them. I've got the best team known to man here with Christian Schilling and Nick, he's our data man. So, we're thrilled to have them. Those two have really been catapulting this mission onward. But I will tell you we would have a hundred plus people here if we could bring them. And we just thank you for your support and I just want to thank the County Manager also. He came to so many of those meetings and he gave us tremendous support as well. So, thank you all. Without any questions I just appreciate you supporting this initiative."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Well Judge Downs, thank you for your leadership. Thank you Christian. Thank you, Nick. We really greatly appreciate you leaning into this. The impact it's goanna have for years to come as that work continues, and Judge McBurney did want to be here. He did want to let folks know that he said that he is in the courtroom which is where he's supposed to be. So, we're glad that he's working and doing his good work in the courtroom. So, thank you again I don't know there any questions for judge?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any questions or comments? Heard from Commissioner Ellis. Vice Chair Hall."

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I just want to say this is a long time coming and Judge McBurney spent hours in my office talking about this once I became a Commissioner. And I remember him talking to Commissioner Garner about this when she was a Commissioner. And so, I'm really excited about this actually, hopefully passing today

and I want to also add that the Sherriff – our new Sherriff Patrick LaBat did say that he sent a letter ahead of this in support of this entire resolution. So, thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “What's your pleasure? There is a – it is not clear here now. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Hall. I don't see a second. All right seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Cast your votes please.”

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

CLERK GRIER: “**21-0340**, Discussion and Resolution directive and implementation of Fulton County Priorities and Funds Distribution of American Rescue Plan Act Fund, sponsored by Commissioners Abdur-Rahman, Vice Chair Hall, and Commissioner Arrington.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. I have a motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Is there a second?”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “--we just lost somebody?”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Is there a second? All right, I'll second for discussion only. Commissioner Morris followed by Commissioner Hausmann, Commissioner Hall.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “I probably should let Commissioner Abdur-Rahman speak on this, but I think you've distributed slight revision.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Yes, I did put in a revision.”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Yes, go ahead and explain that and I guess Mr. Chairman will procedurally need to get that revised version before us.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Is there a revised version?”

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “Yes, she's distributed around after the executive session.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Yes, I did a revision of it.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. So, the lineup will be Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Hausmann, Vice Chair Hall, and Commissioner Ellis.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Thank you Chair. I just wanted to say that I actually had a conversation with the County Attorney and I think for the sake of fairness and the viewing public, if you don't mind Madam Attorney the questions that I asked you -- I wanted to ask you again publicly. You can please answer them succinctly, but if it is

a yes-or-no answer, you don't have to feel the need to opine, if that's okay with you please ma'am?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a revised version?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes. You don't, have it?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, it's in the folder that went around."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right Madam County Attorney."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: Okay. And Chair, do you have yours."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Go ahead, I'll listen."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Madam County Attorney, when you conferred with my office, you made an adjustment. Other than that minor tweak, is the resolution in any way putting the County legal risks or harm in its current content?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "No."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I don't think they can hear you. Would you mind coming to the podium please Madam Attorney? And I'm just goanna repeat the question. When you conferred with my office, you made an adjustment other than a minor tweak is the resolution in anyway putting the County legal risk or harm?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "No, it's not because it's a policy document."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Just a couple more questions. Does the March 17th resolution adopted by the Board setting the six priority areas require the county to be in conformance with the federal rules including any guidance from the Department of Treasury?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, it does."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Does today's resolution which outlines how much investment we wish to make in the priority areas in any way to your knowledge violate the American Rescue Plan Act so long as we abide by the Act and any guidelines from the Treasury or any other federal agencies."

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "You're correct. It does not."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Notwithstanding the outside counsel research, the only provided recommendation from the outside counsel research was regarding the premium pay only; is that correct.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Correct that was the only question was about premium pay.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Is it also true that if the Board decides that all employees deserve a pandemic released stimulus that we could use federal rescue dollars for so-called extension -- essential employees and provide a stimulus premium payment for other employees from our general fund?”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “That's correct.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “So finally my last question to you is: So lastly based on what you're saying today, the resolution in March that we already adopted, and today's implementation that I have put forth with my cosponsor Vice Chair Hall and Commissioner Arrington, the plans are consistent with the act and do not violate any laws or procedures that you are aware of: Is that correct.”

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: “I think that's correct, but it's a policy document as opposed to an actual program and as it says the program is going to comply with whatever the law allows.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Exactly. Thank you, County Attorney. The only other thing I would say, Chair is this: Since we're dealing with the premium pay, I'm just going to deal with that only in my comments, and I'll try to make them as brief as possible. Understanding that Fulton County employees need to know that we appreciate them stepping to the plate and to put forth a narrative that they should be lucky to have a job kind of goes against the fact that Fulton County has the highest customer service rating in spite of that. I understand that we all have issues of concerns when it comes to this, but this resolution was written in such a way that should there need to be a change or any additional information coming down that change can be made. And so therefore I would say that fairness does not mean everyone gets the same. Fairness means everyone gets what they need. In a pandemic, our Fulton County employees rose to the occasion all while they watched whether it was their mother, their brother, sister, daughter, grandmother, next-door neighbor pass away from COVID. They had to watch images daily of black and brown individuals of society dying at the hands of law enforcement which was really traumatic, and they worked hard to make sure that Fulton County still maintained a very high customer service satisfaction rate. And so, I would put forth to my colleagues that this is where Fulton County steps out first. This is where Fulton County shows that we understand that coming out of a pandemic that we need to not only take care of our stakeholders, we need to take care of our front-line workers and that are the Fulton County employees. And this one-time payment to them could be approved for the essential workers -- we already know that.

And if, for some reason, if additional information comes down from the federal government that that difference could come from the general fund -- now keep in mind that this money that came down was meant not to be restrictive. It was meant to not have a lot of red tape. Just like we looked at what we went through with the CARES Act, the federal government looked at what we went through with the CARES Act and decided they wanted to do it a better way. What I suggest to my constituents as well as my colleagues today Fulton County needs to do it today a better way and show that our employees who have had our back, who always have our back that we have theirs. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Morris followed by Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Yeah. I was a little concerned initially about whether we're getting a little ahead of the horse -- a cart a little ahead of the horse, but it seems to be that these dollars and these allocations are appropriate and the Commissioner has added that sentence. I just want to make sure that it's properly before us the revised document I don't know of that's by no objection Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Without objection, if there are no objections, we would take the revised document -- the only language, well actually the first resolve -- the last part of the first resolve which would be subject to any adjustment required to comply with the American Rescue Plan Act and its regulations and guidance that --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Go ahead, continue. Alright Commissioner Hausmann."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes thank you, and I'll be brief. I'm not disputing the contents of this or the dollar amounts are any of that, but what I am sensitive to is the fact that we have not had a conversation yet with our mayors. We totally got off track in the last go round because we weren't working together. I think we made a lot of progress coming back with the mayors. We just had a meeting last week to discuss the agenda and the main thing that was conveyed that they want to talk about is how to partner and how to best address the overall needs of our common constituents with the money that we're getting again and that their getting. And so, I would just ask that we allow that meeting to happen, hear from them, make sure that we are working together as we move forward and just hold this until the next meeting. We will not have any money until right about that time anyway. And I just really want us to work to rebuild that relationship that really came off track last year because of how we handled it, the CARES money and not make that same mistake again with this money. So that would be my only suggestion is that we just wait until the next meeting, have the meeting with the mayors, hear from them, and let's move forward after that."

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

VICE CHAIR HALL: "I think that is a good idea. I didn't take into account that you know the mayors -- we did have a situation with them before. We did say we want to collaborate. We had a very good agenda setting meeting for our next mayors meeting, and so I think we should definitely get their input. But I also have some friendly edits and additions that I'd like to make to the resolution; just in the wording on the first paragraph where it says "the counties acceptance", I'd just like to add take out "the" and put Fulton County's acceptance. And in the second paragraph where it says the intent of the board of commissioners' resolution, well it says the intent of the Commissioners resolution I'd like to say the intent of the Board of Commissioners. And in the fifth paragraph instead of it saying the Board of Commissioners is concerned that the American Rescue Plan Act dollars actually provide blah blah blah -- say the Board of Commissioners want to ensure that the American Rescue Plan Act dollars actually provide real rescue blah blah blah. And then, I'd like to add into that list of categories somewhere in there between small businesses and families going hungry and government employees' nonprofit organizations in need of more grant funding to provide services and programs. And as far as -- an additional edition I want to add food insecurity because we still continue to have people who are hungry, and we did have a Wholesome and American Heart Association contacted my office and there was a meeting with the County executives as well. And they would like to do some things with snap and the community across Fulton County that are in need of food. And they'd like for us to partner with them. I think that's it. And also, cooperative extension is running out of money, and they are having a huge demand as if we're still in COVID-19 pandemic. And I'd like to make sure that that's addressed in the food insecurity portion. That's it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I would support a hold of this as well. I think not only for the discussion with our mayors, but also for some transparency too. I don't believe that this was -- at least I didn't receive a copy of this until late yesterday so therefore the public would not have received it. And now it's been modified. And we are talking about a fairly substantive amount of funds that's here, so I do think you know for transparency purposes it merits having being held as well. You know, I think, the one thing that's been clear sort of since we started with the pandemic you know from this Board, I think across the board is that we did right by our employees, but also that we put these funds -- these governmental funds to use to the benefit of our citizens as quickly as possible because we possibly could while also ensuring that we're being compliant and or putting ourselves into an unfavorable position where we're going to have to return the funds. I thought we were really and struck a good balance of that. And we've had a very good continual ongoing dialogue meeting to meeting maybe a little bit longer, but it's been part of our process. And it's worked. And I think it can continue to work. And also, I just -- I'm a little bit -- I want to ask the County Attorney, I'm not looking to put you in a box on this, but I do still also struggle with a resolution where it has a document attached to it on one side with components which you have clearly said are not in compliance with the Rescue Act and is attached to the same resolution. I mean they

are in conflict, so you had stated earlier that under the terms of the Rescue Act, we cannot provide a lump-sum payment to all employees of record once we get funds. That's not the way that the act read. Is that correct?"

KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY: "That is correct."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay, and that's in the CIP document which is in conflict. So, I just -- I just think all of this stuff really needs to be cleaned up. And I think generally you know most of all of us are aligned with the direction of what we're trying to get done. There are some components of this that we may not totally agree upon, but I would also recommend you know that this gets held so that those components can be cleaned up so as we learn more you know we can do the things that are going to be most effective and we have these discussion with the mayors and so forth and improve upon this and get something that you know going to work the benefit -- and a maximum way for all of the citizen of this County."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Are you finished Commissioner Ellis?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. So, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman wants to be heard again."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Just briefly Chair. I just want to remind my colleagues as well as the listening audience, the reason that the American rescue plan came down was to remove the bureaucracy between the municipalities and the counties. The cities will have their own funding and I do believe that there is some collaboration that can happen as a result of that funding source. I made it clear at our last meeting with Commissioner Hausmann -- Vice Chair Natalie Hall, and the Commissioner Motley Broom that I thought it was good that we be collaborative. But I don't think that we need to hold up a very good resolution. We've already passed the original resolution and this is the implementation stage. And based on my conversation with the County Attorney, and the clause that I put in, it allows for anything to be adjusted or taken out. If it is passed today, we will not be in any federal error or default of any funds. We would not be doing anything illegal as elected officials. So, I think in the sense of not only fairness, but knowing that Fulton County should set the role model, I am so for collaborating with the cities, but the cities do have their money. We're hoping in our collaborations that they will bring it to the table, but please do not allow that to keep us from voting and passing this today because one of the reasons that this legislation is in place was to make sure that the different governments had their own sets of rules and their own things that they wanted to move on. And so even though I do wholeheartedly support collaboration, I think it's important that we move forward on this and once the funds get here and once the County Attorney in conjunction with the County Manager look and see I don't think it will be for the sake of conversation I'm going to play devil's advocate and say if there is some type of conflict,

or if there is something that is contrary, this resolution allows it to be adjusted. Thank you Chair.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. So, I’ve seen and heard just about three or four to hold, but I want to remind us that we spent a lot of time spending money that we haven’t even received yet. If you think about how much time we’ve spent talking about this, but anyway. Commissioner Hall.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “All right. I’m making a substitute motion to hold. I just heard Kaye say that we were in conflict because of the question that Commissioner Ellis asked and that concerns me because she is the County Attorney. And so, I don’t want to -- we need to check that. And then, the mayor’s situation, I definitely want us to collaborate with the mayors. We said that that was something that we were going to do and I want to keep my word. I’m a person of my word. We have too many conflicts up in the air legal and relationship wise. So, substitute motion to hold.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right a substitute motion on the floor to hold. Seconded by Commissioner Hausmann; is that correct? All right. Cast your votes, please.”

CLERK GRIER: “And the vote is open on the motion to hold. And the motion to hold passes; four yeas, two nays.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Next item.”

CLERK GRIER: “County Manager’s Presentation and Discussion Items, **21-0341**, Discussion Election Cost Update.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Mr. Manager, Madam COO. Mr. Manager, I’d like to see you and Madam COO after the meeting. Mr. Barron.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Good afternoon Commissioners, Richard Barron, Director of Registration and Elections. I have a presentation. Do I have control of the slides here? Next slide. So, most of you were here for this presentation. I think I was here three weeks ago. This is a look back on 2020 and a look forward to 2021 the election cycle. Some of the events that impacted the 2020-2021 election cycle, we had a new resource intensive voting system purchased by the state of Georgia, an increase in absentee by mail voting of more than 500 percent due to the COVID pandemic. We had two unbudgeted elections in September and December. And then, we also had a rare federal runoff in January. The increase in early voting sites by more than 30 percent in the August through January elections. We also had a full-hand audit of Novembers’ ballots, and a full machine recount of Novembers’ ballots. We had a 25 percent increase in the number of election day polling locations over 2016. We had to make many rental payments to Georgia World Congress Center because of the COVID outbreak in our warehouse as well as to

make sure that we had everything centralized for absentee by mail for the January election. We added security and technicians to all of the polling locations for early voting and election day. That increased costs and we had a COVID outbreak of 26 staff members leading up to the November election. Next slide. Please. So, the election cost comparison you can see the 2008 election cycle we had six early voting sites; 264 election day sites; the costs for that cycle was \$11.1 million. In 2012, that election cycle with six early voting sites and 259 election day sites was \$6.1 million. 2016 we had almost \$10 million election cycle with 24 early voting sites and 203 election day sites. 2020 the cycle we had 34 early voting sites as well as 255 election day sites. And we had a budget of \$38.3 million and in 2021, so far, it's been \$6.1 million. We had 34 early voting sites and 255 election day sites. We are projecting that the 2021 municipal election with 24 early voting sites and 271 election day sites will cost \$7.1 million. The municipal run-off, we don't know how many of the municipalities will participate in that election, but it will cost \$2.46 per registered voter. To the municipalities with the County covering anything that's beyond that based on the 2019 resolution that the Board of Commissioners passed charging flat fees to the municipalities. The 2022 primary election -- the general primary that would take place in May, we're projecting will cost over 9.4 million. The runoff would be about \$6.5 million. We're projecting over \$11.5 million for the 2022 general election and \$6.4 million for the general election runoff. Next slide, please. And oh, before you change it, can you go back one slide, please. Thank you. So, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Spalding, Athens, Clarke, Rockdale, Clayton, and Muscogee counties confirmed that they saw similar increases in their 2020 budgets versus previous years as we saw here in Fulton. Okay. Next slide, please. So, reasons for the election cost increases going forward: Increase in early voting sites; an increase in the number of election day precincts; additional staffing needs; additional equipment needs for early voting sites and election day sites; and also increased voter turnout. The unknown factors going forward include the impact of Senate Bill 202, the change that we may see in absentee voting habits once we get past the pandemic, changes in the absentee regulations could drive more citizens to early voting; requests from elderly and disabled citizens we aren't sure how it will be impacted. We used to send out applications to all of the 65 and older citizens as well as the disabled citizens to have them fill out an absentee by mail at the beginning of the year we're prohibited from doing that now. And I guess voter turnout is still a variable as well. Next slide. So, our focus now is implementing post-election assessment recommendations that I presented several weeks ago. We had a work session with the Board of Registration and Elections yesterday regarding this; developed detailed project plans; expanding early voting sites; expanding locations and opportunities for citizens to obtain a voter ID; retooling our poll worker training especially considering the impact of Senate Bill 202; developing a robust voter education outreach and communication plan; updating our standard operating procedures to comply with Senate Bill 202; conducting the weekly internal workgroup meetings; and reporting monthly to the Board of Registration and Elections. Next slide. So, we have a municipal election on November 2nd with a runoff slated for November 30th. Revised municipal election budgets were sent to the municipalities on March 15th. We had 28 early voting sites that we were going to have approved by the BRE. We're probably going to reduce that

to 24. The early voting hours will be approved by the Board of Registration and Elections. We will be increasing election day precincts up to 271 from 255. Some staff will begin to report on June 6th with the remainder coming in August. We will have – there have been some absentee ballot changes going forward. We can receive applications now only 78 days prior to an election, and in 45 days we can do the first mailing those are for overseas UOCAVA voters. Anybody other than a UOCAVA voters, those ballots can only be mailed out 30 days prior to the election and the deadline before election day -- the last day to apply for an application or to apply for an absentee by mail is 11 days prior to the election. We'll reduce the number of drop box locations from 38 down to 8. Those drop boxes will be put inside early voting sites to be operated only during early voting hours. We are working with External Affairs on messaging to voters for voter education plans. Would plan to begin that outreach in June. We are waiting for guidance from the Secretary of States' office on many aspects of Senate Bill 202, so all of those pieces of that Bill have not -- they have not been outlined yet for the counties around the state. Voter education will include absentee ballot deadlines, voter ID submission requirements, absentee ballot drop box locations, provisional voting changes. We will retool the mobile voting units or repurpose them to do voter education. We can provide voter identification on those. We can hand out absentee ballot applications. We can provide voter demonstrations. We can also use them to recruit poll workers and have poll worker recruiting events. Next slide, please. A lot of questions have come up regarding the how voter rolls are maintained. Senate Bill 202 -- there are some updates in those requirements how to maintain voter rolls limits. They are in this top section on the number of people whose voting qualifications one person can challenge within ten business days after receiving a challenge the Board of Registration and Elections must set the date, time, and place of a hearing, and to notify the Challenger and the Challenged of the challenge that has been issued to the Board of Registration and Elections. Sanctions can be handed down by the state election board for failure to comply with these changes over the existing law and voter challenges. The SOS is required to participate in any out of state residency databases and they are also required to participate in a cross-check database for voter list maintenance for voters who move out of state so that they can compare the list between states. Our maintenance here that we do in Fulton County, we maintain the voter list every day for noncitizens for vital records. Those are maintained weekly. Any issues with mental incompetence that the judge hands down a decision in that regard, we handle those immediately. Transfers in and out of county, those are maintained daily. The confirmation process is a state function. Registration verification process that is done daily when we enter voter registration applications into election net. Challenge voters those will be handled as I mentioned before with the new requirements in SB202. Felons; those are maintained monthly. We have to hold hearings after we mail out letters. And then municipal voter verification each jurisdiction we send out a list to them during the municipal years and we have them verify their voter rolls prior to the election. We give them a deadline. We communicate that with them and then they check to make sure all the street segments are correct; all the streets are in their cities and get that information back to us. Next slide, please. And I believe that's down to a question and answer."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay, thank you, sir, Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Morris.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yes, Rick good to see you. Thanks for that update. I did miss it the first time, so I appreciate the recap. And thanks for mentioning the voter rolls because that is on our mayors meeting agenda on Friday and they are very concerned with that process. They want to be more involved in that process; do you work with the cities currently?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes, we've already sent their voter lists to them. We send those through the city clerk and they have to go through and make sure that all of the street segments and all those voters are within their city boundaries.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay. So, you went through a pretty comprehensive list of how y'all maintain the lists. For the benefit of the public, can you just tell us what confirmation process is a state function actually means.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Well, for example one of the things that happens is we receive a letter back -- if we receive a letter back from the voters and we then have to mail out a confirmation letter to make sure that they've actually -- they are actually no longer at address, after a deadline they have to return that then they would either be moved to nactive or removed from the rolls. There is also National change of address and that is communicated between the United States Postal Service and the state, and then there's also the no activity for two general elections. And so, if somebody doesn't vote within those two general elections, that can affect their voter status. So periodically those two things are done. They are initiated by the state. For example, with the national change of address, the Postal Service sends to the state anything anyone that has moved, if they are moved within the County, then the County will move those voters within the BRE system. Otherwise, if they moved somewhere else, then the state will take care of either moving them to inactive or moving -- sending out the confirmation letter so that the voter can then reply to that and then they have a deadline in which to return that.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “All right. Let me condense that down for you. So, you send them a list of inactive -- what we think are inactive or deceased or whatever voters; they have to clear the rolls, we cannot do that.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “They have to what?”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “They have to remove them from the rolls. We do not do that.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “No, we do not -- for example if a voter has moved, they send a letter in and we send that back. The voter doesn't reply, that voter will move from active to inactive status. And that happens automatically once we enter -- once the deadline passes and that confirmation letter isn't answered; that would be an example.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So they're gone when we send the list to the state?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes, but they can move from active status to inactive, and they'll stay in inactive status for a while and then they eventually -- if they don't answer other correspondence when they're in inactive status, they will then be cancelled.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “And if they're deceased?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “If they are deceased, we remove those as soon as we are either notified by Vital Records, but we also check obituaries in the newspaper.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So we do that internally, we don't need the state to confirm that.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “On the obituaries, no. But on vital records, we do get that information -- that information is sent to us by Vital Records and then we process those.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay, and so when a voter leaves Georgia, moves to another state or leaves Fulton County moves to another state and we know that for a fact, do they come off the rolls at that point?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “What happens is if we are made aware by the voter to remove them, then we can. We can process that although when voters move, there are certain states -- Senate Bill 202 is gonna require the state to participate and I think in another database, but they're involved right now in something that is called “Eric”, and there are certain states that are like subscribed to that. And so, if they move between those states, the state will get a notice about that voter and then we'll process it.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So do we verify like their homestead exemption list, if they move from Fulton County?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “No. That is not part of the process. Usually if they move from Fulton County and they register in another county, there are automatic transfers that happen within the voter registration system. So, they would move out of Fulton like if somebody moved from Fulton County

to Muscogee County and then once they register down there their registration transfers there. If we're notified by another state --"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "What if they get a driver's license, is it automatic that way as well?" There's just a lot of questions about that so my request is to be clear, concise, and prepared to just explain to the mayors how this all works because they have a lot of questions -- because their elections are upcoming. All right. So, I saw your totals up there about how much elections are gonna cost. What is your actual budget this year?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Right now well, we have to bring before the Commissioners, the request to fund the November election. Right now, I believe it was \$6.6 million for the elections budget and that was for the January election. Before -- now there is going to be a T-Splost and the counties are going to be involved -- the municipalities are paying for the whole cost of the election, so we have the excess because of the 2019 resolution. The County has to cover that. So, we're going to have to bring through soundings a request to fund our part of the election."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I'm asking you what's your total that we approved in January, your election budget."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "\$6.6 million."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "So we didn't include anything in the budget request you made to conduct the elections in November?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "No, not for the municipalities because that was supposed to be just a municipal general election without -- once the county became part of that with the T-Splost, the --"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "That's not my question Rick. I mean, every year, you get a budget approved -- (right) -- and you know we got elections coming up whenever type they are every year so in January don't you estimate what you expect?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "We don't. If it's a municipal year, we don't put in our budget for the municipal elections. And so, because it's not generally --"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I suggest that we need to do that in the future. Sharon, make sure that we cover what we really anticipate for his costs of running his operations for the entire year. It just doesn't make much sense. What if we didn't have the money? What if you came to us in July and you needed \$10 million and we didn't have \$10 million?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “I mean because of the T-Splost, that changed -- that change that forced the County in to a position where they paid for the election.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “You know that the schools also will probably gonna have an E-Splost at the same time.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes, we were notified of that.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Have you been notified?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “We received an e-mail about that, I believe it was yesterday or the day before, yes.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay. So, the school system also has to pay for that election, correct?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes, and it'll be at \$2.96 per registered voter.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Correct. Correct. So, actually the T-Splost question since the County virtually gets nothing from that T-Splost. I would suggest to everybody that that's a city question. It's not a County question. Yeah, money goes to all the cities and they recognize that. But I do think it's fair that the school system has to do their part. All right. And so then on your Here and Now, what you're looking to do, I don't see anything on here about a Center -- developing a Center for our counting and our operations.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Election Central, that right now, we are working with DREAM and the County executive management team and they're looking for either a site build-to-suit or a place to lease. It's in the siting process as I know of right now.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Is that budget anywhere.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “No.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Okay. We know this is a problem. I don't know why we haven't budgeted for it. So, I certainly hope that we can come up with whatever is required because what happened in November with things in four or five different places and no way to legitimately follow the process is just unacceptable.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “We have provided during with all of the needs that we have and the architect has done

preliminary plans and then we went back and answered more questions for them and gave them everything that we needed and that's what's taking place right now."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well I would certainly think that rises to being a bullet point on your PowerPoint of a need that we have because we all know that we have to do that."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Right, I agree."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I'm sure I have more questions, but that's all I have for now."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thanks Mr. Chair. Just to recap, you do not have a budgetary ask figure for us, is that what you're saying?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Today (-- yeah--) no."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So, it's May; elections in November; and you don't have a budgetary ask figure. Just wanted to clarify that. A little bit of a problem. The slide you had with-- it was sort of the date -- the sites on it; I've just got a couple questions on that. I think it was 265 on the docket packet. I don't know if you want to pull back up or not. Rotate to that."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "We get back to the slides with --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- it says election costs comparison, it's got it on that slide I think, one more, right here, okay. So, in the last election cycle, how many votes did we have on election day."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "In November, it was just -- just under 60,000."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So, really my question is, is election day in a lot of respects given the number of additional sites we had, was somewhat beyond in a lot of places pretty quiet."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Why increase the number -- why the plan to increase the number of sites on election day in 2021? For the municipal election, what’s the thinking of that.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “We have 16 more -- we have 16 additional precincts that have over 5,000 registered voters, and some that have increased to more than 5,000 since that time. And that’s a pretty large precinct to service.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay, so you’re looking at it based on precincts.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “On the early voting sites, we have 34 in the last cycle, in the municipal cycle, you’re looking to decrease that to 24. Is that correct?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes. In general, the turnout for the municipal elections’ is significantly lower than what we would see for a November general. In some cities, it’s down between like 8 to 12 percent.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “You know from your data on early voting, you can look to see when you had your peaks of early voting right whether it’s municipal or any sort of election cycle, right.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Does it show that you have higher amounts during the first few days of early voting than the last few days.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Usually, the first two or three days and the last few days are the busiest.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Has there ever been any thought to increasing the number of sites in the first few days.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “And then decreasing them?”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Yeah, and then bring them back up.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “I think that would raise issue -- there would be a number of issues.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “We’re increasing the number of machines at the sites for example --”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Some of the sites we have had -- we've maxed out the interiors and I think once the library is open, we're going to have a more difficult time placing all of that equipment the same way we did last year with them closed.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay, well you know one thing I would -- y'all run elections, but I just encourage some thought around is looking at your data you've got a lot of it; and particularly at those sites where you saw really high numbers. Thinking about how much equipment we have there and so forth. I mean, you know, you did a lot of great things in the County last year, but you know probably one of the things unfortunately became known for in a lot of respects was long lines. And much as we've minimized that in the early voting cycle, I think we've addressed it on election day with a number of additional sites. But in the first few days of early voting in particular if there's something in a better way to manage that, I would encourage you to give some thought to that. Continuing on early voting sites, run-offs are going to have a shorter cycle. So, did y'all have any discussion? We also know in runoffs; people tend to like to go out and early because they know who they're going to vote for and they've not been deliberating over the eight people they've got to choose from you know they're gonna pick one or two and get it done with. Is there been any -- but we're gonna have a compressed number of days, because of the runoff period being shorter?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Correct.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “We're not giving any thought to increasing the number of early voting sites during the runoff period. If that wasn't discussed, I would just maybe encourage you all to give some thought and consideration to that because I do think that's going to be a reality that you're going to have probably the same number of people that want to early vote and they could be doing it in a compressed period of time so therefore there are going to be really long lines -- so, we should probably have more sites.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Well and also I think with the absentee period crunch there too, there's going to be fewer people voting absentee for the runoff.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Right. So, I would encourage us not only municipal, but also municipal may not be little bit different because you may have probably pocketed maybe at certain places without a runoff, but I do think we ought to be thinking about you know some optionality about how you increase the number of early voting sites during a runoff period. Absentee -- just a question really around your staff. Have any of the staff that reports to you directly within the past six months -- have any of them departed from the County.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes. One.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "What role or function was that?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:
"Registration manager."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "A Manager that reported directly to you --your direct report."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS:
"Registration manager reports directly to the registration chief who reports to me. Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So, one below that?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "A direct report, nobody's changed. No."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "The number of people we had voted absentee you said it was up 500 percent."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right now that functions still is managed through the same chain of command that manages registration."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Yes, but we're going to be bringing a different organizational hierarchy with some proposals to the BOC soon. We have --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "BRE?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "We have to do that to the BOC because there is going to be some position -- position changes and position additions that will be proposed."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay so --"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Like absentee ballot manager, absentee ballot supervisor, and we'll put -- that division will then go under the deputy director. We're going to propose some other positions that include financial services manager in addition to an IT manager and another person that is in charge of voter education."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So when is that supposed to be brought forward."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "We have submitted all of the new positions in PDQs to human resources and then we're waiting -

- we're waiting for that process them to determine salaries and those things and then get that back to us and then we'll bring it up hopefully to the BOC shortly."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I don't know if the director of HR is in here or not. Maybe as his proxy, Ms. Whitmore can answer my question. What's the average amount of time it takes us to hire somebody, before we post a position? Three months?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "I think we are around, our goal is around 60 days now."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Sixty days?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Sixty days? And the last time the BOC approved positions for us once they were posted we ended up hiring making all 13 hires within four weeks of those postings."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Well, you understand my question. It's May; you don't have a plan; you don't have the positions approved; you don't have anybody hired; we have an election in November. In a function to a function which was a little bit chaotic you know during parts of the last election cycle."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "The deputy director will be hired; the second interviews are this week. So, we will be able to move the absentee staff underneath the deputy director."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "But as of today, you have not hired any additional staff specifically to manage the absentee process differently."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "That would happen next week."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "But, as of today no."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "The staff that works absentee will then report to that individual."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Will the absentee ballot function be entirely separate from a reporting standpoint than the registrations portion."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "It will be entirely separate from a chain of command standpoint; there will be no cross reporting."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Maybe in the years -- the odd-numbered years, there are probably going to be a few months in there, where they’ll takeover registration they would do some registration or warehouse duties and they could work under them at that point but not during the absentee period.

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “So there would be an absentee chief that reports to you and there’ll be a registrations person in charge of registrations reporting to you.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “That's your structure should you get these hired?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “The proposed structure, yes.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “There is an election chief too?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “There will be an absentee ballot manager that will report to the deputy director. There will be an election chief and a registrations chief.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Are you developing sort -- are you developing specific procedures for post-election? Are they going to be written related to counting both for what happened manual recount you know this other formal recount that they're all there clear as to what's to take place in all the different scenarios?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes, because we’ve got new deadlines because of SB202 also that are going to be in place on election night. So, we have to -- we have to change everything we do and the poll worker training that is going to be involved to make sure that we meet those deadlines on election night.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay, will there be custody and control procedures.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes. We're also purchasing an inventory tracking system that will be able to help manage that whole process.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Those be published or reported to anybody.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “As we're finishing SOP's right now, we're sending them to the County auditor and we are also developing all of those the Board of Registration and Elections will have access to them as well.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Okay. You had some remarks in there around the voter rolls and I just I think is useful detail. I guess my concern you know just like I would have if, you know, were, you know, talking to folks who are in charge of our financial controls, but we're the actually being followed completely. And you know one of the things that most recently looking at you know I was comparing these numbers would have been at the not for the runoff but for the 2020 election our registered voters relative to our population other counties as reported by ARCS reason you know common figure for this relative to other counties that ARC has sort of outlined of voter registration what the counties have reported you know the Secretary of State site and you know what that shows is that Fulton County's percentage of registered voters is 76.8 percent, okay? Other data I've seen shows that folks under the age of 18 in Fulton County is 21.4 percent which would apply that essentially that we have a hundred percent of the people in the County registered to vote, okay? Comparatively that makes us 7 percent higher than DeKalb County; 24.5 percent higher than Gwinnett County; 10.6 percent higher than Cobb County; 10.2 percent higher than Douglas County; 10.3 percent higher than Henry County; 15 percent higher than Clayton County; 13.6 percent higher than Rockdale County. Now, I don't know I guess sort of begs the question of, are we coming back and having any sort of outside group essentially audit our work.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “We process, we get all of our applications either through the Department of Driver Services or --”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “That's not my question? Who's checking your work? I mean --”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “All of the work is submitted to the Secretary of state and they do the verification. So, the state verifies all of our data entry.”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “Well, what about the cleanup?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “What, what cleanup?”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “The maintenance.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “All of that maintenance is done on either a daily basis, or it's done on a weekly basis --”

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: “The components of that daily basis they are our responsibility, correct.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yeah, but if we make entries into the system they go through overnight verification with the state.”

Any application that we enter is either bounced off against Social Security or is bounced off citizenship."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "The applications you make."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I'm talking about people coming off and changing. That's what I'm talking about is that process, I realize stuff feeds in that maybe outside of our control right? We're taking what's coming in from all these sources, but the work to remove how dependent on that I'm presuming portions of this are dependent upon our staff actually doing something."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Well, like I say, transfers in and out those are -- can you go back to advance two slides forward, please. I think it's two. One more please. Another one. Thank you. So -- these are the things that we have to process every so often either the national change of address that is done periodically usually in odd-numbered years. Anybody that's moved -- right now just to put our voter registration rolls in perspective: our active voter count which means we verified where all of these voters are compared to our inactive count is at the highest -- the ratio is of activate to inactive is the best we've ever had in the County. Which means that we have I would say our voter rolls are more accurate than they've ever been in terms of knowing where every voter is and our inactive count is the lowest that it has ever been. A lot of that had to do with the Department of Drivers Services driving those applications anytime somebody went in to the Department of Drivers Services, it generated an application and an update in the system."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Right, but you're looking at that from a historic Fulton County perspective."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay, not relative to everybody else. My upshot of this was running late in the day is if you look at a lot of the numbers, and then alternatively it's going to show also that our turnouts, you know, generally is less in some of those counties that I've noted as well; so, I'm not suggesting that there is sort of you know "people that voted that shouldn't be voting", but it just looks like our voter rolls are probably not potentially as quality as the other counties in the Metro area. I mean that's from me from just a quick look at the numbers people could arrive at that conclusion that if you've got a hundred percent of the County effectively registered to vote, then it does sort of beg the question, right? Really my ultimate question is or may be just suggestion is to the BRE members is if we ever brought in somebody outside whoever that will be to effectively audit our voter rolls."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "The state is the owner of that BR system though, so they I mean we can't bring somebody in and give them access to election net. It isn't our system."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Our audit our process for ensuring that all of these things are taking place in the way that they are supposed to."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "We have a report that we give to the BRE every month that gives all the numbers --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- I don't want to pull a report, but I'm talking about the process behind it. We get reports. We also have an auditor that goes back in and look at the actual processes taken place and ensure that what people say they were doing is actually being done. Have we considered that? We had somebody actually audit that process."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "I don't believe that I have any authority to bring somebody in to go through our voter rolls."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Your process for ensuring all of those activities take place in the fashion that they're supposed to take place."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "We're going to be bringing -- we're going to bring in -- a proposed to bring in a consultant this year to look at all of the processes in the Department."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "When is that going to take place."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "That is the purchasing -- we've been working with purchasing to get that RFP out and it should, maybe hit the street this week."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay. So probably not much is going to become of that this to be a benefit for the November election."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "I would say that's not necessarily true because they're going to be given certain duties in different phases to have that happen."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "All right. Thanks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Morris."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Well I will be as quick as I can. Much of what I was going talk about I'm going to guarantee it. Commissioner Hausmann and particularly Mr. Ellis

addressed a lot of what I wanted to address. But actually, some maybe years ago, I became concerned about the number of registered voters compared to the number of people in Fulton County as if at least a hundred percent of all adults we're registered to vote in Fulton County. And I've seen I think three different presentations by three different people or organizations recently suggesting that there may be between a 150,000 and 250,000 more registered voters in Fulton County than adults who live here. Or 150,000 to 250,000 registered voters who do not live here. And I haven't verified this, but somebody presented a couple weeks ago a statement that the late great Eva Columbo's is still a registered voter in Fulton County. And if that's true if you think someone as prominent as that who died some years ago is still on the rolls, how many non-prominent people who passed away are still on the voter rolls. And someone else took it 21.4 percent from a recent census says that percentage of folks in Fulton County who were under 18 were also presented one time and that suggested that there may be 840,000 adults and 850,000 registered voters which means more than a hundred percent of the adults in Fulton County are registered to vote."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "About 38,000 are inactive."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "About 38,000 are inactive, correct; and then we saw the woman who sold Gab Sterling's house and moved to Maryland voted in a couple of elections."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "She actually did move; produced rental agreements for here; she was taking care of a relative out-of-state."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "Is that right? Those are the kinds of anecdotal things that cast concern and doubt among the voters on both sides. I know that I have family members who are still registered here who moved out of state years ago and have been contacted by organizations wanting them to send absentee ballots in."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Are they registered here."

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "They are still registered."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Can you send me their names?"

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: "I'd be happy to."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Because there's some people that get contacted by third-party groups and they have old lists. Of people that aren't on our rolls. We were contacted by a number of places last year, but people they said these people or registered to vote and we looked them up – "

COMMISSIONER MORRIS: “I understand –I understand all that. And one presenter presented the number of children in the public County schools -- of the Fulton County schools and the Atlanta public schools and then an estimate of how many students in private schools in Fulton County are actually Fulton County residents and that produced a number of 18-year-old and older in Fulton County that was much less. And you know the idea that a hundred percent of the adults registered to vote even with driver education registration anybody who's run for office and takes that voter list with them as they knock on doors and see that 40-unit apartment building and there are three registered voters in it, know that those that you know it just isn't close. And so anyway it's a concern. I share Mr. Ellis' concern that we cleaned this up for the sake of folk's confidence in the voter rolls. To the extent you all can do that and do a better job of that that would be an effective boost of confidence, that's all I'm going to say.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Thank you Commissioner, we really appreciate that. Commissioner Hausmann, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, and then Vice Chair Hall.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Yes, just to follow up on the voter rolls first, my colleagues were a lot more thorough than I was; the point is the same. So, my question is any of our system verify when you get a new registration that in a single-family home that the old folks that were there are removed.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “When we get -- when we get -- we don't have that capability when a registration application comes in, we enter that application and then it is processed or it is verified overnight by the states' system.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “So there's no check and balance to make sure that you don't have three families living in a single-family home.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “The way -- if we ever get alerted to that we usually will get a voter -- somebody will send a voter registration that says this persons doesn't live here at this address. But if we have -- we don't have even the staff to go through and look at every single household --”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “No, but technology we ought to be able to flag if a resident is an apartment or single-family and we ought to be able to some internal way to do that. It's not rocket science.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “One thing that we've done recently is we have went out and sent letters to all of the people that are registered in those mailboxes that aren't post office boxes. We sent letters to them telling them that they have to have a registration that is --”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “Which is very expensive to do all those mailings. Seems like we could retool some of the processes with technology rather than mailing

and really not knowing if we get the get the good results and I think you know what I'm talking about. Can you go back to the cost comparison please? Okay. So, let's just take the first one up there; 2008 election cycle is that your department budget for 2008."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "That is the election budget for 2008, that's everything that was spent that year on those elections."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Well wouldn't that be your department budget."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Okay, cause I'm just sitting here kind of floored that we didn't include the cost for November. I've never seen that happen before. We've always approved a budget for the entire year that would encompass whatever your costs were expected to be including conducting an election which is the purpose of your department."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Except if you look at the odd number year which we didn't include up there, they're always -- they're usually a fifth or a quarter of what the even numbered years --"

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I know that but we still know we have to do November elections all year."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "We don't usually pay for those elections."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "It doesn't matter, we still budget for the department, don't we?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "We have an operations budget and there is an elections budget. If we don't have an elections budget for which an election for which we're going to pay we don't budget for that and generally we don't pay for the municipal elections."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "That just makes no sense to me. I'm sorry."

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

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Yes."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "For those off years when it's a municipal election, we use the elections fund rather than the general fund to cover the cost of those elections. So, they enter into the agreements with each city. The cities agree to cover the costs. We establish the budget for those municipal elections in the

election's budget. It's a separate special revenue fund outside of the general fund for 2020, we provided the Registration and Elections Department a general fund budget that was sufficient to cover the costs of their routine operations plus the additional costs for the January runoff and some trailing costs for things that were actually incurred in 2020. But we didn't have all of the receipts and everything and invoices in at the end of the year. So, that's what the Registration and Elections budget was based on for 2021 because it was an odd number year. A municipal election the budget for those municipal elections would have been set up in the special revenue funds."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "Is it not all totaled out in the end of his cost for operations for that year both of those departmental and the elections costs totaled out to the total budget; no?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Not what's presented to the Board of Commissioners when you adopt the budget."

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: "I just never heard that. I been here a long time. I never heard that before."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, ma'am."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chair. Mr. Barron, thank you for joining us today. In the January runoff for 2021, and in the November election of 2020, was there any fraud that you were made aware of."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "No."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "No there wasn't any fraud. Was there any instances of irregularities or errors that you were aware of?"

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "No."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Let me also ask you this: I know that SB202 mandated certain changes that you must comply with; is that correct."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. That mandated change that SB202 has made, did it come with any funding from the state."

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: "No."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay. Let me ask you this: With those mandated changes that the state has mandated for you to have that you don't have any funding for are you able to go and get any grants or get any outside funding for those changes that's going to take place?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “No.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay. My almost last question, sir, is will the changes that the SB202 has mandated that you comply with, will that increase your budget?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes, there are some things that we'll increase our budget.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay. Ultimately, the increase of your budget will fall upon whom? Will that fall upon the Gwinnett County taxpayer, Fulton County taxpayer, who will that fall upon sir, to your knowledge.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “The Fulton County taxpayers.”

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: “Okay. Sir, thank you for those answers. You have a good day.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Thank you.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Vice Chair Hall.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Good job, Rick. You were under fire and it's very obvious why. You did an excellent job and thank you to Madam CFO, Sharon Whitmore for bringing some clarity to the costs and budget questions. But I also want to say that some of these questions that were asked of you like hiring your people, and the procurement process and things like that I just want to make sure that everybody understands that the departments are at the mercy of the HR hiring processes and the procurement and contract compliance processes. They don't have the say-so on how fast these things move. They have to follow the legal and binding process. So, if it takes more than 60 days prior to the posting in order to get that item posted, that job posted and that's what they have to endure. You know it is good to hear that now it's only 60 days to hire through the HR department from the time of the job posting, because it used to be six months. So, there's been a great improvement on that; but you do have to take into account that when the department head needs a position, there's a whole entire process they have to go through before they even get the job posted. And the RFP process is still a very long process. So that being said, do you have any idea when you'll be able

to – if all of your jobs that you need have gone through that initial process so that they can be posted.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “We will -- some of the positions, the PDQs are already done and those positions are --”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Can you just let everyone know what a PDQ is so they can understand --”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “That gives all of the information to human resources about what the job entails. It’s detailed information. We submit those to human resources. Most of those, all of those have been completed and submitted. And some of the positions had already existed, so those are quicker. Once that whole process is done, then we will bring those to the Commissioners along with the new organizational chart and propose that for funding.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Thank you for that. Having been an IT Manager here in the Fulton County Department of Information Technology, I had to go through all of those processes. So, I understand what they are; but I do understand that we do have Commissioners who’ve never been a department head here in Fulton County. So, I just want to make sure that everyone understands that you don’t have the ability to move through the hiring process at your own will. You are at the mercy of whatever that process is that’s in place. And as far as the RFP process for your procurement needs do you know where that is in line with the process?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes. We’ve been meeting weekly with the purchasing director and that final RFP language is going to be completed this week. And then we’ll be able to submit that to put that bid out.”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “All right. Thank you so much.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right do you have a written copy of this report?”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Yes.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Alright, I’d like to have a copy of it. No, I’m sorry. Any other questions for Director Barron? If not, Madam Clerk.”

CLERK GRIER: “Okay. Bottom of page 7, Under the Commissioners Presentation and Discussion Items, **21-0283**, Discussion Election 2021 Cycle sponsored by Commissioner Hausmann.”

COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN: “We covered that already.”

RICHARD BARRON, DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS: “Thank you Commissioners.”

CLERK GRIER: **21- 0342** Discussion Update of Activities of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreational Authority Grounds --”

VICE CHAIR HALL: “Motion to hold. Commissioner Arrington is not here and motion to hold the next want too. He asked me to do that for him.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “Okay. Anything else.”

CLERK GRIER: “No further items.”

CHAIRMAN PITTS: “All right, no further items to come before us today without objection, we are adjourned. Thank you very much.”

(Whereupon the meeting concluded at 4:40 p.m.)