

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

May 20, 2026  
10:00 AM



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



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## **POST AGENDA MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Robert L. Pitts

**ROLL CALL:** Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Bob Ellis, Commissioner (District 2)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Dana Barrett, Commissioner (District 3)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Vacant (District 4)	
Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Commissioner (District 5)	<b>PRESENT</b>
Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Vice Chair (District 6)	<b>PRESENT</b>

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recite in unison

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**26-0270 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 Second Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item #26-0279 for separate consideration as requested by Commissioner Ellis. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Arrington

**Did Not Vote:** Thorne

**26-0271 Board of Commissioners**

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

Proclamation recognizing “Melissa St. Joy Appreciation Day.” **(Pitts)**  
May 9, 2026

Proclamation recognizing “Kenya Tucker Appreciation Day.” **(Pitts)**  
May 9, 2026

Proclamation recognizing “Shanice Askew Appreciation Day.” **(Pitts)**  
May 9, 2026

Proclamation recognizing “Falun Dafa Appreciation Day.” **(Thorne)**  
May 9, 2026

Proclamation recognizing “404CQ Appreciation Day.” **(Arrington)**  
dated May 9, 2026

Proclamation recognizing “Taiwanese American Heritage Week.”  
**(Pitts/Abdur-Rahman/Thorne)**  
May 10-17, 2026

Proclamation recognizing “District 44 Georgia Toastmasters Appreciation Day.”  
**(Pitts)** dated May 15, 2026

Proclamation recognizing “Malcolm X Festival Appreciation Day.” **(Arrington)**  
May 16, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Rohan Dalal Appreciation Day." **(Thorne)**  
May 16, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Emanuel Guzman Appreciation Day."  
**(Thorne)**  
May 16, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Taranía Ramesh Appreciation Day."  
**(Thorne)**  
May 16, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Puneeth Sreerama Appreciation Day."  
**(Thorne)**  
May 16, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Bilal Mourad Appreciation Day." **(Ellis)**  
May 17, 2026

### **Commissioners' District Board Appointments**

#### **26-0272**

#### **Board of Commissioners**

FULTON COUNTY HIV/AIDS PREVENTION, CARE AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Twenty (20) members. Each Commissioner shall appoint two members each (14 members) and (6 six) at-large positions with nominees recommended by the Advisory Committee and appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Such appointees shall be residents of, or work in Fulton County, and shall have experience or expertise in public health, HIV prevention and/or care, or be otherwise deemed qualified to serve as an advisory committee member. The Advisory Committee has the discretion to create subcommittees to assist it with the assigned tasks. Appointees to the Advisory Committee shall serve three-year terms at the discretion of the appointing Commissioner, and members may continue to serve beyond his/her term until a successor is appointed.

Term = 3 Years

Term below expired: 6/7/2023

Ken Adcox **(Hausmann)**

**Commissioner Thorne nominated Hayley Belles for a District appointment to a term commencing June 8, 2026, and ending June 8 7, 2029, following the expiration of the current term on June 7, 2026.**

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**Open & Responsible Government****26-0273 Finance**

Ratification of April 2026 Grants Activity Report. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**26-0274 Human Resources Management**

Request approval to modify the classification section of the Classification and Compensation plan by adding the new title of Records and Documents Coordinator, Fulton County Warehouse (grade 12), and changing the salary range for the existing title of Senior Records Administrator to grade 22. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**26-0275 Purchasing and Contract Compliance**

Report: Contracts approved by the County Manager for the period March 7, 2026 - May 8, 2026. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Arts and Libraries****26-0276 Library**

Request for approval of a Resolution of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners authorizing the acceptance of the donation of books at the Fulton County Library System and approving the Memorandum of Agreement between Fulton County on behalf of the Fulton County Library System and Republic of China (Taiwan), through its Consular Officer, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office of Atlanta for donations to and programming within the Fulton County Library System; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**26-0277 Library**

Request approval of an Art Loan Agreement with The Last Hummingbird Collective, LLC, for the temporary acceptance of the installation, maintenance and removal of art entitled, "The World(s) She Made: Composing the Radical Lives of Kathleen Neal Cleaver," to be on display at the Auburn Avenue Research Library. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Health and Human Services****26-0278 Public Works**

Request approval to correct Agenda Item No. 25-0978 to correct the contracting entity's name for the award of 25RFP021025K-CRB, Progressive Design/Build for Boat Rock Road Sanitary Sewer Extension from Garney + Gresham Smith to Garney Companies, Inc. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Justice and Safety**

**26-0279 County Manager**

May 2026 Justice System Update. **(DISCUSSED)**

**ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION AND HEARD WITH ITEM #26-0299 AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ELLIS**

**26-0280 Medical Examiner**

Request approval of a contract - Fulton County Office of the Medical Examiner and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of the University of Georgia College of Public Health to provide clinical education experiences for graduate students; and authorizing the County Attorney to make any necessary modifications to the form of the agreements prior to execution by the Chairman to protect the interest of the County. The County is not required to pay any compensation. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**SECOND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**26-0281 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to adopt the Second Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by revising item #26-0283 as requested by Chairman Pitts; and moving up item #26-0298 as requested by Commissioner Thorne. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Arrington

**26-0282 Clerk to the Commission**

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

- Second Regular Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2026
- First Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, May 6, 2026
- Special Called Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, May 12, 2026

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

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

**Absent:** Arrington

**26-0283 Board of Commissioners**

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

~~\* Proclamation recognizing "Atlanta Voice Newspaper Appreciation Day."  
(Pitts/BOC)~~

Proclamation recognizing "National Preservation Month." **(Pitts/BOC)**

Proclamation recognizing "National Public Works Week." **(Abdur-Rahman/BOC)**

*\*removed during the meeting*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****26-0284 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

**37 Speakers: Michael Collins (PAD); Tanesha Door (PAD); James Jones (PAD); Joyce Farmer (Fulton Jail/Sheriff); LA Pink (Elections); Tenisha White (Fulton Jail); Sean Stielow (PAD); Hillary Phillips (Court Case Dogs); Helen Delilia Williams (Public Schools/Transit Fare); Devin Franklin (PAD); Denise White (PAD); Erice Montero (PAD); Andrea Hardge (PAD); Darius Hardy (PAD); Eugene Walls (PAD); Ashlee Heibel (PAD); Terry Thompson (PAD); Marcus Harper (PAD); Victoria Kendrick (PAD); Cameron Johnson (PAD); Mark Peters (PAD); Darci Jaret (PAD); Bobby Green (PAD); Eric D. Miller (PAD);**

Quasha Zanders (PAD); Talia Coopersmith (PAD); Akil Brooks (PAD); Kathi Edwards (PAD); Larry Arnold (PAD); Ava Mobley (PAD); Yana Batra (PAD); Tiffany Roberts (PAD); Devin Barrington-Ward (PAD); Nicholas J. Burroughs (PAD); Jill Lindsey (Polling Location); Melodie Rossar (PAD); Trindalin Browning (PAD)

2 Zoom Speakers: Dominique Huff (MARTA); Robby Caban (Lifeline/Animal Services)

## PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

### Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)

[26-0285](#) Board of Commissioners  
MARTA Quarterly Briefing (PRESENTED)

## COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS

### Open & Responsible Government

[26-0286](#) Purchasing and Contract Compliance  
Ratification of Emergency Procurements. (APPROVED)

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Ellis

### Health and Human Services

[26-0287](#) Community Development  
Request approval of the 2026 Community Services Program (CSP) Evaluation Committee's recommendations in the amount of \$5,363,958.00 to the non-profits identified in Attachment "A". General funding in the amount of \$5,363,958.00 for Community Services Program was approved by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners at the January 21, 2026, Second Regular Meeting (Agenda Item# 26-0032). The contract period runs from January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026. (APPROVED)

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

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

**26-0288 Public Works**

Request approval of a Contract Item Agreement (CIA) between Fulton County and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the relocation of sewer facilities associated with the improvement of existing left turn lanes on Fulton Industrial Boulevard (SR70) at its intersection with Bucknell Drive in Fulton County, Project ID #0019648. The project includes relocating approximately 71 linear feet of 8-inch sewer lines and associated appurtenances within Fulton County. The estimated cost of the project is \$54,350.00. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**26-0289 Senior Services**

Request approval to amend existing contracts - Department of Senior Services 22RFP035A-CJC, Aging Services in a total amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 with (A) Senior Services North, Inc. (Alpharetta, GA) in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; (B) South Fulton Senior Services (College Park, GA) in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; and (C) Visiting Nurses Health Systems (Atlanta, GA) in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for case management billable rate adjustments for contracts providing Aging Services for Fulton County seniors aged 60 and above. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Justice and Safety****26-0290 Police**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Fulton County Police Department and Fulton County Sheriff's Office, 26ITB1580280B-PS, Alcohol and Drug Substance Abuse Testing Services in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 with Piedmont Urgent Care by WellStreet, LLC (Atlanta, Georgia) to provide alcohol and drug substance abuse testing services to be provided upon BOC approval through December 31, 2026, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Pitts

**COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS****26-0291 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution to support the growth and long-term sustainability of local, independent small businesses as they expand and create jobs in South Downtown, to ensure that local small businesses are included in the economic opportunities provided by the 2026 World Cup, and for other purposes. **(Barrett) (APPROVED)**

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

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

**26-0292 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution directing the County Manager and Chief Financial Officer to redirect funds from the fiscal year 2026 budget of the Superior Court to the Magistrate Court in the amount of the unobligated portion of the \$780,000.00 previously transferred to the Superior Court's budget; and for other purposes. **(Pitts) (APPROVED)**

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Ellis

**26-0293 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to request the Fulton County Sheriff to utilize existing authority to decline certain misdemeanor bookings in order to address jail overcrowding, improve safety, and prioritize detention space for serious offenses; and for other purposes. **(Pitts) (APPROVED)**

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**26-0294 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners challenging the constitutionality of Georgia House Bill 369 which provides for the nonpartisan election of County Officers and District Attorneys in Clayton, Cobb, Dekalb, Fulton and Gwinnett counties beginning in 2028; and for other purposes. **(Arrington/Abdur-Rahman/Barrett) (APPROVED)**

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

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

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

**Commissioners' Full Board Appointments****26-0295 Board of Commissioners**

REGION III EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL **(APPROVED)**

The Bylaws of the Region III Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council requires that its members be appointed by County Commissioners and must constitute a minimum of two thirds of the voting membership. Council members serve terms of appointment of three (3) years. The Council year will be from July 1 to June 30. The term of each appointment shall be for three years with one-third of the Council to be appointed each year. In order to have one-third of the Council appointed each year some appointments may be made for 1 or 2 years until such balances achieved. Members may be reappointed to the EMS Council with no limit on terms. (See EMS Advisory Council Bylaws updated on 5/13/2021).

Term = 3 Years

Term below expired: June 30, 2025

Roderick "Rod" M. Smith **(BOC/Position 1)**

**Chairman Pitts nominated Roderick "Rod" M. Smith for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending June 30, 2028.**

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

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

**26-0296 Board of Commissioners**  
REGION III EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL **(APPROVED)**

Term = 3 Years

Term below expires: June 30, 2026

Alex Robles **(BOC/Position 2)**

**Chairman Pitts nominated Alex Robles for a Full Board reappointment to a term commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30 ~~July 1, 2029~~, following the expiration of the current term on June 30, 2026.**

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

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

**26-0297 Board of Commissioners**  
REGION III EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL **(APPROVED)**

Term = 3 Years

Term below expired: June 30, 2025

Steven L. Moyers **(BOC/Position 4)**

**Chairman Pitts nominated Steven L. Moyers for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending June 30, 2028.**

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

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

## COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Health and Human Services

**26-0298 Community Development**  
Presentation: The Fulton County Youth Commission initiatives for the program term 2025-2026. **(PRESENTED)**

## COMMISSIONERS' PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

**26-0299 Board of Commissioners**  
Discussion: Utilization of funds committed for improving jail detention staffing and the detention staffing hiring process **(Ellis) (DISCUSSED)**

**26-0301 Board of Commissioners**  
Discussion: Update - Implementation of five-point plan **(Pitts) (DISCUSSED)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**26-0300 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Ellis

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington to approve the request for representation in item #6 as discussed in Executive Session.

motion failed for a lack of a second

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.