

ATTACHMENT A

1 Sec. 101-66. - Agenda, preparation of; public comment.

2 (a) The Fulton County Board of Commissioners holds a first regular meeting (first Wednesday of the
3 month) and a second regular meeting (third Wednesday of the month). The agenda is prepared by the
4 clerk's office in concert with the county manager's office. The deadline for submitting items for regularly
5 scheduled board of commissioners' meetings to the clerk's office for inclusion on the next agenda is
6 10:00 a.m. on Friday prior to the meeting. A final copy of the agenda is distributed to the
7 commissioners, county attorney, county manager and appropriate staff by 2:00 p.m. on the Friday
8 preceding the scheduled meeting of the board. Copies are also made available to the public at that
9 time. A post agenda is provided after the meeting. The post agenda is a precursor to the final minutes
10 and reflects actions taken by the board at a particular meeting. Post agendas/preliminary minutes are
11 distributed by the clerk's office within 48 hours of a meeting.

12 (b) The agenda preparation procedure is as follows:

13 (1) Any commissioner wishing to place an item on the agenda may do so and should submit a
14 memorandum to the clerk stating the item to be placed on the agenda. Any supporting documents
15 germane to the item should also be submitted.

16 (2) Adding of items to the agenda during the meeting is disfavored. Where there is a showing of an
17 emergency or extraordinary circumstances exist, an item may be added to the agenda when it is
18 separately voted on and is adopted during the meeting by a supermajority of the board of
19 commissioners. A motion shall be properly made and must carry to add each item to the agenda
20 on the day of the meeting. That item shall appear on the post agenda under the "added during
21 the meeting" heading.

22 (3) During the public comment portion of a board meeting, citizens may voice county related
23 requests, concerns, opinions, etc. At the regular meeting, speakers will be heard prior to the
24 zoning portion of the agenda; if applicable, at the second regular meeting, prior to the county
25 manager's unfinished business. Before speaking, each speaker presenting in person must fill out
26 a speaker card, located at the assembly hall entrance and podium. All speaker cards must be
27 submitted to the clerk's staff, prior to the commencement of public comment, who will accept them
28 on a first-come, first served basis. The meeting will be aired live on all official Fulton County
29 Government media platforms as designated by the Fulton County Department of External Affairs.
30 ~~Speakers wishing to submit public comment to the board in writing can do so by submitting their~~
31 ~~comments in all forms deemed allowable by the Fulton County Department of External Affairs. To~~
32 ~~be read into the record, written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday,~~
33 ~~immediately prior to the meeting in the form outlined.~~ All virtual public comments and requests to
34 speak in person must be submitted before the clerk sounds the start of the meeting.

35 a. Speakers who cannot be present at assembly hall may speak live or via videoconference
36 (ex. Zoom). Speakers can also speak live from other county facilities made available, such
37 as the North Fulton Service Center or the South Fulton Service Center.

38 ~~b. Comments via e-mail shall be provided electronically to the BOC and their staff before the~~
39 ~~meeting begins and all comments shall be included as part of the minutes of the board of~~
40 ~~commissioners meeting.~~

41 ~~c. Comments via e-mail that are the same in nature or pertain to the same BOC agenda item~~
42 ~~number shall be categorized by county staff ahead of the meeting. To expedite time, for e-~~
43 ~~mailed public comments that are the same in nature or pertain to the same BOC agenda~~
44 ~~item number or subject matter/topic, the clerk or other assigned staff shall read the agenda~~
45 ~~item number and/or topic, and then read the list of public commenters' names and locations~~
46 ~~(if given) that are in support of the item; then read the list of public commenters' names and~~
47 ~~locations (if given) who oppose the agenda item or topic. This rule shall apply to all forms of~~
48 ~~pre-written/pre-recorded public comment.~~

49 ~~db.~~ Public comment will occur prior to the business portion of the BOC meeting and will be
50 strictly limited to 360 minutes. In-person comments will be made first, followed by
51 written/emailed comments. Regardless of the form of the public comment (spoken/written)
52 the time limit will be two minutes, and no time shall be yielded to other speakers. Priority for

public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, whether such persons are commenting in-person, via emails or via Zoom or other electronic media (i.e., phone call). Non-Fulton County citizens will only be heard after all in-person Fulton County citizens, representatives of business and organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees have been heard and the time allotted for public comment has not expired, except as otherwise provided in this code section. County staff shall verify the residency of each public speaker prior to such person being heard by the board.

ec. In the event the 360-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. ~~Similarly, written comments (that were timely submitted) not previously read, may be read at the end of the meeting.~~

fd. Speaker cards will provide three options for those individuals who want to speak that were not able to comment during the initial 360-minute public comment time limit:

1. Speak at the end of the meeting;
2. Be placed at the front of the line for public comment at the next meeting; or
3. Provide written comment that will be read at the end of the BOC meeting.

ge. In the event that none of these three options are selected, the individual will forfeit their right to public comment for that day.

NOTE: If the subject matter involves an issue to be resolved, the citizen should first contact the county manager's office, which will ensure that the relevant department heads and other individuals are contacted to rectify the matter. If the issue cannot be resolved through the county manager's efforts, the citizen may then contact a commissioner so that the matter can be placed on a board meeting agenda. The commissioner should then inform the clerk by memorandum stating the subject to be discussed and the citizen who will speak.

The address and phone number of the citizen should be conveyed. Any supporting material germane to the issue should also be submitted.

(4) Whenever any agenda item, via resolution, seeks board approval of a written agreement, a copy of the written agreement shall be attached to the agenda item or resolution and shall be distributed by the clerk as with other agenda items. Upon approval of the item, the clerk shall include a copy of the written agreement in the official minutes of the board meeting at which such approval occurred.

(c) Once the agenda has been approved in the meeting, it takes four affirmative votes to remove county manager items. If the county manager decides to remove an item from the agenda, he/she should suggest removal from the agenda by submitting a request in writing to the clerk who will announce it during the adoption of the agenda. Four votes are required for approval. The county manager should be prepared to state his/her reason for removal. Commissioners can remove their items at any time and this action does not require board approval. The board enacted a "Three Meeting Held Rule" that gives the clerk the authority to remove commissioners' items that have been on the agenda for three meetings. The clerk shall further have authority to remove commissioners' items that have previously been determined by the board of commissioners to be matters reserved for discussion in executive session.

[NOTE: The yellow highlighted text above in Attachment A reflects previous amendments, unrelated to this Resolution, that were approved by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners via Item 24-0020 at the Board's January 16, 2024 Meeting, but which have not yet been updated in Municode.]