

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECESS MEETING**

June 21, 2023
10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: August 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts **10:00 a.m.**

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

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| Robert L. Pitts, Chairman (At-Large) | PRESENT |
| Bridget Thorne, Commissioner (District 1) | PRESENT |
| Bob Ellis, Vice-Chairman (District 2) | PRESENT |
| Dana Barrett, Commissioner (District 3) | PRESENT |
| Natalie Hall, Commissioner (District 4) | PRESENT |
| Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Commissioner (District 5) | PRESENT |
| Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner (District 6) | PRESENT |

INVOCATION: Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONSENT AGENDA**23-0393 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by revising item #23-0394 as requested by Commissioner Arrington. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ellis

23-0394 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Jacklyn Smith Remembrance Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**
June 9, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "DJ Montay Appreciation Day." **(Hall/Arrington)**
June 10, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Korey Roberson Appreciation Day." **(Hall/Arrington)**
June 10, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "MC Assault Appreciation Day." **(Hall/Arrington)**
June 10, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "DJ Jelly Appreciation Day." **(Hall/Arrington)**
June 10, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Ryan Cameron Appreciation Day." **(Hall/Arrington)**
June 10, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Dr. Doris Derby Remembrance Day." **(Hall/Arrington)**
June 10, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Atlanta Dance Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
June 13, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Nena Gilreath Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
June 13, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Waverly T. Lucas, II Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
June 13, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Douglas Scott Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
June 13, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Maynard Eaton Remembrance Day." **(Hall/Arrington)**
June 16, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Family Food Fest Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
June 18, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "American Business Women's Association Appreciation Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**
June 24, 2023

Proclamation recognizing "Rev. Dr. John Foster Appreciation Day." **(Hall)**
June 25, 2023

Commissioners' District Board Appointments

23-0395

Board of Commissioners

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

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

Term = 4 years staggered

Terms below expired: 5/31/2023

Kyle Lamont **(Hall)**

Thomas G. Tidwell **(Resigned) (Morris)**

Commissioner Barrett nominated Laura Kurlander-Nagel for District appointment to a term ending May 31, 2027.

23-0396 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY CITIZENS COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

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

Staggered Terms

Term = 2 Years

Term = 4 Years

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

Terms below expired: 12/31/2022

Lynn McIntyre (**Hausmann**)

Christopher Lemons (**Arrington**)

Mandisha Thomas (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Commissioner Thorne nominated Lynn McIntyre for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.

23-0397 Board of Commissioners**RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

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

Term = 6 years

Term below expired: 12/3/2026

Monosij Dutta-Roy (**Resigned**) (**Pitts**)

Chairman Pitts nominated Brenda Bethune-Colbert to replace Monosij Dutta-Roy for a District appointment to an unexpired term ending December 3, 2026.

Health and Human Services**23-0398 Public Works**

Request approval of a Service Account Agreement Letter - Department of Public Works, Drinking Water Laboratory, and Related Services Account Agreement Letter in the amount of \$19,360.00 from the State of Georgia / DNR - Environmental Protection Division (EPD) (Atlanta, GA), to provide drinking water laboratory and related services for the contract period effective from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0399 Department for HIV Elimination

Request approval for Business Associate Agreements between Fulton County and CAI for the sharing of Protected Health Information. Request authorization for the Chairman to execute Business Associate Agreement with CAI. To protect the interest of the County, the County Attorney is authorized to approve the Business Associate Agreements as to form and substance and make any necessary modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chair. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0400 Public Works

Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between Fulton County and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD) for participation in the District-wide Smart Leak Detector Rebate Program administered by MNGWPD and pursuant to the requirements of the MNGWPD's Water Resource Management Plan in the amount of \$18,000.00 for 18 months; to authorize the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Agreement; and to authorize the County Attorney to approve the Memorandum of Agreement as to form and to make modifications thereto in order to protect the interests of Fulton County prior to execution. Effective July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Infrastructure and Economic Development**23-0401 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 35,689 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Pulte Home Company, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Embry Lakefield Project at 0 Lakefield Avenue, Johns Creek, Georgia 30097. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0402 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Water Line Easement Dedication of 2,669 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Pulte Home Company, LLC for the purpose of constructing the Embry Lakefield Roadway Project at 0 Lakefield Drive, Johns Creek, Georgia 30097. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0403 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 1,833 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Supernova Properties, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the 1645 Mayfield Road Project at 1645 Mayfield Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0404 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 2,258 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Tekton Alpha, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the 270 Dania Sewer Project at 270 Dania Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Justice and Safety**23-0405 District Attorney**

Request approval of an award without competition - District Attorney, 2022 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative, Award Number 15PBJA-22-GG-04732-CVIP with Georgia State University named as a sub-awardee in the Grant in an amount not to exceed \$204,300.00. Effective upon BOC approval through the term of the Grant. 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0406 Superior Court Administration

Request approval to renew an existing contract, Superior Court Administration, Memorandum of Agreement with Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network, for the purposes of Forensic Peer support services for the Behavioral Health Treatment Court Program participants. This is 100% grant funded through the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (Grant Fund TX23) with no County match required. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective upon BOC approval through June 30, 2024. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0407 District Attorney

Request approval of an award without competition - District Attorney, 2022 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative, Award Number 15PBJA-22-GG-04732-CVIP with Offender Alumni Association named as a sub-awardee in the Grant in an amount not to exceed \$171,000.00. Effective upon BOC approval through the term of the Grant. 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0408 District Attorney

Request approval of an award without competition - The District Attorney requests approval of the 2022 OJJDP FY 2022 Family-Based Alternative Sentencing Program, Award Number 13624564 in the amount of \$750,000.00 with Families First named as a sub-awardee in the Grant in an amount not to exceed \$118,836.00. Effective upon BOC approval through the term of the Grant. 100% grant funded. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

23-0409 Superior Court Administration

Request approval to accept a name change and authorize the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance to reflect the name change of ICON Software Corporation to Catalis Courts & Land Records. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

RECESS MEETING AGENDA

23-0410 Board of Commissioners

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to adopt the Recess Meeting as amended by revising items #23-0412, #23-0431 as requested by Commissioner Hall; and moving up item #23-0387 as requested by Commissioner Thorne. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ellis

23-0411 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Recess Meeting Minutes, May 17, 2023
Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, June 7, 2023

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

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

Absent: Ellis

23-0412 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing “LaVeda Bennett Appreciation Day.” **(Abdur-Rahman)**

* Proclamation recognizing “Elizabeth Markowitz Appreciation Day.”
(Hall/Arrington)

**added during the meeting*

PUBLIC HEARINGS**23-0413 Board of Commissioners**

Public Comment - Citizens are allowed to voice County related opinions, concerns, requests, etc. during the Public Comment portion of the Commission meeting. **Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, whether such persons are commenting in-person, via emails or via Zoom or other electronic media (i.e., phone call). Non-Fulton County citizens will only be heard after all in-person Fulton County citizens, representatives of business and organizations located within Fulton County, including their employees, have been heard and the time allotted for public comment has not expired, except as otherwise provided in this code section. County staff shall verify the residency of each public speaker prior to such person being heard by the board. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. Members of the public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The Public Comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed thirty minutes at the Recess Meeting.** In the event the 30-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Similarly, written comments (that were timely submitted) not previously read, may be read at the end of the meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office. **(CONDUCTED)**

32 Speakers: Brian Dunn (Board of Registration/Elections); Julie Adams (Board of Registration/Elections); Julie Allen (Board of Registration/Elections); Jamie Parrish (Board of Registration/Elections); Matt Rowenczak (Board of Registration/Elections); B. Rohr (Board of Registration/Elections); Katie Benson (Board of Registration/Elections); John Evans (Board of Registration/Elections); Ginger Bradshaw (Board of Registration/Elections); Melissa Fiorillo (Board of Registration/Elections); Nia Corsten (Board of Registration/Elections); Mara Gaudio (Board of Registration/Elections); Paul Hershey (Board of Registration/Elections); Harry Parker (Board of Registration/Elections); Dr. Rosalind Gamba (Board of Registration/Elections); Pam "Phoebe" Eckhardt (Board of Registration/Elections); David Callahan (Board of Registration/Elections); Alexa Finke (Board of Registration/Elections); Lucia Frazier (Board of Registration/Elections); Christine Propst (Board of Registration/Elections); Michael Gordon (Board of Registration/Elections); Christopher Hayden (Board of Registration/Elections); Debra Alexander (Board of Registration/Elections); Teresa Rhodes (Board of Registration/Elections); Mike Russell (Board of Registration/Elections); Nick Cooper (Board of Registration/Elections); Rhonda Sells (Board of Registration/Elections); Patty Nathan (Board of Registration/Elections); John Nance (Board of Registration/Elections); Stephanie Ali (Board of Registration/Elections); Sabrina Jones (Fulton County Jail) and Lori Altman (Board of Registration/Elections)

2 Zoom Speakers: Ben Howard (Senior Services) and Kevin Muldowney (Board of Registration/Elections)

Emailed Comment: NONE

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS

Open & Responsible Government

23-0414 County Manager

Presentation of the Fulton County Operational Report. **(PRESENTED)**

23-0415 Registration & Elections

Request approval of the Intergovernmental Agreements authorizing Fulton County to conduct the November 7, 2023 Municipal Elections for the following Cities: Alpharetta, Atlanta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, John's Creek, Mountain Park, Roswell, South Fulton and Union City. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0416 Registration & Elections

Request approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement authorizing the County to lease State owned elections equipment to the City of Milton for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Elections. The purpose of this IGA is to govern the City's use of this equipment which is owned by the State of Georgia but provided to the County for use or distribution (the "Equipment"). **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0417 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of statewide contracts - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, SWC 99999-001-SPD000155, Truck Chassis and Truck Bodies and SWC 99999-001-SPD0000183, Police Pursuit and Special Services Vehicles in an total amount not to exceed \$1,217,066.00 with (A) Rush Truck Center of Georgia, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$840,976.00; (B) Hardy Chevrolet (Dallas, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$205,860.00; and (C) Wade Ford, Inc. (Smyrna, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$170,230.00, for the purchase of eighteen (18) 2023 vehicles and equipment for various Fulton County Departments. This is a one-time procurement. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0418 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 22ITBC135696C-GS, Law Enforcement Vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$348,000.00 with Brannen Motor Company (Unadilla, GA), for the purchase and delivery of eight (8) new 2023 law enforcement vehicles for the Fulton County Police Department. This is a one-time procurement. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0419 Finance

Review and approval of June 21, 2023 Budget Soundings **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Arts and Libraries**23-0420 Arts and Culture**

Request approval of the FY2023 Contracts for Services Program funding recommendations totaling \$3,000,000.00. Funds have been identified and are available in the Department of Arts & Culture's FY 2023 budget. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0421 Finance

Ratification of May 2023 Grants Activity Report. **(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, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

Health and Human Services**23-0422 Senior Services**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Senior Services, 23RFP137326A-CJC, Food Services Management in an amount not to exceed \$519,337.26 with Piccadilly Holdings, LLC (Baton Rouge, LA) to provide food service management services for the four senior multipurpose facilities and three training centers. Effective July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0423 Public Works

Request approval to close out a contract - Public Works Department, #17RFP120717K-EC, 2018 Standby Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$15,188.00 with Gresham Smith & Partners (Alpharetta, Ga). This action will increase the total contract amount to \$1,515,188.00 to provide standby engineering services. Effective upon BOC approval. **(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, Ellis, Barrett, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Arrington

23-0424 Community Development

Request approval of a statewide contract, Community Development, SWC 99999-SPD-0000136-008, Temporary Staffing Services in an amount not to exceed \$198,036.00 with Corporate Temps (Norcross, GA) to continue temporary staffing services for the Department of Community Development. Effective upon BOC approval through June 30, 2024. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0425 Public Works

Request approval of a Standard Utility Agreement Contract Item Agreement between Fulton County and the Georgia Department of Transportation for the adjustment of 36 sanitary sewer manholes and 20 water valve boxes associated with the resurfacing of Roswell Road (SR 9) from the Chattahoochee River to City Street 1842/Upper Hembree Road, P.I. M006335, in an estimated amount of \$111,000.00; to authorize the Chairman to executed the Standard Utility Agreement Contract Item Agreement and related documents; and to authorize the County Attorney to approve the Standard Utility Agreement Contract Item Agreement as to form and to make changes necessary to protect the County's interest. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0426 Public Works

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Public Works, 23RFP137284K-CRB Water Distribution System Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$432,514.00 with Jacobs Engineering (Atlanta, GA) to provide water master planning services for the North Fulton distribution network effective upon execution of contract, for a duration of 15 months beginning with the issuance of a Notice To Proceed (NTP). **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

23-0427 Community Development

Request approval to rescind prior 2023 Summer Youth Job Training Program (SYJTP) awards to the non-profits identified in Attachment "A" in the amount of \$80,000.00. Request approval to reallocate the rescinded funding in the amount of \$80,000.00 to the non-profits identified in Attachment "B". **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0428 Community Development

Request approval to rescind prior 2023 Community Services Program (CSP) awards to the non-profits identified in Attachment "A" in the amount of \$155,000.00. Request approval to reallocate the rescinded funding in the amount of \$155,000.00 to the non-profits identified in Attachment "B". **(APPROVED)**

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

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

23-0429 Public Works

Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Fulton County and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), Clayton County, City of College Park, Airport South Community Improvement District, Airport West Community Improvement District, and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for participation in the Automated Transit Network (ATN) Investigation & Implementation Study; to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement and related documents; to authorize the County Attorney to approve as to form and make modifications as necessary to protect the County's interests prior to execution; and for other purposes. Effective upon execution. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Justice and Safety**23-0430 District Attorney**

Request approval of a statewide contract, District Attorney, 99999-SPD-T20250623-0002, Radio Communications in an amount not to exceed \$374,901.00 with Motorola Solutions, Inc., (Atlanta, GA), to provide 50 radios and devices to the Office of the District Attorney. The contract is effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**23-0383 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 101 (General Provisions and County Governing Authority), Article 2 (County Governing Authority), Division 2 (Rules of Order and Procedure), Section 101-66 (b)(1) of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances in order to impose a distribution requirement before a member of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners may place a proposed Resolution or Ordinance on the Agenda for consideration or final vote; to require that the proposed Resolution or Ordinance appear as a discussion item at the first meeting in which it is introduced and voted on at the second meeting; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (HELD ON 6/7/23) (HELD)**

ITEM HELD AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON**23-0384 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval an Ordinance to amend Chapter 101 (General Provisions and County Governing Authority), Article 2 (County Governing Authority), Division I (Generally), to create a new section 101-75 of the Fulton County Code of Laws to provide a fair, open and transparent procedure for the Board of Commissioners to make Full Board Appointments to various Boards, Commissions, Taskforces, Committees, Councils and Authorities affiliated with, or operating on behalf of Fulton County, Georgia; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (HELD ON 6/7/23) (HELD)**

ITEM HELD AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON

23-0431 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 101 (General Provisions and County Governing Authority), Article II (County Governing Authority Division 1 (Generally), subsection 101-38(a) of the Fulton County Code of Resolutions relating to budgetary controls for members of the Board of Commissioners to provide for the inclusion of paid interns as a permissible use of Commissioners' budgets, and for other purposes. **(Hall) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve as amended. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Barrett, Hall, and Arrington

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

23-0432 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution requesting that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners receive regular updates from the County Manager regarding conditions, concerns, and improvements at the Fulton County Jail facilities; and for other purposes. **(Abdur-Rahman/Ellis) (APPROVED)**

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

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

Nay: Hall, and Arrington

Abstain: Barrett

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to approve an amendment striking lines 15 through 21 removing the requirements of the Sheriff and requesting that the County Manager and his team are included in the reoccurring meetings with NaphCare. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yea: Barrett, Hall, and Arrington

Nay: Pitts, Thorne, and Abdur-Rahman

Did Not Vote: Ellis

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Hall, to call the question. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments

23-0387

Board of Commissioners

BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 6/7/23) (DENIED)

The Board shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall be an elector and resident of Fulton County, who shall be appointed in the following manner:

- (1) Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County from nominations made by the chairperson of the county executive committee of the political party whose candidates at the last preceding regular general election held for the election of all members of the General Assembly received the largest number of votes in this state for members of the General Assembly;
- (2) Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County from nominations made by the chairperson of the county executive committee of the political party whose candidates at the election described in paragraph (1) of this section received the second largest number of such votes; and,
- (3) One member shall be appointed by the governing authority of Fulton County, which member shall be designated permanent chairperson of the board.

Term = 2 Years

Term below expires: 6/30/2025

Patrice Perkins-Hooker (**Chair/BOC**)

Terms below expire: 6/30/2023

Dr. Kathleen Ruth (**Fulton County Republican Party/BOC**)

Mark Wingate (**Fulton County Republican Party/BOC**)

Aaron Johnson (**Fulton County Democratic Party/BOC**)

Teresa K. Smith Crawford (**Fulton County Democratic Party/BOC**)

The Fulton County Republican Party has nominated Jason Frazier for a Full Board appointment (effective July 1, 2023) to a term ending June 30, 2025.

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

Yea: Thorne, and Ellis

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to call the question. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Pitts, and Ellis

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to deny. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Thorne, and Ellis

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to call the question. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Ellis

EXECUTIVE SESSION

23-0433 Board of Commissioners

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

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

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

Did Not Vote: Pitts, and Arrington

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

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to deny the requests for representation in items #3 and #4 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
RECESS MEETING
JUNE 21, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solutions, LLC

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Good morning everyone and welcome to the June 21, 2023 Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. It is 10:00 a.m.; June 21st 2023. Madam Clerk, please call the roll."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bridget Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Vice Chairman Bob Ellis. Commissioner Dana Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Natalie Hall."

COMMISSIONER 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: "All right, Commissioner Ellis is enroute from the airport. He's left vacation to come to this meeting, he'll be here and go back to vacation, but he's enroute. All right, please rise for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **23-0393**, Adoption of the Consent Agenda. All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County

Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Recess Meeting Agenda for separate consideration."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, any items on the Consent Agenda to be removed? None? Motion to approve --"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'm sorry. Commissioner Arrington?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I wanted to request, from Commissioner Hall, if I could be added to the proclamations for DJ Montay, Korey Roberson, MC Assault, DJ Jelly, Ryan Cameron, Dr. Doris Derby, and Maynard Eaton Remembrance Day."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Absolutely. It was such short notice. I didn't have enough time to actually contact everyone and get your names on there. So it's a pleasure."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "As amended."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "As amended. Please vote."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 7, Recess Meeting Agenda, **23-0410**, Adoption of the Recess Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have some amendments to today's Recess Meeting Agenda. We have a proclamation to add, 23-0412 on page 7. Elizabeth Markowitz's Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Hall. On page 11, 23-0431: Request approval of an ordinance to amend the Fulton County Code of Resolutions relating to budgetary controls for Members of the Board of Commissioners to provide for the inclusion of paid interns as a permissible use for Commissioners budget sponsored by Commissioner Hall. This was amended -- revised to amend the language in the Resolution starting on the bottom of page 2. And we have a item to move up today on today's Recess Meeting Agenda on page 12, Board of Registration and Elections, 23-0387. The Fulton County Republican Party has nominated Jason Frazier for a Full Board Appointment to a term ending June 30th,

2025. This item is to be heard after the public comment as requested by Commissioner Thorne."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Anything else?"

CLERK GRIER: "I don't have anything else."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioners?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. So, motion to approve by Commissioner Hall; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0411**, Ratification of Minutes. Recess Meeting Minutes, May 17th. Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, June 7th, 2023."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall; it is seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0412**: Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates. The first proclamation is recognizing 'LaVeda Bennett Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have how many; two? All right, it's 10:06. Sound the second one."

CLERK GRIER: "The next proclamation is recognizing --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- oh, she's here?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. For the sake of time, we're going to get started. WHEREAS, LaVeda Bennett is a 20-year Marine veteran whose father was a professional musician and civil rights advocate, and her mother was a Pentecostal preacher; and WHEREAS, LaVeda was medically discharged from the Marine Corps and began her work as an advocate for women veterans; and started her initiative while

she was the Washington DC sanction VA volunteer women's advocate and volunteer representative for women veterans; and WHEREAS, in addition to working with veterans, LaVeda helped others start their gardens including Chapel Hill Elementary School and Lucius Sanders Elementary. She also volunteered to assist the homeless population by distributing blankets, shoes, food, and personal hygiene products for both men and women; and WHEREAS, LaVeda has worked with several organizations including At Your Services Enrichment which provides clothing, food, and toys to low income families; Marine Corps League, Marine Corps League Auxillary, DAV, Soldiers Angels, Marine Heritage Organization, National Association for Black Veterans, Women's Marines Association, and Camp Lejeune contaminated water, Georgia Military Women, and National Rhythm and Blues. And WHEREAS, LaVeda has received many accolades for her work including being the first veteran to receive the International Trailblazer's Award, Veteran of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Certificate from the State of Georgia recognizing over 50,000 volunteer hours. She has over 20,000 volunteer hours with the Atlanta VA where she has volunteered since 1994, and she was awarded the Civil Service Veterans award. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes LaVeda Bennett for her dedication to our nation's veterans in her local community; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 21st, 2023 as 'LaVeda Bennett Appreciation Day' in Fulton County."

LAVEDA BENNETT, RECIPIENT: "Good morning, everybody. I'm going to keep it short and just say, thank you."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Spoken like a true soldier."

CLERK GRIER: "The last proclamation is recognizing 'Elizabeth Markowitz Appreciation Day' sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Come on, support her. I see you sitting up there. Everyone from the public defender's office that is here -- well she's not leaving, leaving. I said the same thing. Come on down, everybody, in support of her. Everyone here -- Jonathan -- no, you come on. You taking pictures for them? You can get in the picture and Jonathan can take the pictures. Okay. All right. Well, it's an honor to present this proclamation. I found out about her retirement when I attended their department event, and they have a wonderful, wonderful mission, Unified By Purpose. And I think that's awesome. She definitely was unified by purpose to spend as many years as she did in this department. And so, the proclamation reads: WHEREAS, Elizabeth Markowitz earned her law degree from Emory University School of Law in 1990 and served as editor for the Bankruptcy Developments Journal and formed the Prisoners Legal Aid Project while pursuing her degree; and whereas, Elizabeth began her career at the Fulton County Public Defender's office in November of 1990. And in her first year of trying cases, she tried 18 in a row; and whereas, Elizabeth and former District Attorney, Paul Howard, created the complaint room shifting cases from the City of Atlanta to Fulton County, so that better case processes could be implemented; and cases moved efficiently through the system. She is also a founding member of the Fulton County

Mental Health Task Force; and whereas, Elizabeth is a supervising attorney and coordinator of the pre-indictment noncomplex and accountability court divisions of the Atlanta circuit public defender's office, and she is an adjunct professor at Emory University School of Law, and teaches of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy across the country and across the globe. She has also assisted in starting a public defender system in Nassau, Bahamas; and WHEREAS Elizabeth serves annually as a trial instructor with the Kessler-Eidson program for trial techniques of Emory School of Law, and she serves as a contributing member on projects conducted by the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution at Emory School of Law. Immediately, after her retirement from Fulton County, she will work for NITA, Lawyers Without Borders and Justice Defenders in Africa to teach defendants in custody, how to try their own cases in a system that has no public defenders and where 95 percent of defendants represent themselves. Excuse me. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and all associated with the Public Defender's Office recognizes Elizabeth Markowitz for her passion and professionalism over the past 32 years of dedicated service and celebrates her and her family on her retirement; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 21st, 2023 as 'Elizabeth Markowitz Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Thank you for all your service."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It is truly a pleasure to honor you here today. I have certainly had the pleasure over the last 27 years of working with you in the court system and as a fellow Emory Law alumnus, you know, it is a pleasure to be able to work with someone of your caliber and quality and professionalism. And so, thank you so much for your service to the residents of Fulton County."

ELIZABETH MARKOWITZ, RECIPIENT: "I just want to say thank you to everybody. It's been amazing. Thirty-two and a half years as a public defender, I grew up here. I raised my kids in the court house sitting on -- they were in the jury room picking a jury. If I had sick kids, they were sitting on my client's family's laps waiting for verdicts. And as hard as it has been to shift, I wasn't quite ready to give up the county. And so, I'm going to be the Chief Strategy Officer for the new Clerk of Court, Che Alexander, and I'm super excited to continue to work with each and every one of you. So thank you."

MAURICE KENNER, PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE: "Good morning. I'm Maurice Kenner, the Chief Public Defender. And, Elizabeth, I just want to thank you for 32 years of hard work of commitment, of leadership. Your talents will be missed from our office and particularly the excellent training you provided to the newbie attorneys. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue, Madam Clerk."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, for the record, I would like to join in that last proclamation for Attorney Markowitz as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, Madam Clerk --"

CLERK GRIER: "-- so noted."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- add Commissioner Arrington. Continue Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, Public Hearings, **23-0413**, Public Comment - Citizens wishing to participate in public comment will be allowed to appear in person or may choose to participate virtually via Zoom videoconferencing or by submitting their comments in writing online, registering on the county website www.fultoncountyga.gov. Priority for public comment will be given to Fulton County citizens and those individuals representing businesses or organizations located within Fulton County. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes. In the event the 30-minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we will start with the speakers here in Assembly Hall. We have received 33 speaker cards. Will the first five speakers, please come down: Brian Dunn, Julie Adams, Julie Allen, Jamie Parrish, and Matt Rowenzcak."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, we have 33 speakers. That's an hour, and what's that, 66 minutes? You have 30 minutes. I've asked some of you if you could limit your remarks to less than two minutes, we can accommodate everybody. And if what you were going to say has already been said by someone else, it would be very well appreciated if you would just wave your hand in support, because we're going to try to accommodate everybody if we can. It's 10:19. So, first speaker -- also, when you have 15 seconds left on your two minutes, I'll say 15 seconds. That's your key to -- clue, rather, to terminate your remarks. Yes, sir."

BRIAN DUNN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you. I'm Brian Dunn a resident of Fulton County. I'm here today in support of Jason Frazier for the BRE board member. The Fulton County BRE is responsible for conducting elections for registered voters. The word 'registered' has meaning. This is supposed to be a bipartisan team to give people of the county a balanced and fair system. Instead, it's turned into a partisan circus. We're talking about having fair elections. We're talking about the responsibilities of the BRE and the voter registrations. Jason has been labeled an election denier, a disruptor, conspiracy theorist, interferer, and someone trying to take over elections; all because he brought up bad or questionable registrations. How dare he intrude on your plans? If the people at the BRE did their job, and you people are holding them accountable, this wouldn't be a discussion; if Fulton recognized the process, and challenged them instead of correcting their clerical errors. Everything Jason is being accused of is what Fulton is doing. You're projecting all your actions on this man. Whenever you point the finger at somebody, you're pointing it at yourself. We the people of North and South Fulton have seen exactly what's going on. You're the ones controlling the elections with fraudulent

voter rolls. You're not representing us. You're not doing the right thing by accusing this man of wanting what we all want, clean voter registrations, and eliminate the sham system you're operating. Here's a man that wants to do and help do the job and help, and some of you don't like it. I challenge anybody in this room to present valid factual-based evidence of any wrongdoings by Jason. Jason has volunteered many hours of his own time doing Fulton County's job, investigating voter registrations. No law is broken. It's the law that Fulton County do what Jason has done. This is significant to Fulton legitimate voters."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

BRIAN DUNN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "By supporting this decision, you're supporting illegitimate bloated and inaccurate voter registrations. It cancels and diminishes their votes. This is not a fair balanced system. It's corrupt, deceptions and violations. Before machines, elections used to be one day. After machines, they go for weeks. This is obvious and intentional."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Next speaker."

JULIE ADAMS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi, my name is Julie Adams. I'm a Fulton County resident. And over this past weekend, I got an opportunity to watch Commissioner Barrett's pod-cast with her BOC staffer about the nominee for the Fulton County Board of Registrations and Elections. I am referring to the nominee that you guys voted down last meeting. The good news for the nominee, Jason Frazier, is it's not personal. The Board of Commissioners with Commissioner Barrett leading the way, with encouragement from the lawyer on the Board of Commissioners, will do anything to keep an nominee that understands and follows federal and state election laws off of the BRE. Fulton County currently has a voting age population of seven -- 758,000 people. But currently, our voter rolls have 880,000 people that are registered to vote. What does that mean? It means that 122,000 people that are not legally allowed to vote in Fulton County are on our voter rolls. What does that mean? That this is 122,000 reasons for the citizens of Fulton County to lose faith in how our elections are run. Our county has ignored federal law USC 205.01, and does not regularly maintain our voter rolls and registration lists. Jason Frazier --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

JULIE ADAMS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- has the right as a legal citizen to help the county maintain accurate voter roll lists. Are you going to break the code 14.33, which you shall appoint the nominee? Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next speaker."

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Julie Allen, and Dana Barrett is my District 3 Commissioner. I appeared before you on March 15th and stated

that it's all about political manipulation with this Board, and that the public knows your games more than ever, partisan majorities that have abused constituents is why unincorporated areas incorporated to protect themselves from abuse by this Board seeking the right to local control to avoid abuse by political majorities that ignore the needs of all Fulton County constituents. You are prime examples that leaders in Fulton County have lost their way in serving the broader constituents and only to serve yourselves. You manipulate, elect lawbreakers and taxpayer abusers and snub our great county in the process for personal power and favor. You've made Fulton County a nationwide joke on elections. All fingers point to politicians like yourselves who don't govern as representatives of the people by the people and for the people. Where are you going, Commissioner Arrington?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "To the restroom. Would you like to join me?"

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Nadine Williams was so threatened by my personal voter experience observations that she wrote an April 6th memo to this Board, The Fulton County Board of Registrations and Elections and the County Manager to disseminate misinformation with the department response to my comments stating: The department conducted customer service surveys during the year of 2022 and my comments had no basis according to key performance indicators. Why does Ms. Williams spend taxpayer dollars and time to play the misinformation game? I stand before you today to once again call you to rise above being a partisan hack, and do your duty of approving Jason Frazier to the Fulton County Board of Elections and Registrations. I'm here to remind you that the definition of 'shall' is an order, promise, requirement, or obligation. When it comes to the four partisan board seats, the County Commission shall appoint nominations from the chair of each political party as stated in the county ordinance Section 14.33. You played your extreme partisan --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

JULIE ALLEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- in opposing Chairman Pitt's appointment of Lee Morris as Chair of the Fulton County Board of Elections and Registrations redirecting his nomination to Board of Assessors. It's funny that you trust a respected former colleague with county taxes but not elections. The June 7th highly partisan, no vote shows --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- thank you. Next speaker."

JAMIE PARRISH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I'm Jamie Parrish from Fulton County. In a recent podcast, Councilwoman, Dana Barrett made a pretty big accusation. She proclaimed that the far right, Trump ally, election deniers are going after boards and Registrations and Elections in other places other than Fulton. Actually, she used the term taken over. Barrett went on to call voter challenges ridiculous, and equated Mr. Jason Frazier's attempts to clean up voter rolls to voter suppression. But she said she is trying to protect the BRE from the far right. She still needs to give one single reason

why she voted against Jason Frazier other than her opinion. No facts. She told an outright lie that most of Mr. Fraizer's election challenges were in her own words, frivolous. That is an outright untrue. The fact is that more than 95 percent of Mr. Fraizer's challenges were accepted by the Fulton BRE. She tells us on her pod-cast that she would prefer a Republican volunteer base sort of more akin to the Republicans of yesteryear. To that I say, tough. Your party's murder of children in the third trimester ruined that. The Democrat Party having trouble with the definition of what a woman is ruined that. Boys in our girl's sports ruined that one, Commissioner Barrett. Fentanyl is pouring over our border, killing our kids, it ruined it. We are not Republicans of yesteryear. We are the Republicans of today. I am holding a petition of 900 constituents that agreed that Jason Frazier should be appointed. That's 900 future campaign volunteers here in Fulton that will make sure all of you partaking in this sham of a nominating process will not be elected in the future."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

JAMIE PARRISH, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "She goes on to say on public comment that the public comment section of these meetings, you just can't tune it out. What kind of elected official gets on a pod-cast and admits that she would tune out her constituents? It's unreal. If you ask me, if the BRE accepted Mr. Frazier."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Thank you. Next speakers."

CLERK GRIER: "Next five speakers, please come down. B. Rohr, Katie Benson, John Evans, Ginger Bradshaw, and Melissa Fiorillo."

MATT ROWENZCAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners, Matt Rowenzcak. I'm not going to use my words this morning. I'm going to use Commissioner Barrett's. (Audio playing of the pod-cast) Commissioner Barrett, you say it's hard to know what is in the hearts and minds of every nominee. But all of a sudden you seem to know the intent of Mr. Frazier. Secondly, you're grossly inaccurate in your statements and even slanderous, and then you take it a step further to slander his wife. During your discussion, if you can't name a single voter who's been disqualified or list a single poll that Mr. Frazier or his wife have been thrown out of, then it is clear that you are reckless with your words, you're factually incorrect; and by doing so, you have egregiously misinform the public and likely your fellow Commissioners; that of which is beyond disruptive and surely damaging in terms of trust. You stated Mr. Frazier is not a serious candidate? We now know that this is coming from someone lacking in facts and substance --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

MATT ROWENZCAK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- makes contradictory statements, and is willing to slander someone's good name and his wife. You are an embarrassment to

many in Fulton County and I'm sure they can't wait to hear your cheap, disruptive talking points."

B. ROHR, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, B. Rohr, Fulton County resident. (Audio playing of the pod-cast). We've had the pleasure of hearing Commissioner Barrett in her own words state as if she knows or could know Mr. Frazier's attempt. If the Commissioner did any amount of sincere homework or research before she spoke, she would clearly understand that is not Mr. Frazier's intent. This only reflects poorly on Commissioner Barrett. It says she is not a reasonable or measured Commissioner. Perhaps, the Commissioner is a total partisan hack interfering and obstructing the nomination process as intended. In that case, Commissioner Barrett ironically is a disruptor. You say you have full respect for the law, clearly you do not. If your personal partisan bias deems something quote unquote disruptive, then the law becomes --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

B. ROHR, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "—secondary according to your own words. What Commissioner Barrett is saying is if something's broken; don't fix it, because that would be a disruption. We know the phrase, 'see something say something', well it has to be modified so that Commissioner Barrett would second it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

KATIE BENSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I'm Katie from Fulton County. I'd also like to play a piece of the pod-cast (Audio playing of the pod-cast). Commissioner Barrett, at the very beginning of the audio, you said you weren't saying any one person or party is trying to do bad with regards to our elections. But later in your pod-cast, you and your staffers said exactly that; that Mr. Frazier is purposely trying to make it harder for people to vote. Are you talking out of both sides of your mouth? Do you know what that means? That usually means that people no longer trust what you are saying. You lose credibility."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

KATIE BENSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "At a minimum, you are contradicting yourselves, or worse, you are being deceptive and manipulative. Either way, it is not what Fulton County residents expect from their Commissioners, especially when you start to defame someone's name."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Next speaker. Next Speaker."

JOHN EVANS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I'm John Evans and I'm a Fulton County resident. I was a software engineer for 30 years for IBM. The number one responsibility of a data engineer is clean inaccurate data. Your responsibility as Commissioners is conforming with the federal law requiring accurate voters rolls. My coworker at IBM wrote the

software for confirming valid addresses for people buying tickets through IBM events group, and we're responsible for events such as US Open and Wimbledon, and many others. He simply entered the address and query service and validated the address. Services like this are available that you could use to validate your data. Commissioner Barrett is concerned that citizens are having to take their time to fix errors in Fulton County's data. The reason the citizens have to waste their time is because you Commissioners have failed to appoint BRE that creates a process to require accurate data. I suggest you confirm Jason Frazier, an engineer, to fix your process rather than lawyers to defend your failures."

GINGER BRADSHAW, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay, good morning, Commissioners. I'm Ginger Bradshaw and I live in Sandy Springs. Ms. Barrett, I listened to part of your pod-cast from last week. First, I want to say that I am not an unhinged radical who's taking over the Republican Party. I adhere to the values I was raised on; love God, love people, treat others as you want to be treated; be honest, tell the truth, and seek truth. I hope all of you will listen today to truth backed by evidence. I referenced one of Mr. Frazier's e-mails dated 01/16/23 that accompanied one of his submissions. He specifically stated some of his submissions are likely clerical errors that could be corrected without creating a burden on the registrant. Does that sound like voter suppression to you? It's just getting people if they ask for an absentee ballot it'll come to the correct address. Secondly, they're ghost registrations that increased the cost to the county. Last time I brought in a picture of a home -- of an abandoned home that had 20 registrants to it. Obviously, nobody was living there, and I know you know that these ghost registrants cost the county money in having increased polling places, increased staff, increased machines. And that's why a lot of the cities are pulling out. Milton is going to do their own elections because they don't want to pay your fee for people that are not legal voters. So what I ask is that, I know you all smart people, and so I'm sure you get the picture. Look at the evidence of what is before you and look for truth, not an agenda. Don't we all want accurate voter rolls? Correct addresses --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- 15 seconds."

GINGER BRADSHAW, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- so someone can get an absentee ballot if needed? No out-of-state voters; only registrants at residences per law. Every legal vote to count. If so, Mr. Frazier has the skills to help correct our election process. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Next speakers: Nia Corsten, Maria Gaudio, Paul Hershey, Harry Parker, and Dr. Rosalind Gamba."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Go ahead."

MELISSA FIORILLO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. I'm Melissa Fiorillo a Fulton County resident and I have a little bit of Ms. Barrett's pod-casts. (Audio playing of the podcast). You have set a dangerous precedent, Commissioner

Barrett. You appear unable to separate your bias and misinformed opinions. You skip over the law and worse, you make defamatory statements yet again about Mr. Frazier. Should I quote you and say democracy is at stake? The more you talk the more radical it appears you are. You've done a great disservice to the public and to this Board. If I was the fellow Commissioner, I would not want to associate with this type of reckless and unethical behavior. I'm asking this Board today to follow the law and vote, yes, for Mr. Frazier. Thank you."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Next speaker."

NIA CORSTEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hi, I'm Nia Corsten, resident of Fulton County. And first of all, thank you, Commissioner Ellis for disrupting your vacation and coming here to take part in this (inaudible). Commissioner Barrett, you talk about the need for more measured and reasonable people to get involved in the Board of Elections. But implying that Mr. Frazier is neither of the two, well, I have some questions for you then. Is it measured and reasonable to reappoint two board members who recertified an election with zero results or documentation in front of them? Is it measured or reasonable to reappoint a board member who likely interfered with the conduct of an election which is a crime? Is it measured and reasonable to throw out your fellow Commissioners under the bus if you don't agree -- if they don't agree with you? Is it measured and reasonable to slander Mr. Frazier's name when you clearly have no idea what his intent is despite Mr. Frazier stating it publicly multiple times including via e-mail to the Board of Registrations? Based on your actions, it appears you're anything, but measured and reasonable, yet you spew the need for more it. I'd also like to add I've worked the past four elections including the 19 days of advanced voting with Lucia Frazier, which is where I got to know her. She was never ever thrown out of a polling location. She is a good citizen along with her husband, and I implore you to vote, yes, to Jason's nomination. Thank you."

MARIA GAUDIO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Maria Gaudio, Fulton County. It's not working. This was more information from our very own Hanoi Hannah, Dana Barrett, on her propaganda cast, but I can't get it to work. You know, you have to read the law first. I'd appreciate you looking me in the eye also. You haven't looked at anybody in the eye. You're obviously -- you're obviously sulking in your own embarrassment and you should be embarrassed, because you've lied and you propagandized facts. There's nothing wrong with Mr. Frazier; he's just very good at what he does. I would like to thank Julie Adams for pointing out that there was a total of 122,000 illicit registrations, and the last time I was here I pointed out that at \$37 per registrant, that really comes out to \$4.5 million wasted money. If you divide that by 250 people per BMR machine, that comes out to 448 useless BMR machines at approximately \$4,000 each, that's \$2 million for total of \$6.5 million wasted because the voter rolls are not clean. I would also like to say that, you know, this county has had quite enough embarrassment losing two hospitals, you may have also heard that Governor Kemp implored the --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- 15 seconds."

MARIA GAUDIO, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- local health -- global digital passport. So he wants to use the airport and take it over. Do we have to lose an airport?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Next speaker."

PAUL HERSHEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Paul Hershey, Fulton County. Good morning Vietnam. Commissioner Barrett, get off the phone, please. Have the integrity to look your constituents in the eye. No. 2, this is a two-party system, and you don't have the right to challenge another party's position on who they're going to put on the Board of Elections. The word shall indemnifies the code. No. 3, what you're trying to do is leveling the playing field so you five up there have got constituents and, excuse me, other Commissioner, get off the phone. I'm talking. The bottom line is you don't even pay any attention to what your constituents are talking about. The law is very clear; shall. That means you will and definitely, period. And you're getting bad advice from the attorney sitting on the counsel, and you're sitting because you're getting bad advice from your county attorney. No. 3, your DA is more involved with her clean slate initiative instead of indicting the people that should be indicted. Instead of trying to keep your job, do your job. Get off your butts and do your job."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Next speaker."

HARRY PARKER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I'm Harry Parker, Roswell, Georgia; Fulton County. The thing that I have to say is just simply that fraud happens. And they're a number of convictions, ex-Democratic congressman sentenced to 30 months in prison in Pennsylvania. There's others in Arizona. There's others -- there's a Republican in North Carolina. So fraud happens. This isn't you know, some mystical thing. It's intentional and people are caught, but after the fact. So the idea here is let's put a fence at the top of the hill instead of an ambulance at the bottom. Let's clean the voter rolls and then each individual voter that is a legal voter can vote one time. That is -- that's a simple argument, and I just encourage you all. With the words of Jesus, when he was being held in front of basically a Gestapo organization saying that he was -- basically had a demon, simply because he healed someone on the Sabbath. A very, you know, honorable thing. Judged harshly, and his words were stop judging by mere appearances and make a right judgment. Please honor this request of the Republican Party and seat Jason where he belongs on the BRE. Thank you."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Call the next five speakers."

CLERK GRIER: "Next speakers: Pam Phoebe Eckhardt, David Callahan, Alexa Finke, Lucia Frazier, and Christine Propst."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Go ahead."

DR. ROSALIND GAMBA, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I'm Dr. Rosalind Gamba, I'm a resident of Roswell, Fulton County. And I don't speak very often and I don't know -- and I don't know any of you, but I've been watching and listening to everything that's been going on. Dana, I listened to your discussion that you had with Preston Thomas, and I am in total agreement with you. The accusations and name-calling is very disrespectful from the attack on Ms. Thorne to the attack on Mr. Frazier and it needs to stop. It accomplishes nothing, but anger and division. We all need to work together; you're correct. You said that citizens should get involved and engaged. Well, here we are. We're here. Yes, I agree, elections should be secure, free, and fair, and instill confidence of the officials are doing their job. You all have to agree that our voter rolls are not up to par, and there are too many errors. In my opinion, I expect that yours are also, that this is way too many errors, and it's totally unacceptable. We need to clean our voter rolls. Mr. Frazier has been chosen by the Republican Party to be their representative to the election board. He meets all the qualifications, and the only thing I keep hearing are preconceived accusations that there would be a disruption. I understand the concern, but it takes a lot of time to do these corrections since there's so many, but it's outrageous that are so many to begin with. Right now, we need to protect our elections, we need to clean our voter rolls with balanced power between the Republicans and the Democrats on the board. By all the rules, the representatives have submitted their choice to you, and Mr. Frazier should be accepted. And I just want to say I think it's unacceptable --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: " -- 15 seconds."

DR. ROSALIND GAMBA, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- even as you, Ms. Barrett, asked, you shouldn't come here with your minds made up, which I think might be the case. Mr. Frazier, as we all are, is only interested in the voter rolls being cleaned up so that we can have fair elections. Thank you."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Next speaker."

PAM PHOEBE ECKHARDT, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I'm Pam Phoebe Eckhardt, and I'm a resident of Fulton County. I wanted to ask you a few questions: Do numbers lie? Does corruption win? Does greed reign? Are you hearing what's being said here today? Truly, what is justice? And do you as a Commissioner believe in justice? What is wrong? And do you as a Commissioner believe in right? What is deception? And do you as a Commissioner believe in obeying our Georgia Constitution to the letter of the law? It says, shall. We really want -- as we the people, we'd like to have Jason help us with the voter rolls. We'd really like you to vote in a right way on this issue. I appeal to your sense of --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "--15 seconds."

PAM PHOEBE EXKHARDT, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- right here to do the right thing. And I'd really like it if you'd look at me and do the right thing."

DAVID CALLAHAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "David Callahan, resident of Fulton County, City of South Fulton. As I stand before you, I don't believe that any of you would pull a gun and rob me on the street. I doubt that you would break into my home and take my belongings. But what I discovered from your recent vote on the nomination of Jason Frazier is that this Body would allow me and many others to be robbed of our vote. As we all understand, the easiest way to cast a fraudulent vote and thereby cancel an individual's legitimate vote is with a ghost voter. A duplicate voter registration, or voter registration which has no legitimate voting. I mentioned the last time I was here that I had a voter come before me at election time with three registrations. One had been canceled, so I don't know if that one had been voted. But the other two registrations had both been voted in the 2020 presidential election. That means that somebody's legitimate vote was canceled. Someone's vote was stolen from them without their knowledge. Of the many thousands of ghosts voters that Mr. Frazier identified and thousands more as a result of his efforts, the question remains how many of those illegitimate registrations were voted and how many ghost -- how many honest legitimate voters had their vote stolen? I don't know the person's name whose vote was canceled in that situation, there's no way to know; and I don't know for whom the fraudulent vote was cast. Nevertheless, someone made the effort to vote and because of this and other government bodies, who vehemently protest 30 voters --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds, sir."

DAVID CALLAHAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: -- cleaned up. At least one honest voter was disenfranchised. Jason Frazier was offended -- offended some of you by helping to clean up the mess that is Fulton County election rolls."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Next speaker. Madam Clerk, how many more?"

ALEXA FINKE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "My name is Alexa Finke --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- how many more?"

ALEXA FINKE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and I'm a resident of Fulton County. And Commissioner Barrett, I don't see myself as a far right individual. Corruption does not discriminate and it is well and alive in both parties; and only people that have courage are going to be the ones to expose it on both sides. And we have to all work together to do that. You proclaim on your pod-cast that Georgia Republicans put forth an untrustworthy candidate. You claim most of Jason Frazier's errors were not accurate. If his data wasn't accurate, then why did the Board approve about 97 percent of his findings? It seems that you were the one that were being inaccurate and actually misleading the public on this issue. I must say it was convenient that the AJC did a hit piece on Jason right before the vote, and it gave someone an excuse to vote him down or not vote at all. And somebody should look into that. Several on the Board refer to us as election deniers. Well, what about truth deniers? Do we have people here that are

denying the truth or refuse to see the truth? Commissioner Barrett referred to us as the far right, and we're exposing this correction on both sides like I said. And Jason and his wife are both extremely ethical and hard-working people. It was said that he was a disruptor for the election board. I recall maybe three public comments last time referring to his disruption; and actually the disruption was that he made them actually have to do extra work. Well, that's what they're paid to do, and that's a very weak argument, if him doing their job was making them do their job. If you had courage, you would agree that we have election issues, especially right after the findings of the recent Halderman report. Several states shut down voting, all at the same time on election night. States changed their voting systems and their laws right before the 2020 election --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds.

ALEXA FINKE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and not to mention, the private funding, Zukebucks and the mail-in ballots. If you don't have eyes to see then don't blame us for trying to open yours. If you won't find what you don't look for, you're never going to find it. Jason was working to secure our election's for all of Fulton County"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, ma'am. Thank you. Next speaker."

LUCIA FRAZIER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Lucia Frazier, Fulton County. Did you guys listen to the March 16th, 2023 BRE meeting? That was the day that a lot of people showed up because they got challenge letters. Did you listen to my public comment that day? Because that's the real truth. And I spoke to a lot of those people. And if more people knew the truth, they would praise what we've been doing. My public comment that day was applauded by all of those people. Why? Because I enlightened them. And here's what I said: Registrations with wrong addresses were submitted with corrections and no need to challenge. The county chose to send threatening challenge letters needlessly upsetting people. Even worse, they didn't put in the letter that you could just update your information online. And I told those folks that. Instead Fulton chose and essentially forced them to show up in person, stand on their backs, using them like background actors to stage a scene. That's the truth, and these people thanked us at the end. So let's stop going back and saying we're hurting people because we're not. When they know the truth, they understand that; they appreciate it. Thank you."

CHRISTINE PROPST, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Christine Propst, Atlanta resident District 3. I'm here to support the appointment of Jason Frazier. Mr. Fraizer's actions have directly led to the recent efforts by the registration division to maintain our voter rolls. We should be cheering these efforts to ensure voters are registered at the correct address and that Fulton is not wasting money on nonexistent voters. Here's an example of what Mr. Frazier to the registration and BRE members and I quote; 'please note that for the addresses where I suspected clerical errors, I investigated and added should be. My hope is that you can further investigate those suspected clerical errors and correct them without creating a burden on the registrant'. So you've heard just

before me at that hearing, people came forward because they get these confusing letters. Even worse, some called the phone number that was on the letter and it was disconnected or the wrong number. Others got through and they got the wrong information. So it wasn't Jason Frazier that sent the challenge letters. He offered to help. He even went so far as to find the correct addresses to provide to Fulton County. It was Fulton County, not Jason Frazier that dragged those poor people in here, and Lucia's right: Once they got here and they understood that there was a good-faith effort to correct their addresses, but no follow-through from Fulton County to help them collect those addresses and resolve the issues, that's where it became a big mess. And I realized that challenges are ugly and painful, but your frustration over those challenges is directed at the wrong person. He really has truly tried to help the situation. Most, if not all of those hearings, could've been avoided."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

CHRISTINE PROPST, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Ms. Barrett described this as disruptive. But it has led to needed changes that will benefit voters and the county. As your constituent, I am asking you to vote, yes, for Mr. Frazier. He is honest, kind, hard-working, and smart, and I know he will work."

CLERK GRIER: "Next five speakers: Christopher Hayden, Debra Alexander, Teresa Rhodes, Michael Gordon, and Mike Russell."

MICHAEL GORDON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Michael Gordon, Fulton County resident. I'm here to support Jason Frazier as the Republican nominee for the BRE. The Fulton County voter rolls have been grossly inaccurate for years. Among other things, the BRE is responsible for maintaining accurate voter registration records, but they have failed miserably at doing this essential job which is required by law. And yet this Board of Commissioners has just reappointed several of these law deniers. Along comes Jason Frazier challenging many suspect registration records and identifying duplicates; approximately 30,000 issues in total. And the BRE has agreed with Jason on nearly all of these issues. The Board of Commissioners has recently appointed those who failed to do their job while at the same time they refused to appoint Jason Frazier who has helped the BRE get the job done. Therefore, as a Body, this Board of Commissioners is obstructing the law by voting to ensure the registration records remain inaccurate. Pure evil should be disrupted every time. So thank you, Jason, the disruptor. I pray the good residents of Fulton County both above and below I-20; vote to disrupt the political careers of every Commissioner who fails to vote today for accurate voter registration records. Thank you."

CHRISTOPHER HAYDEN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Christopher Hayden from Fulton County. I'm here to support Jason Frazier. I'd like to play some more of Commissioner Barrett's pod-cast (Audio playing of the pod-cast). Commissioners, here you have it. You have a Commissioner that is inserting her own personal, albeit inaccurate, opinion into the process which is not how this ordinance is written, nor is it the intent of the law."

If Republican Commissioners used her approach, they would vote, no, for the Democratic nominees. By your logic, you should resign, Commissioner Barrett, because I do not believe you are a serious Commissioner. You're very disruptive. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, sir. Next speaker."

DEBRA ALEXANDER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. I'm Debra Alexander. I was born and raised in Southwest Fulton County, long-time resident. Commissioners of Fulton County, you represent all of the citizens of Fulton County. And I assume you respect all of our rights and rules, and you follow the code of ethics. We're here once again to tell you that we want Jason Frazier as one of the Republican representatives of the BOE as we allowed to do. We urge you to confirm him today. This is our right and you should respect that right no matter whether you are a Democrat or Republican. That should make no difference here, especially if you're here to fairly represent all of the citizens of Fulton County. Jason has shown to be effective and productive in the correct and fair voting process by weeding out incorrect or fraudulent votes. Isn't that what the BOE should be doing? Or is this just a kangaroo court? By the way, that means a court that ignores recognized standards of law or justice, in case you don't know. Thank you."

TERESA RHODES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I'm Teresa Rhodes, Fulton County resident. I'm here to speak in support of the appointment of Jason Frazier to the BRE. First of all, I do want to thank you, Commissioners, for serving your constituents of Fulton County. I serve on a municipal board, and I know that the workload extends beyond this assembly. To those of you who do your homework and you come prepared for healthy debate; your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you for that. But I wonder if one assignment may have been missed. None of you reached out to Jason Frazier in good faith to share with him your concerns or what bothers you. You didn't interview him; you didn't give him an opportunity to address those concerns. I don't know if this lack of engagement is by mandate or by choice. In either case, I have to ask why, if by mandate, that would signal to me that the approval of his appointment shall be automatic. If it's by choice, then that calls into question your capacity to make your vote objectively. Commissioner Barrett, we've heard a lot of your comments today, and I would assume that there is no offramp for you to change your mind. You have put the gas pedal to the metal, full speed; you're going to miss an offramp. For Chairman Pitts and the others, take the next offramp. Look for the sign for your party allegiance --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

TERESA RHODES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and abstain if you cannot vote, yes. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Next five speakers: Nick Cooper, Rhonda Sells, Reverend Lydia Meredith, Stephanie Ali, and Patty Nathan."

MIKE RUSSELL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Mike Russell. I'm a resident of Fulton County. And I'm appalled at what seems to be becoming a pattern here on this Board. With these personal attacks, these crass, baseless attacks. First it was against Commissioner Thorne and now against Mr. Frazier, and it needs to stop. I think we all agree that that pod-cast now was not a good idea. And it should be a warning to others to stop with these personal attacks and stick to the facts. I've heard people use the term disruptor because somebody challenged what happened in an election. Did anybody here -- did anybody in this room fix their lips to call Stacey Abrams a disruptor when she took an election, would not concede, and took it all the way to Federal Court and lost? Was she a disruptor? Was Al Gore, who challenged a presidential election, worked to have veterans like me who was a resident of Florida at the time, our votes not counted as absentee voters, and went all the way to the Supreme Court when the Supreme Court said that he was wrong and certified the election? Was he a disruptor? It seems to be a word that is used only for one side of the aisle, and it is wrong. And I implore you to follow the law -- I don't understand how you can be a sworn officer of the state and not follow the written clear, in English, law that says shall. What about shall do you not understand?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

MIKE RUSSELL, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I said it when I was here the last time about the scurrilous personal attacks. It's not over until you apologize and do the right thing. And it is not over."

NICK COOPER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Couple more words from Commissioner Dana Barrett (Audio playing of the pod-cast). Commissioners, do you also believe it is, quote, very weird for folks to give public comment? Is it exhausting for y'all to have to listen to your constituents? Commissioner Barrett picks out a few of the public commenters for the last meeting and gives them a shout out for having to drive all the way down here and for being so patient. Can you tell yet how blatantly obvious her partisan nature is? Surely, quote, those on the right as she so lovingly refers to them, didn't have to drive all the way down here. Surely they didn't have to be patient or take the time off from work. I'm starting to wonder if Commissioner Barrett is right for the job when she talks about Fulton County constituents in this matter. Does she also believe in voters not having a voice? The Commissioners who continue to vote against Mr. Frazier --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

NICK COOPER, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- and to the Board of Registration and Elections are turning a formality into a circus, and y'all are the clowns."

RHONDA SELLS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I'm Rhonda Sales, Fulton residents, and I have some more comment on Commissioner Barrett (Audio playing of the pod-cast). Commissioner Barrett said that Mr. Frazier's voter registration challenges were proven

to be frivolous and not relevant. So you think it's frivolous that the voters have to give a real address? I disagree. I thought you had full respect for the law. Counties are supposed to review their voter rolls for accuracy according to state law --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds, ma'am."

RHONDA SELLS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- you say it's disruptive informing the county of inaccuracy. It's proven we're not being addressed in accordance with the law. No one agrees that this is acceptable and neither does Mr. Frazier. Sorry about that. I don't know what happened."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next speaker. Next speaker. Come on, ma'am."

STEPHANIE ALI, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay, I didn't want to go without the timer. Hi, I'm Stephanie Ali. Thank you, Commissioners. I am the policy director for the New Georgia Project, and I've doing election prediction in Georgia since 2014. Even was across the state for an election just yesterday. I want to just add a couple of corrections. Yes, Mr. Frazier was forcibly removed by police from a polling place. He talked about this himself in public. He talked about this himself in a public comment for a Board of Elections meeting in May of 2022. He mentioned it. So I'll say in nearly ten years of doing election protection in over -- with over 7500 volunteers and 500 sites never have someone removed by police. Have had people mistakenly told the wrong thing that they couldn't be present as public, but never had that happen. But you can look it up -- is it the 12th of May 2022 where he talked about that himself. Mr. Frazier does brag about his attempts to purge thousands of Georgians from the rolls and lies about his justifications for doing so. It's clear he has no interest in upholding democratic principles because he's out here bragging about the voters he's removing from the rolls. Voters who were --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Excuse me, Stephanie. Excuse me. Listen, listen. Now we've listened patiently to everything that's been said. She has the microphone now, so, please be patient and courteous to her. Continue."

STEPHANIE ALI, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you, sir. So I will say it like we've heard the percentage of people that have been removed from the rolls that Mr. Frazier mentioned and this is because Fulton was working on investigating and cleaning their rolls, something that the State Election Board confirmed just yesterday because they removed or approved Fulton after a two year investigation for a quote unquote corrected procedures and training. So thank you again, Commissioners, for your work. We again oppose this nomination and look forward to your vote. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next speaker."

CLERK GRIER: "Next three speakers, the --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- please take anyone out that makes another outburst like that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner."

PATTY NATHAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I'm Patty Nathan. I'm a Fulton County resident and have lived in Sandy Springs for almost 40 years. I attended monthly BRE meetings in person for two years before the pandemic; then virtually since March 2020. During that time I observed firsthand each board member advocate for fair and free elections. They consistently work to make voting equally accessible from the northern part of the county to the southern part of the county. I've also witnessed challenges to voter rolls that were particularly frivolous, and most of those came from Jason Frazier. The late John Lewis was a proponent of good trouble. Frazier's challenges are nothing but bad trouble. Despite all the bad trouble, the Republican Party nominated him again. We need board members interested in election integrity, not a provocateur like Jason Frazier. His senseless attacks on the voting rolls unnecessarily wasted tens of thousands of dollars in valuable staff time. Mr. Frazier has clearly demonstrated with his many absurd challenges that he's not interested in effective election governance. You were right to reject Jason Frazier once. Please do it again."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anybody else?"

CLERK GRIER: "Last three speakers: Sabrina Jones, John Nance, and Lori Altman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's it?"

SABRINA JONES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning to everyone."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "We can't hear a word you're saying."

SABRINA JONES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I'm sorry. Welcome back, Commissioner Arrington. How you doing?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Doing good."

SABRINA JONES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "That's good. I come to y'all; first of all, happy Mother's Day, happy Father's Day to everyone, to all of y'all. And I want to say God Bless America. My other thing is here, I hear everybody talk about voter rights. I said I was coming back. Yes, I'm coming back like this something like Congressman Lewis. I'm coming back like Dr. Martin Luther King, and I'm going to keep voting to support my rights and very thing else, too. And before I get started, thank y'all. Whatever y'all play a part in with MARTA, thank y'all for the seats that they have out there on the city for the senior citizen and everything that y'all contribute with MARTA on that end right there. I also come to y'all right here, with this disk. On May the 12th, I went to Rice Street Jail."

When I noticed when I came out of there was a rope hanging from the jail, down to other inmates' windows calling for stuff to go in the bag up the window. And the first thing that came to my mind was did this inmate get stabbed for whatever they dragging out that window? Or is the officer them getting hurt because a rope going out the window into other inmates' cell, and y'all coming here and y'all telling me -- let us know the officers getting hurt. Families are letting y'all know that the inmates are getting hurt. But May the 12th, a rope was hanging out of there and I came to 55 Trinity Street --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds, ma'am."

SABRINA JONES, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "And there was a rope hanging out the jail, so before I go; hold on -- (Audio playing.). That's my son."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. How many -- you said three more. How many more?"

CLERK GRIER: "We have two speakers on Zoom."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Two here? Come on up. These are the last two."

JOHN NANCE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Hello. My name is John Nance. I'm a Fulton County resident. I would like to address the issue around the appointment of Mr. Frazier to the Board of Registration and Elections. It's my understanding that the chairperson for the Republican Party for Fulton County has the right and authority to appoint Mr. Frazier to the Board of Registration and Elections under rules governing this appointment. I believe it is outrageous that this appointment has obstructed and delayed by this Board for frivolous and unsupportable reasons and clearly which violate the appointment process. I respectfully request Mr. Frazier be appointed to the Board of Registration and Elections today without delay. Thank you."

LORI ALTMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Just two things that I'd like to just say; one is that Jason, to correct this other woman that was talking, Jason was never allowed into the polling place, so he was never kicked out. So that was -- that was not right. That was No. 1. And No. 2 is, the thousands of hours that Jason has spent going over these voter rolls has been volunteer. So it has not cost the county any money. So that was another correction. Okay. Good morning, guys. You guys are powerful. Your decisions have created a whole host of issues for our state and our nation. Because of your decisions, we are in wars, more crime, inflation, and the list goes on and on. It doesn't matter where they live, what party they belong to, their race or sex, people will continue to be struggling. They will struggle and that is because of the decisions of many of you. What are we doing to our country? Well, Jason Frazier has decided to do something to help rather than sit back and watch. A father, husband, and engineer with a busy life and decided to make a priority -- make it a priority, has volunteered hundreds if not thousands of hours to find a solution, and instead of legislating voter trust, he has decided to help create it. There are valid reasons people don't trust the voting system here in Georgia. His lists are valid and not frivolous."

Those who put DR instead of drive are not on his list of being frivolous. Those are -- those people are dead, voted twice or more, voted in several states --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LORI ALTMAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- or counties; faked voters, et cetera. They're on his list with proof. And then I'm not going to talk about the pod-cast, but I am going to say that if Jason Frazier is a disruptor, I guess you can say Martin Luther King was a disruptor. Same for --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, ma'am. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman, we have two speakers on Zoom."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The first person to speak is Ben Howard."

BEN HOWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Greetings one and all. Ben Howard, senior advocate public policy analyst. Enlighten me, please, as I ruminate about what those matters might be exposed during Housing Authority transparency reports. Report: Who benefited by the Housing Authority trip to Washington DC, and why did that one Housing Authority Commissioner personally receive an autographed copy of the book offered by the guest speaker at the 90th conviction of the National Association of Housing and Residential Officers? Report: Update on the \$700,000 (inaudible) Housing Authority for request for reimbursement which have not been honored by HUD. And what about that OIG investigation by Hud? Report: Update on the concern that's spent by one Housing Commissioner when she asked what will happen to residents impacted by the Housing Authority's refusal for funds to cover elevator repairs. And what about the presiding officer's lack of vocalization about being quote, disrespected. Stay tuned, folks."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Meg Gia. Meg Gia. Okay, the last to speak is Kevin Muldowney."

KEVIN MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Commissioner Barrett, you said on your podcast, your opposition to Jason Frazier is partisan. This partisan opposition to Jason's installation on the board is based on emotion and completely void of facts. Let's examine the facts: Jason exposed thousands of inaccurate voter registrations. The BRE then went out and hired a third-party to examine those same voter rolls. Result: Oh, boy, the BRE was shown by the third party, there's another 48,000 bad registrations. Fact: The BRE then remove those 48,000 illegitimate registrations and fired their own head of registration. Sounds like Jason may be onto something. Commissioner Barrett, you also mentioned in your pod-cast that the board members must support and instill confidence in the BRE. That confidence must be earned. You have taken steps -- they have taken steps to fix the process, as I mentioned, removing

those 48,000 illegitimate registrations, and firing the person responsible for the current state of those voter rolls, a step in the right direction, but much more must be done. Yes, that confidence and respect needs to be earned, not just blindly pledged. We need a board member that understands processes and understands the value to the voting public of maintaining clean voter rolls. The opposition to Mr. Frazier that was getting guys all freaked out that amounts to a petulant child screaming to get their way, completely emotional or void of any facts. Jason has not challenged any single voter. What he has done is challenged many illegitimate voter registrations and challenged the department of elections and registration to improve their process and become a department worthy of our confidence. With that in mind --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

KEVIN MULDOWNEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- with that in mind, he's the perfect candidate to install on the board and help guide us through the process of creating a department we can all be proud of; and thank you very much, Commissioners, for all your work and listening to our great arguments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Anything else?"

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That concludes the Zoom public comments."

CLERK GRIER: "No further speakers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No further speakers?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington, you seek recognition? Okay. All right, continue, Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "The item that was moved up today, on page 12, **23-0387**, Board of Registration and Elections. The Fulton County Republican Party has nominated Jason Frazier for a Full Board Appointment to a term ending June 30th, 2025."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; it's seconded by Commissioner Ellis. Comments?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, Mr. Chair, I'd like to call the question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The question has been called. Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, it's been properly moved and seconded. Let's vote on the call of the question."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Back to the main motion on the floor; which is to approve. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on the motion to approve. And the motion fails; two yeas, five nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, is there a motion to deny? Is there a motion to deny?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Motion to deny."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. I'll second. Let's vote on the motion to deny."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Mr. Chair?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir, Commissioner Ellis -- Vice Chair Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I think Commissioner Thorne is in the queue, actually."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne, I'm sorry. Yes."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I want to thank everybody for coming down here. It means a lot to me that your voices are being heard. I'm disappointed that, we as Commissioners do not have conversations. I reached out to Ms. Stephanie Ali. I had my staff give her my card. I wanted to meet with her, but there's no talking. They don't want to talk about it. It saddens me. As Commissioners, we want to save costs. Yet, when it comes to the bloated voter rolls that we've -- historically had -- we don't want to save costs. We, by law, have to have one ballot marking device for every 250 voters. We have extra voters on our lists. We're paying for that, not only for that BMD, we're paying for the printer that goes with it; we're paying for the cabinet -- those two million plus dollar cabinets we brought. We're paying to have it logic and accuracy tested. We're paying for the software on it; we're paying Dominion to uphold those things. We're paying for all the precincts that we have to have for 2,000 voters. So if we were logical and not hypocrites, we would want voter rolls cleaned. We would want voter rolls cleaned to prevent voter suppression. How on earth is somebody who's living on Lee Street, on an overpass going to get his absentee ballot? How are people going to know what precincts are accurately going to be put in the GIS system? How are we going to inform voters when we need to mail out precinct cards if they're not even getting them? And, by the way, we refused to send them out even though we did

redistricting. What happens to all those return cards? Do remove them off the list? Not that I'm aware of. Are we being hypocrites, I ask? Are we being hypocrites that the law states, the National Voting Rights Act law states that we must have clean voter lists. We must maintain that they must be accurate and current. But we just throw the law out. Are we being hypocrites? Are we being illogical? That's what I know. So, you go to the State Board of Elections meeting, Fulton County is like every other thing on there, but yet you say trust us. We're not done anything wrong. Oh, yes, people bend over backwards to defend us, yet we have consent decrees, letters of instructions. We have two people that illegally shredded voter registrations. Yes, Fulton County, a fellow employee turned them in and did the right thing, and now those two people have been sent on, not only to the AG, Chris Carr, but also to Fani Willis for possible criminal investigation. But we're supposed to just trust the system. We're just suppose to trust and we only want one side to have who they think needs to be on this board, and the other side oh, no. They're voter suppression. They're an election denier, and the new one, I guess, and the new one, I guess, is disruptor. There were 94 people who got the wrong combo style on their ballot in the State Board of Elections meeting yesterday. That was 94 on the absentee, because we failed to even look and check the absentee ballots. No telling how many actually went to the precinct and voted with the wrong combo style. Whose fault is that? People were denied the right ballot. They were denied the right to vote who they needed to vote for. You know, you talk about Jason being thrown out; well that was a total lie. Total lie. As a precinct manager for nine years, 101, the public has a right to come in before the polls open and monitor the opening and the closing of the polls after the last voter has voted; the public. Not a poll watcher, not a poll worker, you don't have to have any certification, Joe Schoe, anybody out-of-state, whoever, can come in and observe. Jason Frazier did that. The manager, Margaret Williams, called the police on him for doing that; called the police. Is that not harassment? Oh, and what does Fulton County Elections do; they promote Margaret Williams to be an instructor. Yes, our elections director verified that fact after I heard it at a public comment. We don't want to follow the laws. Here we have people on the Board of Registration and Elections who don't even have any numbers to approve, yet they are certifying elections. It seems logical that you want to know the count was before you certified an election. You want to know that Jason had challenges approved, yet there were Board of election members who refused to approve it. Aaron Johnson -- they were accepted. Our elections department said that these needed to be removed and we had Aaron Johnson say no, I don't think so. I know better. I would prefer to break the law. So, I hope you understand the frustration; the pure frustration. I would love to have a conversation. I'd love to sit down with my fellow Commissioners. I would love to work together. I'd love -- I've sent things out trying to explain my situation and I've gotten nothing back; because we work for all of Fulton County. We don't work just for the Democratic Party. We don't work just for the Republican Party. We work for everybody in this county. And only by everybody having representation on who they seem fit on that board are we going to restore trust in our elections. We don't need somebody who is supported by Fair Fight, an activist, a far left activist group to be dictating who and who does not be on our board. We need iron sharpening iron. We need you all coming down here. And I would love if you disagree with me in any way

shape or form or if anything I said is a falsehood up here, I speak truth. And in my faith, my God, my Savior wants me to speak truth up here and I know it's a little uncomfortable. It's a little uncomfortable for some people to hear, but that's my purpose for being here, and my purpose is to serve you, even those of you who don't agree with me, that's why I want to reach out to you. I want to come to some understanding, some logical understanding, understanding your side. Two minutes isn't enough down here. I'd rather have a face-to-face conversation. I've tried to answer e-mails. I can't keep up with the form e-mails that all go to my spam. I only had one Democrat e-mail that came across my regular e-mail, and I tried to respond respectfully. I want conversation. We need conversation. We cannot be divided anymore. We can't be divided Republican and Democrat. We can't take the high road of, no. So I just beg you guys to honor the wishes of the Republican Party and who they seen fit to run this office. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just have a question first before I made a couple of remarks. This motion that's on the floor right now is a motion to deny?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "We just -- there was a previous vote, you know, to approve which obviously did not pass. What is the effect of this motion if it were to be approved?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, I'm not the parliamentarian, but I'll defer. I can answer it, but I'll defer to the parliamentarian."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So if this vote is successful, then instead of being treated as is the current practice, as a held motion, because it is an item that failed to receive sufficient votes. It would then be a finally decided item that would not reoccur on a subsequent agenda."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Right. This is -- if the motion to deny is approved, then that's it. It doesn't come back at the next meeting."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So what would be the process then for the Party to fulfill their nominations?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The process --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- will they resubmit the same name?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The process would begin again the way that it was originally place on the initial agenda."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. You know, I'm not a tennis player, but I think there's a term in tennis called unforced errors; is that right? Some of my tennis friends that are out there. And, you know, unfortunately when it comes to this subject, we've -- we, as a body, sort of collectively have been engaged in a lot unforced errors. Even going back to when had a chance with different members up here on this Board to ratify a decision by the Board of Registration and Elections to terminate then election supervisor Director Rick Baron, but we chose to go against that, which cost us, I don't know, how much time in terms of we could've been at in terms of improving our elections, so, you know we went against the wishes of that particular board; and that just sort of cost us time and invited more partisanship into the process. And then here we are again in which are obviously partisan appointments by their very nature, and we're going to have a unforced error potentially right here in front us if we vote to deny and not allow this to come back and then approve it. So, you know, I said before at the previous meeting, if we didn't approve the nominations that came forward from the parties, we decided that we were going to go against what the statute said, you know, we were going to be creating bad precedent and inviting -- inviting ourselves in to unnecessary litigation, and this is just a unforced error, in my opinion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I just want to speak on my intentions. I'm American. I'm a Navy mom. I'm an elected official that sometimes have to make decisions that are not popular. But I respect in any and all individuals to have their rights to their opinion. I respect my colleague to the left of me and I respect my colleague to the right of me. Are we going to always agree, no? That's the beauty of a democracy. We can agree to disagree without being disrespectful, without being condescending, or without invalidating the other person's right to speak. And I feel compelled to say this is one of those moments that all parties must respect a person's right to speak. The person doesn't agree with you; that's fine. But that does not make a blanket decision that they're unAmerican, that they're unethical, or all of that, or even hypocritical. The Board of Elections yesterday, the State Board made a decision and even in the decision that they made, they felt warranted to send a letter vindicating two employees that had been attacked. These employees had been attacked that did absolutely nothing. And so, what I say to my colleagues and I say to this public, I'm not going to always agree with you, but that does not mean that I don't respect your right to have your opinion for your person. I just don't agree with it. And I would ask that we understand that at the end of the day, I'm not an attorney, there are -- there is an attorney that sits on this Body; but if there is something that I have done wrong, then I stand on it and I'm willing to take whatever repercussions if I think I am doing it right, just like any of my colleagues to the left or right of me, think that they're doing what's right. I respect your opinion. I would ask that you respect mine, and I would ask you to let the process play out. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm somewhat confused by the current motion to deny. I thought we just denied it, five to two. They made a recommendation, we didn't accept it, it was defeated. It's not a held motion. It shouldn't come back. It was defeated, five to two. It seems duplicitous to me. Madam County Attorney, why would this come back? Why would this be like a held matter when it was defeated, five to two?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "It's my understanding that although our Board procedures don't specifically provide guidance on that, that the practice has been to place matters that fail back onto the agenda as a held item."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I disagree with that. I don't know who -- I don't understand. I don't know who gave you that interpretation of a practice. The reason it came back this time was because there was not four votes against him the last time. That's why it came back. That is like a held matter because it didn't get four affirmative votes one way or the other. Something that gets four affirmative votes is an act of this Board; and either it is an act in support or is an act to deny. Please, help me understand how a vote of five to two could not already be a denial? Please."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "If the Board chooses to take that action and interpret it that way, you are a sworn Body who has the ability to make your own rules, but I'm not saying that our policies mandate that outcome, but my understanding is that that practice has been engaged in."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "How else could a vote of five to two be interpreted?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Please, somebody help me, because that doesn't make any sense to me. How else could a vote of five to two be -- how else could it be interpreted?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "The prevailing motion was to approve. When the prevailing motion does not receive the requisite four votes, then it does not pass. Then it's brought back at the next meeting. The prevailing motion once again was to approve. It did not receive the four votes; therefore, it would have come back, but the motion then at this same meeting to deny did receive four votes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I disagree with that, Mr. Chair. That has not been our practice. And we have not voted on something -- when there are five votes against something -- when there are four votes against something, it doesn't come back. The Board has spoken. A vote of four Commissioners is the voice of the Commission. It takes an act of four of us for this Commission to act, and if four of us vote against

something it should not come back. What comes back is something that is held or something that doesn't get four votes. This matter, the previous matter, got three affirmative votes last time, did not get four affirmative votes, or got two affirmative votes last time. However many it got, it didn't get enough to gain support. You know, it seems duplicitous to me. We already denied it. It was five to two. That's a supermajority."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So the practice of the Board for the past 20 years as I outlined it. So I'd like to move this along."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I have to respectfully disagree. I've been here for eight -- this is my ninth year. That's not accurate."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay, Commissioner Thorne, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I just wanted for the crowd, for the guests that are here, if you could explain your interpretation of the word shall in legal language."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Commissioner Thorne, typically I don't like to give advice on disputed matters in this public forum. But just generally speaking, it is true that shall is mandatory word, the really relevant and the crux of the question is going to be to what action is that mandatory language directed, and that is the part that I think a lot of folks are not looking at the rest of the language of the ordinance."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you. I think that's helpful for the people out here. I also want to say there's a process like if they have to put another nomination up, it has to be within 30 days, so that means the next meeting nobody can be put up unless they put the same person up. It is -- well, my thoughts are, is the Republican Party not going to have a voice -- an equal voice on the board because of our actions here are going to be denied in the next meeting because there is not a replacement member put on the board?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So the 30-day requirement is how the process should ideally work. I have not found any authority that would prevent them or prohibit them from submitting another nominee if this board will consider it. I don't know of anything that would prohibit that irregularity outside of the ideal term."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington, do you want to be heard again?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Call the question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The question is being called. Let's vote on the call of the question. Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Properly moved and seconded. Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on call the question. And the motion passes; six yeas, one nay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion on the floor is deny. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on the motion to deny. And the motion passes five yeas, one nay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next."

CLERK GRIER: "Two nays with Commissioner Thorne."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "Back on page 8 --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Mr. Chair?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commission Hall wants to be heard."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "The Fulton County Sheriff is here waiting on an item that is all the way at the end of our agenda. And to allow him to go back to work with his employees who are here with him with his team, I would ask that we move up 23-0432."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It's on page 11?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Page 11 --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- second."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "-- which is a matter of --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Without objection -- any objections?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Which is a matter related -- and if we could move it up to 4414."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No objection."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Sound that item, please."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 11 --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- where's the Sheriff?"

CLERK GRIER: "23-0432: Request approval of a Resolution requesting that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners receive regular updates from the County Manager regarding conditions, concerns, and improvements at the Fulton County Jail facilities and for other purposes, sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and Vice Chair Ellis."

AMELIA JOINER: SHERIFF'S OFFICE: "Good morning."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Mr. Chair, this is not the Sheriff's item. This is a Commissioners' Action Item. Am I reading it right? Which item are we on?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "It is 23- --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 0432."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "0432."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, this is a Board of Commissioners item. This is not a Sheriff's action item."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "It's related to the jail --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- well, it might be related to the Sheriff's, but we've not invited -- this is a Commissioners' item sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman and cosponsored by me."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "And the Sheriff would like --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- well, he can comment on it potentially, but out of due respect -- I mean this is --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "-- I would ask the Sheriff to come up at present."

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

(Chairman Pitts bangs gavel at this time.)

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "I have the floor, Commissioner. I have the floor. This is a Commissioners' Action Item. The Commissioner should be allowed to provide commentary before the item is actually discussed; and then if there is a representative or the Sheriff wishes to come to speak, or respond to questions, they should at that time. This is not an invitation to have the Sheriff come in here and speak before this particular item is outlined by the sponsoring Commissioner. It's a Board of Commissioners' Action Item, not a Sheriff's action item."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, there's an objection to moving it up."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair, but I thought we already moved it up. You said no objection and --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But there is an objection."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay, so --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "There's no objection necessarily to bringing it up."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I thought I had the floor at this time. I thought I had the floor at this time. "

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

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I'm clarifying that there's no objection."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I thought I had the floor this time."

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

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you. So thank you very much, Commissioner Ellis, for explaining that and we will follow the process as necessary. And I will request for the Sheriff to provide input so that is the process, and we will follow it. So you all may be seated until I call you for your input so that they can follow the process and have whatever they need to say be said and heard. All right. Thank you so much for your patience."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Y'all want to hear it now or later?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "You want to hear it now?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I don't care."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Well, you said --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "With all due respect, because the Sheriff is very busy. I think we should go ahead and hear it now."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Sound it out. Let me remind y'all, we have a hard stop at 2 o'clock. I don't care, come hell or high water, we're stopping at 2 o'clock today because we've got a follow-up meeting."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I understand, Chairman; with all due respect."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 11, **23-0432**: Request approval of a Resolution requesting that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners receive regular updates from the County Manager regarding conditions, concerns, and improvements at the Fulton County Jail facilities and for other purposes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, this is before us. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner Barrett, Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. The purpose of this Resolution is to receive updates from the Sheriff's department to the County Manager and his staff. The purpose of this is to make sure that we know what's going on as Commissioners -- there is an ask based on the fact that the jail is in a crisis state. The purpose from my perspective, based on several phone calls I have gotten, from not only Fulton County taxpaying citizens; I've also gotten it from other elected officials. They're questions that I cannot necessarily ask -- excuse me that I cannot necessarily answer. This is a tool in collaboration to make sure that the Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff's office are collaboratively working together through this crisis. That is not to give the impression that we're not, because we are. But I would be remiss if I didn't say constantly; I am receiving calls that there is a blanket check being written for the Sheriff without accountability; now that's not true. And when I talk to the Sheriff, I told him that's not true. But nevertheless, if the public feels through this crisis that they don't know what's going on, if commissioners that are sitting on this Body wants to know what's going on, on a regular basis, I don't see a problem with accountability and transparency. I asked for support of this and it does not mean that I don't support the Sheriff. I have been openly supportive of him; came in here asking money for him. So I am supportive of the Sheriff. Will we always agree; probably not. I got two colleagues, one to the right and one to left that we disagree, and I have the utmost respect for both of them. But at the end of the day, the jail is in a crisis. It is important that the office have a working relationship with the County Manager and his staff, and provide updates. I am not requiring nor am I asking for our Sheriff to come down here and talk to us every month. That is not the case. But there are certain benchmarks; there are certain issues that I feel that need to be reported on monthly until we get through this crisis. And so, the

taxpaying citizens of Fulton County would be assured that the Commissioners, the executive staff, the County Manager, and the Sheriff office all working collaboratively to make sure there is accountability and transparency. If the Sheriff needs the money, we have already let the public know what he needs because it has already been discussed; but it goes beyond money. It's not just that, and I don't want the focus to be put on that. The focus I want to be put on is that the jail is in crisis. If I was in crisis, there would be a regular update to my family from any medical provider if I was in crisis until I got out of the crisis. And so, the effort from me for this Resolution is accountability, transparency, and to make sure that the Fulton County taxpaying citizens know that we are working collaboratively with the Sheriff, and also the County Manager and his staff to be -- to know of anything that is going on that requires our attention. I am not trying nor is this Resolution in any way trying to interfere with the operations of what the Sheriff needs to do. And I want to be on record that that is not the intent -- the intent of this. The intent of it is a collaborative effort for accountability and transparency."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just have a couple of questions, and I certainly understand the goal of, you know, getting as much information as we can, especially during this time of crisis. But I do want to know what is different in this versus what the Sheriff presented when he was here two weeks ago, because he did very clearly discuss updates that he was planning to give to us and while I know this is monthly and he talked about every other month, he also asked for -- I'm sorry. He also said that he would be providing a, I believe a realtime dashboard of a lot of this data. So my question is, how is this different from what was already -- different and/or better from what was already offered?"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "From my perspective, the difference is one; it's monthly as opposed to his discretion as to bimonthly or when he decides to give the report. And that's not to say it's a bad thing or not. What I'm trying to say: This is monthly regardless. There are certain benchmarks or certain information that needs to be given to the County Manager's staff in order to make sure that all of the Commissioners have the information they need in order to make decisions that we need to make. Finally, accountability and transparency: I go back to my earlier statement because it is a crisis, I believe it is best that the report -- that he does not have to make himself -- his office makes the report and works with the County Manager and our County Manager team, if there is something that is a concern of ours, or if there is something that needs to be addressed, they'll know it then as opposed to us finding out at the Board of Commissioner's day. The problem with the previous process is a lot of times we don't have the information until the Board of Commissioner's day. We don't have the information until the agenda comes out. Now that's not to lay any blame at the Sheriff's feet or the County Manager's feet. That is -- as a directive, that there is an ongoing communication monthly during this crisis period to make sure that the County Manager and his designate know what is going on with certain parameters. Now, the County Manager, if you would like to opine on that, because I have had conversations

with you earlier as to how important I thought this was. So if you like to add any further comment, I would ask you at this point."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am. Thank you. I think the mechanism would be the county operational report which we'll provide later today. I think it can be added to pretty easily from Project ORCA and the courts, which is reflected now the BOC Resolution that was passed previously and now adding this piece. I do think we're working together to have this data readily available, so I don't think that will be a heavy lift; and I agree we can make the reports supported by Michael and Mia and others that may choose to be here. And, again, I think it will be fairly seamless to do. And, as you recall, we probably preemptively tried to put a dashboard in front of you at the last meeting. It wasn't ready for prime time, but with this directive and a little bit more work, I think the dashboard will be quite informative, and that's what will be in this operational report which, again, is already on the recess schedule each month."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Commissioner Barrett, you still have the floor."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you. I want to ask -- I guess I'll just direct this to you Mr. County Manager since you've taken the floor here, a little bit. On the dashboard, I believe I heard that it was supposed to be realtime when it was discussed; is that not accurate?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, I'll let the Sheriff speak to that, but I think he's planning to have a realtime dashboard. When I was talking about it in the last meeting and Doug Schuster from EMSI presented what we presented, it would be something that would be presented as of the date of that meeting, for lack of a better term; therefore it might be a few days post when the data was offered, but to me it would still be quite effective."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Can we get some clarity on that from the Sheriff's team on this, whether it's realtime or not real-time, and where it will be, and who will have it and all of that, that'll be helpful, I think."

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "First of all, good morning still or good afternoon. As always, here's where I am. It will be real-time. Our goal -- what we have done is taken this assertion in this Resolution that we already do not work well with the County Manager and hence my problem with the Resolution. We can agree to disagree as we've done in the past. We are going to focus and create a real-time -- you can already download the Sheriff app and we've put a button on that. Again, everything that is asked for in here in real-time. That's our goal. I will not be here every month. I've been the most transparent Sheriff in the history of the county. And so, the assertion that -- and this is what it is -- well, it is written to try and bring some -- from our conversation some collaborative agreement. There is a near assertion that there is not one and hence my apprehension from that perspective. I have praised the County Manager,

EMSI, and Alton and his team for the collaborative work we've done, and that's how we have really forecast what the Sheriff's office has needed over the last 2-1/2 years going on three years. What this does is undermine the integrity of what I have brought to you all as Commissioners. It simply says, I don't believe what you're saying. And the assertion is really disrespectful in certain areas because there's no one that sits up there or the 1.2 million people I represent that cannot call me, because I get the same calls. I get the same calls. I get the calls from you all. I get the calls from those loved ones that have loved ones locked up. And here's the other piece, right: as a constitutional officer, I can't be compelled to do any of this. I have done this simply because my overarching goal is to be transparent; to make sure from day one -- and I appreciate the tours. I appreciate each of you, and Commissioner Khadijah, I appreciate you coming the first week and understanding, I said the jail has been in crisis since before I took office. And so, ultimately we have worked together to resolve these issues. So from that perspective what we have done is really parcel in taking this and what you'll see in the next two weeks is via the Sheriff's app. Any one of our constituents, 1.2 million people and we want people to download the Sheriff's app and go on and get this real-time data. So they are currently working on that as we speak. So I hope that answers your question."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So do you have an eta? So you said next week it will be?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Our goal is to have it up -- so the Sheriff's app is up and running. The data points that include this, we hope to have it in the next week in a half to two weeks."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And the data that's asked for in this Resolution, there are some breakdowns that are fairly detailed about the staffing vacancies and actual numbers and those kind of things as well as some specifics on the population; but there are sort of some more vague language at the top of the Resolution about reporting on jail conditions, medical care, and building maintenance. And I'm just wondering -- hey, I guess, it's just really more a question to you and Vice Chair Ellis and Commissioner Abdur-Rahman; but also to the Sheriff in terms of what are the data points? I think you brought it to us last time. But are there any data points in the app and on the dashboard that would address jail conditions, medical care, and building maintenance?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "So part of that, if I may -- so part of that is what I actually brought forward which I don't know if I can say this loudly enough or often enough: We don't own the building. Mr. Davis and his team provide the maintenance for the building except for the various part of what the County Manager mentioned in terms of the dashboard nearly, an \$8 million ask there for us to continue to occupy the building. I brought wheelbarrows in here of pieces of the building, right? And the only mistake I made was I let my team tell me I couldn't put y'all's names on seven wheelbarrows and I should have. Because it's five wheelbarrows, 1,500 shanks, and those are parts of the building that Mr. Davis and his team, EMSI and the County

Manager in collaboration with the Sheriff's office have worked to put a plan together to ultimately address each unit, all 78 units, movement of those individuals out so that we can continue to do this. And, guess what; when we get to 77 and 78 we'll have to start over again and at No. 1. So this is an ask that has been working in collaboration. Speaking of -- now, we will publish anything between the County Manager and our General Counsel that is not legally we cannot publish, right. There may be some things around HIPAA and NaphCare that we can't publish, but some of the things that we are doing, that simply are outstanding. If you listen to the conversation a couple weeks ago, we saw a thousand people. With the help of NaphCare, we address the concerns, two weeks later almost three weeks later, we saw 2200 people, so we have a good cadence of improving services. The conversation around vacancies: There is a -- there was a robust conversation last meeting to the point that I started to walk out of here, but I didn't. Because what I'm not going to be is a target of anybody's political aspirations in terms of vacancies. What the actual data said was from the beginning of the year here are our vacancies. And so, where the disconnect is, is between the County, what they see as vacancies and what we see as vacancies. And so, specifically right now we have 63 sworn vacancies, and another 45 professional vacancies. And so, my comment then was when we get below 75, I would ask you all to fund the 24 unfunded positions that we have so that we can continue to fill these vacancies. But to be even more specific, we are currently 28, almost -- we have 43 individuals that we brought on in the last three and a half months, which is really unheard of in terms of how we continue to push forward. And this is last month, from that perspective; plus the 15 I mentioned on two weeks ago. The disconnect is where County HR holds vacant positions like the Worker's Comp, right? They don't position -- they don't count Worker's Comp. We count it if we see it. There are a number of things that they can't see, and that's why ultimately the numbers the county represents are higher. So we track it every day. That may be something that ultimately as we close in on those vacancies and every open class, every class that we have with the respect to new hires, we can publish that. So there's nothing that, again unless it's legally, we can't publish -- well, we're open to publish it. And that is something that will be updated every week, and you'll get that more than on a monthly basis, so that's our goal from that perspective."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So then I guess the question to the County Manager team would be on the maintenance front, since that is through DREAM, that may be a, you know, a separate report or those numbers can be incorporated. But it doesn't really break down in here and, again, I'm sorry, I sort of asked you a question, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, and I didn't give you a chance to answer it; but I'm just sort of wondering specifically what you want to see with regards to maintenance in terms of report, and then also maybe what we can get."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "What I want to see -- the Sheriff has been very vocal about toilets not working as well as other things. He's correct, he does not own the building; so if he, in this monthly report -- first of all, let me say this is not an effort to undermine him. This is an effort to work with him and strengthen the communication because the directive is not just to as sitting Commissioners we want to see. We want

to make sure that the county management team is engaged. If the Sheriff does not have 50 percent of his toilets working, then the County Manager should know that and all of us should know that, because that is an issue. And so, what I'm saying is, this is not to undermine, because there are some things in his capacity that he will not speak with the County Manager over, and I wouldn't want him to speak on it, because it's not our business. He has to run his -- he has to run the jail, and we also get into issues of liability of what he is trying to do and maintain as a constitutional officer. So I'm not going to ask him about pears when he told us we need oranges; do you understand what I'm saying? It's no gotcha legislation. It's legislation for accountability to make sure that the County Manager is working with the Sheriff, and the Sheriff is working with the County Manager to keep us abreast so there can be accountability and transparency for everyone, and that is the nature of this. And so, County Manager, if you want to speak, I'll give the floor to you now."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Thank you, ma'am. If you recall at the last meeting, we had a very detailed plan that we did not try to show on the chart because of readability, but the Sheriff's term, I think, is blitz; and I think it's very appropriate, because people will be moved out of the zone. They will be moved to Union City, then we will completely revamp that zone in terms of all needed repairs. So, I think, Joe, we could either, of course, report on each month the status of a zone which starts July the 1st in terms of our activity or even some elements of a zone that are being repaired. So I think it would be very apropos and clearly possible to report against that and we have a schedule and funding that I'll discuss later that will be needed. But it lays out the expectations of both time and money."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Could you also add to that, perhaps just sort of a summary level, the numbers around it -- the number of maintenance requests received, maybe, you know, the turnaround time and, you know, how many are open and closed and that sort of thing? I think, that would helpful, too so that we know if the Sheriff's department is reporting, you know, ten maintenance requested to day that they're getting addressed and they're getting handled by our department."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yes, our maintenance provider currently produces a monthly executive summary that brings out all maintenance activity in the jail by trade, by location, by task. It's forwarded to meet each month so that I'm aware of their productivity and it's driven by as Commissioner Barrett indicated the number of call-ins and things of that nature. So we know that right now, for example, the things that are being called in they're completing roughly 90 percent all work being called in."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I mean, I have gotten some comments from constituents asking, you know, why things aren't being maintained. So, I think having that report would be helpful. So I don't know if that just needs to be added into this language. I don't know if there needs to be more collaboration before this is, you know, goes forward. If it goes forward, I'm not really sure where -- you know, I think, we kind

of have all of the data. I'm not sure if we need this legal mechanism, but I certainly support us working together to understand what's happening."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. It's 12:17. We're complicating something that's real simple here that's before us. Commissioner Ellis -- Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah, I agree with you, Mr. Chair. I think it is -- is pretty straightforward and simple. I don't think there's anything here that's undermining, disrespectful, or implies anything, you know, certainly, of that nature at all. This is just a request that we have a monthly reporting with some consistent measures that we see over time to see how much progress we're making, that's all it is. And we all should be comfortable with that. The three things in particular that it calls for was, specific information around facility, facility utilization. It's got some specifics on that. As you'll recall, there seemed to be some confusion at the last meeting about some of the data points were there. This provides some specificity as to what was desired in terms of what we would like to see in the ability to track that over a monthly period of time. Secondly, it calls for certain information around staffing, vacancies, et cetera. There may be differences in the way you look at something versus our HR folks will look at something. But I think we should look at it in a consistent fashion, just the way we would look at vacancies across the organization. So, if they have data that starts with this data, I'm comfortable with it coming from our HR folk, and it can be monitored over time. If hires are made, separations, whatever, it's going to -- it's going to show -- it's going to show the trajectory of the progress or lack thereof. And it's a consistent measure that we use throughout the rest of the county. And then the third request was something that, you know, certainly, is a -- it's one of the largest contracts that we have, that's with our jail facilities medical provider. And there's an ask that monthly phone call -- monthly calls that were taking place, jointly with the Manager's office and the Sheriff's office and the jail facilities medical provider presume -- resume. So, those are the three things that are in there. This is just simply, you know, a good governance measure. There's nothing really -- there's nothing controversial about it. I think the data points coming from the County Manager, you know, is a good mechanism to have in place just because, hey, you know it's -- they're a third party that's bringing it us. Doesn't -- I mean, if you want to put it in your app, that's fine. But I'm looking to see sort of this consistent data that we've had sort of outlined that we've got outlined within this particular resolution come to us so we can see the progress made month over month. There's been significant funds that we've allocated for, you know, access to other facilities, i.e. ACDC; significant funding that we did at the beginning of year to improve hiring; significant funding that we've provided for medical provider and the continuance of that. And we all know the importance of that. So, I think these are three important measures that we all have a vested stake in. And we should have the consistent reporting of that. So, we should be able to look at and measure our effectiveness on it and how we're doing. That's all it is."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you, Chairman. And thank you, Sheriff Labat and your team. You guys have been very transparent, and I really appreciate that. And

appreciate you coming to our Town Hall and addressing all my constituents. They appreciate your interaction with the community, whether Republican, Democrat, whatever, your outreach is truly appreciated. For me, I have to respect my seatmate here with her because she's fielding constituent calls. I don't have the constituent calls coming in over the jail. And as a Commissioner, we need to answer our constituents and we need facts and we need data. And I think that this will provide even more transparency. It'll provide us as Commissioners, a tool to answer to people and to answer truthfully. I know you're developing an app, you know, I've developed apps before that could easily spit out the report from the app if you tracking all these things. So maybe it won't be burdensome on you if you have your app developer generate this report for us on a monthly basis. It -- you know, I really just have to respect and honor, I appreciate that you guys had a conversation and that you don't agree, but you agree on things. And I appreciate all the work that's gone into this. So I'm -- I feel like we are in a crisis. And we just need to do something, and maybe, we can just try this and see if it works. And if it doesn't, then so be it. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, Commissioner. 12:21. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. You know, I think it's unfortunate. Certainly, I'm glad that we took this matter up because you were here and in order to give you time to go back. But I think it's unfortunate that we weren't able to receive the County Manager's operational report before this, right, because I think that that would have provided more insight into the information that we would already be receiving. I don't know that we need a resolution for this. County Manager, can you provide us this information monthly?"

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "That's all, that's good enough for me. I don't need anything else. You know, I -- like, it's a request, right. I asked him, he said, yes. I'm good. What's the next -- how about the \$2 billion we need to build the jail? Can we talk about something we really need to be talking about? Why are we talking about reporting on this? We've hired a consultant; we've hired a private outside consultant to come in and to work with the Sheriff. It only makes sense; it only behooves the Sheriff to work with the County Manager if he needs to get some money from us. If he's not working with the County Manager and providing that information, and then we come -- he comes in here and asks us for some money, he probably not going to get it, he better provide it if he want us to vote, yes, for the money. Hey, look, you know, this doesn't make any sense to me. I don't think it's needed. And Mr. Chair, I think it's a further waste of our time."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. I agree with that. 12:23. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you still -- you want to be heard --"

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, it's just -- just quickly. Thank you, Chairman. Here again, this report that I am asking for that I feel is needed now is temporary. It is because we are in crisis mode. It gives a directive to our County Manager and it's a ask to the Sheriff. Now, whether he does it or not, that's on him. But it is a duty of us, as elected officials, if we are receiving calls, if we cannot answer those calls, if we're receiving information that's half information, to ask our Sheriff and our County Manager to work together. And that's what this is about. This is not about any undermining. This is about accountability and transparency. We're in a crisis mode at the jail. And we need any and all information that we need. Because we don't need the Sheriff giving information that will affect his daily operations. And that is not the spirit, nor the point of this. The point of this is, in a crisis mode, we need to show the community that we can work together for accountability and transparency. And it is temporary until such time, Chairman that we get out of the crisis. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Sheriff, what did you want to --"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "I'll be really quick. And first of all, I agree with everybody in some capacity."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Ultimately, to include Commissioner Arrington, it's waste of time in some aspect. I've been transparent, will continue to be transparent. Here's what I think the solution is, one, if there's an opportunity to correct the language. There was never a monthly meeting with NaphCare, it was quarterly. Secondly, strike the Sheriff out of there. Control what you can control as a Board, and that will be the County Manager and administration. And you have the assurances from me, again, as I've done in the past to continue to work with the County Manager, each one his teams, to support the resolution, minus the Sheriff. Because I was then ask the County Attorney to opine, as Commissioner Arrington has eloquently over the last several years talked about separation of the powers, that's all the constitutional officers, et cetera. It's a slippery slope. If you include me in this conversation, the DA is going to be next, our Tax Commissioner is going to be next. If you -- up to and include, all those individuals that have these constitutional authorities to do exactly what people elected me to do. And Commissioner Arrington is absolutely right. If you control what you can control in this resolution, talk about the administration from that perspective, leave the Sheriff out. I cannot in good faith, come back to you if our team has not continued to do what we have done over the last two and a half, three years, and that is be transparent. So that would be my stake on that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Well, thank you to all my colleagues for their input. Mr. County Manager, I'm a little bit confused by some of the discussion that has happened

across this Board concerning this resolution. So I want to ask you this question, is the County Manager's office and team working with the Sheriff or not and vice versa?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I think we work daily together. Do we not, Sheriff?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Absolutely."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "So the answer to that is, yes. And let me amend what I just said --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "-- relative to the report. We would have to work with the Sheriff to get some of this data. In other words, there is no tracking mechanism other than his app or some -- or getting it directly from him to know how many detainees we have in each location. So we would need to work closely, for example, on that. On the maintenance piece, we probably could report that independently. But I think it would be most productive, obviously, for working together because he has to move folks out. So I do think there's aspects of this, where we have to continue to work together for the ability -- for us to have the ability to include it in the county operations report. But we certainly could do that, given our working relationship."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. And so that takes me back to the Sheriff then, for the things that the County Manager said that he needs to work with your office on. Does that -- this creates any additional burden on you and your staff and your team to work with them even more in this fashion to have this -- the information that the County Manager needs on a monthly basis?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "So again, it is not deliverance of data. We talk almost every day, every other day. That is not the -- that's not what's at stake here. It's the constitutionality of the four constitutional officers, be it the Clerk, be it the Tax Commissioner, the Sheriff's office, et cetera, inasmuch as the control of the BOC. And so to that extent, we will continue to work together. I would simply ask, be it ACCG, you could have our County Manager look it up, whatever. Remove the Sheriff from the context of the Resolution, and then we will -- because it's easy, to Commissioner Arrington's point, it's easy for our County Manager to come back in and say, I can't get anything from the Sheriff, right? As a matter of fact, years past, that's why it -- from my understanding, and I could be wrong. That's why additional resources were given to the County Manager's office to make sure that you all in this duality of command, you all had the best resources, the best information coming from Alton and his team, et cetera. So we will continue to work together because we don't have the luxury of not working together. But ultimately, this resolution undermines the authority of the Sheriff's office in its purest form. So, what you can -- what, from a BOC perspective, in terms of what you

can compel the administration to do, is what I would say -- again, one, it's not needed, that's the first thing. The second is, somebody offer a friendly amendment to remove the Sheriff, ultimately, there is no issue. Because I still have to make sure that we are responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars and make sure that you all have the information you need. That's not going to stop. We just need to be accurate about it."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So when you say, remove the Sheriff, I see three different places in the resolution where the Sheriff is mentioned. The first is very appropriate. It is line 11, it says, whereas, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Sheriff Patrick Pat Labat and Sheriff's office, have undertaken significant initiatives to improve the conditions, operations, and safety of Fulton County jail facilities and will continue to seek further improvements. That's fine, right?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "No objections."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So then the other place where -- places where it says Fulton County Sheriff is line 15, it says, be it further resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby request that Fulton County Sheriff's office resumes monthly calls with the County Manager's office and jail facilities medical provider. So is that one of the places -- I saw you shaking your head --"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Yeah. That was quarterly reports."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "They were quarterly reports?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Medical, correct."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "So, changing them to monthly calls, does that create any issues?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "It overworks the system. Don't get me wrong. Again, we have already stepped into a space, if you will, every month, making sure that we're holding them accountable. And ultimately, it may not be in time for the Board of Commissioners meeting. This is why is I said, every other month so that you could get the data of these blitzes. So there are maintenance blitzes, and there are medical blitzes as well. It's not about the calls, it's about the result. And we're able to better articulate those month over month."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "So, you would prefer this to be every other month or quarterly?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "The quarterly is for the overall meeting. We have an internal meeting with NaphCare every month. The reporting structure of making sure you all have more accurate information from me is what I offered last week, which is every other month."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So, I'm going to ask that question again. So, do you want this to say every other month that calls will happen with the County Manager's office and jail facilities medical provider on a quarterly basis?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "So, let me provide a little more clarification."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay."

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "It needs to be removed --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "It should be removed?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "-- that becomes a directive. Now, what the county -- what you should -- what you could do is direct the County Manager's office to insert into a conversation. But the assertion that the Sheriff's office is now under the control of the Board, reporting this information, it should be removed."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. And so, the next place where we see Fulton County Sheriff is 18 through 21. Be it further resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby request the cooperation of the Fulton County Sheriff's office in the supplying of necessary data, such that the requested information can be provided to the Board of Commissioners on a monthly basis by the County Manager. Is that not already taking place?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "It is."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "It is taking place."

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "And the assertion in the word cooperation lends toward the conversation that we're not already doing this."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "So, Mr. County Manager, can I just get your input on this? Because it's going back and forth. So, the Sheriff says that line 18 through 21 is already taking place. Is that your -- do you agree with that?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Alton, you want to -- my view is, we get the information from the Sheriff's office that is requested. It doesn't say that, for example, on vacancies, we don't -- we still need to -- excuse my slip of the tongue -- work to ground what is the basis for a vacancy. And I understand exactly why there's a difference. We have a report that if a position is vacant, it's vacant. What he has is more insight into people who are either out on FMLA and that position is not available to be filled, or he's already hired, but not necessarily filled the position. They haven't gone through all the background checks and the like. I think that's just simply syncing up, of which we can certainly do. So, I wanted to make sure before I said all those things, to

ask Alton, is there anything that we would need, Alton, other than what I mentioned on the number of detainees in each facility in its relevant capacity. Is there anything else that we would need that we are not getting?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "We already get the data on where individuals are by area. We've been doing that with the Sheriff's office for three years. So that's not new information. When we need to get more data, we typically reach out to the Sheriff, and we usually get the data. So, what I will say to you is, I don't have any concerns about our ability to dive down, and if we need it by gender, if we need it by age, if we need it by location, if we need to assign a capacity per location, we can do that. So I don't see there being any -- any constraints to doing that. We've been doing that for quite some time."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Oh, okay. So basically, you could strike that too? Because you -- you said you're getting it, you've been getting it for three years?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "More -- well, since I've been here, we've been working --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "-- very closely. But certainly, with the Sheriff, with Sheriff Labat and his team, the data that we get in terms of the jail population, we get directly from them. We get that on a regular basis. That's part of the report that, per Commissioner Arrington, I share with you and I will share, I guess in a bit. To the extent that we need additional information, we will -- we can work with the Sheriff. But that's never been an issue, in terms of getting the data."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you so much for that. So then, I would like to make a motion to make an amendment to strike line 15 through 21, since the County Manager, and now Alton, have -- and the Sheriff have made it very clear that these things are happening as they need to. And I'll leave that on the floor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is that a motion you want to make now to amend?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, sir."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there a second to the motion to amend?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly moved and seconded. So, let's vote on the motion to amend."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, let me make sure I understand the amendment, please."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Oh, after speaking with the Sheriff, the County Manager, and Alton about lines 15 through 21, they made it clear that these things are already taking place sufficiently. Alton said that for the past three years, he's been getting the data that he needs without any problems. And if there's anything he needs to know, he just contacts the Sheriff's office, and he gets it."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So, the amendment is to just remove 15 to 21?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Mr. Chairman, can I clarify one point?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "We are not meeting quarterly with NaphCare, which we did do previously. So, I would think you could direct us, and hopefully, the Sheriff would agree that that wouldn't be a problem to meet quarterly with NaphCare. So that would be the one thing that I would say is not happening now that was happening previously."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I accept that as an amendment to my amendment that we at least put in there that the County Manager and his -- or his designee, his team, shall quarterly with NaphCare."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm sorry. Is --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Is it --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I don't know how much time is left on this NaphCare contract --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Oh."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I don't know that quarterly makes sense right now. It might need to be monthly for that right now."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Mr. County Manager?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Six months, year end."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, Sheriff is correct. We did -- the previous practice was meeting quarterly. But I think, again, if acceptable to the Sheriff, we would certainly want to meet monthly with them, given the urgency and your point, the termination of the contract, probably, most likely end of year."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And my understanding is that we're removing any requirements or requests from -- that this amendment removes any requirements or requests from the Sheriff. This is just requirements or requests for the County Manager and County Manager's staff."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. I think we just have to have a wink and a nod. Obviously, I won't know when the meeting is if the Sheriff doesn't tell me when the meeting is."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I would just --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And that's when it's most productive."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I trust you and your staff to give us the information that's needed or that set up the appropriate schedule, given the timeline that we're dealing with."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "All right. I accept that. And so, that's the amendment. Thank you."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So, there was a motion on the floor to approve something and then the second?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Now, was there a request for a friendly amendment that needed to be accepted?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, it's a friendly --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "No, I'm asking the Chair --"

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

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So -- and if not, I want you to explain, kind of, what -- where we are right now in terms of what we're voting on."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "There were --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Now, there's sort of a different -- because a -- traditionally, if there's a motion on the floor and an approval on it, then somebody offers a -- you know, when it's something like this, it's a friendly amendment that the maker of the motion either accepts or rejects. But is that not what's before us, or is something different right here before us?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "There was -- there is a motion to approve on the floor. There was a statement made about a friendly amendment. There was never an official request for a friendly amendment. In the absence of the request for a friendly amendment, the motion was made to amend, and which was properly moved and seconded. That motion to amend was made by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. That's what's before us --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So, is this a substitute motion?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "This is an amendment to the item that's --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So, would the effect of this only amend the Resolution, but not approve the Resolution?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So, this would only amend the Resolution?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "It wouldn't approve the Resolution?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. So then --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "If it's amended --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- whichever way it winds up, but then we're back to a vote on the original Resolution?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's correct."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's correct. All right. Let's vote on the amendment. All right, everybody voted on the amendment?"

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open. Yes, with Commissioner Arrington, the motion fails; three yeas, three nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Now, back to the motion that's on the floor, which is to approve. Now, again, I'll say it again. We're complicating something that's really simple. If you support the Sheriff, vote against the motion to approve, that's all you got to do. If you think this makes sense vote, yes. And to me, it makes sense. It's simple. Commissioner Ellis, you still want to be heard? No? All right, Commissioner Arrington."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Well, I tell you what, I do want to be heard. I was -- I wanted to call the question."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, you can't do it now."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Well, no, I thought we were voting."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, no. If nothing else, y'all will learn that. Commissioner Arrington, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'll call the question. How about that?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Question is being called. Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote on the call of the question. We've been on this 45 minutes, which is --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Wait. Is the call the question on there or not?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Call of the question."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "There's a wrong motion on there."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

CLERK GRIER: "And now, the motion to call the question vote is open."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, call the question."

COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN: "It says motion to approve."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "It says motion to approve on my screen."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It's a motion -- call of the question. (Off-mic comments.)"

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion to call the question passes, unanimously."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Now, back to the main motion on the floor, which is to approve. Let's vote."

CLERK GRIER: "And the motion to approve passes; four yeas, two nays, one abstention."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, next item. It's 12:44."

CLERK GRIER: "Back on page 8, under County Manager's items, Open and Responsible Government, **23-0414**, Presentation of the Fulton County Operational Report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager, it's 12:44, so let's --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. We will be -- we'll be very quick. Today with the operational report, you'll see Project ORCA, as usual. You'll also note that we passed 100,000 cases. The monthly report has gone up -- pardon?"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "The Sheriff --"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Oh, I'm sorry, Sheriff."

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Yeah, no -- again, I'm going to ask that the County Manager -- that the County Attorney opine on any anything that compels the Sheriff's office. So, the other piece that -- and that needs to be taken into consideration. And then I'll stand by for your portion of the report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager, you have the floor."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir, thank you. Again, you'll see that Project ORCA report with, again, cases being cleared now, over 100,000, a pickup in the monthly numbers. And by the way, we're 37,000 cases ahead of the straight-line estimates. We also have ORCA vacancies. Some of you have been interested. We are working with Magistrate Court on adding a Judge, using one of those vacancies, which could help the throughput in that process. You will also see a new simplified court's scorecard. So perhaps, that's a harbinger of things to come, given the last

discussion that was approved in the last BOC meeting. So hopefully, this meets with your expectation. We've provided a working summary of the Jail Bridging Plan. So this will summarize where we are, but also remind you of the resources that will be necessary to execute that plan, particularly in 2023. And I've asked Sharon and the Finance team to develop a set of alternatives to fund that plan. Now, one thing I want to underscore upfront is, this will more or less, eliminate a midyear review. Because any funds that would have been available in the midyear review, will be going to fund this effort, which obviously is your highest priority. I just want to make sure that there's an understanding of that. We continue to make progress with the Behavior Health Crisis Center. Thank you for approving the contractor agreement last week. We'll give you a very brief update on that, due to its importance. Thanking Dr. Roshell for her overall leadership, but really, this has been a team effort with LaTrina Foster, of course, the Behavior Health Department leader. Jessica Corbitt leading our efforts on the legislative front, and Joe and Tim on the building front, as well as Commissioner Hall, who's kept us engaged with the community. I think all of those things are coming together very nicely at Oak Hill. And reminder, this is a very, very tight timeframe, would normally be about a year to complete. We expect completion in January, and then beginning operations 1st of February. For the retreat session this afternoon, we'll have a more lengthy agenda. We'll be talking about the two primary jail scenarios that you've asked us to look at, there may be something in the middle of one of those two, or one of those two. But really, we're trying to narrow in on a, if not a decision, at least a direction. And then given that, we'll reprise the interactive financial section that we tried in the last section, hopefully, with improvements. This round that has you seated in a different manner and with much more ability to see those real-time interactions, which will allow you to delete, modify, or keep about ten major assumptions and see the resulting millage rates, and then discuss the alternatives to revenue then -- rather than just the property tax increases. As you know, we will soon be moving into Election Central Hub, which is the new facility in South Fulton. We have a walk through scheduled for this week following the SEB decision that certified, or at least affirmed, I should say, no takeover of our elections. It's all systems go for 2024. I want to tip the hat, particularly to Nadine Williams and Cathy Woolard, and then Patrice Perkins-Hooker, as she comes in, for their leadership in getting us to that point. We also won American Civil -- Civil Engineering Project of the Year award for the animal shelter. So I want to call that to your attention. As well as, got very favorable, I think, treatment for the Public Safety Training Center, when compared to the alternatives. So again, thanks to our team for all of that. So, Mr. Chairman, we have a, again, a very quick way of walking through this, just limited by how many questions we have. And we'll start with Mr. Adams."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Quickly, Mr. Adams."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Chairman Pitts, Vice Chair Ellis, Commissioners, I'm going to very quickly take you through the ORCA update, happy to answer any questions as I run through. So, I'll touch on the highlights. If you look at page 5, if you can, the first thing I'd like to point out is, we did pass the 100,000 case-disposed mark in

May. It's a big -- big milestone for us. And so, it's something that we continue to, obviously, focus on in terms of disposing of these cases by October of 2024. The next slide it just gives you a sense for the recent change in terms of the cases by month. One of the things that I'd like to point out is that we did have a pickup in the month of May, and by almost a thousand cases, actually 800. And that is, here again, very favorable. As I had mentioned in previous sessions, this will be bumpy. We don't expect to see straight-line months. We are going to see some months where we have a big increase or certainly, a larger increase than others. That's due to the fact that the court system, particularly as we move these cases from the prosecutors to the courthouses or to the courtrooms, rather, are going to require longer cases and trials and jury trials, and the like. But here again, very positive in terms of the month of May. Page 7 gives you a quick look at a breakdown by the various agencies. Nothing really to focus on here except for, as the County Manager pointed out, if you look at the far right, we still are very favorable to what I'd called a straight-line plan. We're favorable to that plan by 37,000 cases. So we've got a bit of cushion that we're likely to need as we move through the next year and a half. But for the most part, here again, a favorable month in the month of May, which continues to help us in terms of our project-to-date numbers. The next slide talks to our hiring progress. We continue to see progress in terms of hiring, but we also are seeing the attrition that you see across the county and across, really, the entire city, which is, you know, we hired six individuals, and we lost five. So we made a little bit of ground up, but continue to, here again, to focus on hiring. But clearly, we are still very much in a tight labor market situation when it comes to the resources that we need. But, here again, feel good about the fact that we're able to, certainly, hold on in the areas like the DA and the State Court, Superior Court, and the like, which are very, you know, key to moving these cases along. Next slide, please. Keep going, please. Thank you. This, as the County Manager alluded to, we put together a chart at the request of Commissioner Ellis that reflects his last -- the agenda that was passed a couple weeks ago that looks at certain benchmarks for the entire system. These are called kind of State Court reporting standards. And they include things like, the number of individuals unindicted without charges, our felony cases disposed within 180 days, and so on. So on the left-hand side is the goal that was established as part of that agenda. April 2023 is a month we're going to use as kind of our benchmark, our period. And so as you'll see in May, we actually had an increase in the average length of stay. Not a good thing. We had a decrease in terms of the number of individuals, the percentage of individuals are unindicted without any charges. You'll see that and from detailed and other charges. That's a good thing. Had a decrease in the clearance rate for felony criminal cases. Felony cases disposed within 180 days was relatively flat. And we had a slight uptick in terms of cases disposed within 365 days. So, the summary of all this is that we've got a ways to go. But in a number of the key measures, we appear to be moving in the right direction. Next slide. This gives you a quick look. This looks at the entire case load of the system. It includes ORCA cases and non-ORCA cases. And the way I would look at this is, if you think about the number of resources that were provided as part of Project ORCA and additionally other resources that were provide, you would expect to see an uptick in terms of the throughput of all of our agencies. And so that's what we're seeing here. So

when -- for example, when we see civil cases for Superior Court operating at 104 percent capacity. Commissioner Arrington, in the last meeting you asked that we gave you the absolute numbers, which you'll see in the very left-hand column of each one of the months because you wanted to get a sense for what those benchmarks look like. So hopefully that, that addresses what you were asking for. But, here again, the big take away on this is that, what you expect in all of these is an increase, an uptick or higher than the performance from the base mark period -- from the benchmark period, in part because we have, in fact, allocated significant resources both ORCA and non-ORCA to each one of the -- to each one of the agencies."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Alton."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Yes, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Adams, the baseline 2019 number, is that -- is that an average of 28 and 2019? Is that an addition? Like, what --"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "That's the -- what we did, Commissioner, was take the month, let's say, March, and that's basically the average of March in 2018 and 2019."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. Thank you for that answer. It's a little confusing. I almost would want to see those -- the 2018 slash the 2019 number right there since that's the way it looks at the -- like the column is labeled."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Yeah, well --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So either we need to -- at least for me, I would want to either change the label of that column --"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- or provide the 2018 slash the 2019 number, so that I can fully understand. Because I don't know how we --"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "What we tried --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- take the average of one year from five years ago, and then --"

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "What we tried to establish a pre-COVID benchmark. And so rather than just picking one, March of 2019, which for whatever reason might have been an anomaly, we took March of 2018 and 2019 and averaged those to give us more of a smoothing out as a starting number. So that's how we arrived at that as a benchmark. It's not a perfect one, but by averaging them, you smooth out any particular

anomaly you might have had in each one of the years. And that's where the -- that's what that benchmark number represents. If that makes --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. If it's not too much trouble, I'd like to see those individual years broken out."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Okay, absolutely. Next slide, please. All right, this gives you a quick update. And we have both in graphic form, and then we have a table as well in terms of the jail population over the last -- over the last four weeks. As you can see, it's ticked down a bit, particularly in the last two weeks. And as you can see that is driven primarily by an increase in the -- well actually, a bit of a decrease in terms of the booking in, and a slight increase in terms of booking out. The right hand -- if you look at the right-hand side, it has a legend, so it gives you a sense for the population by each one of the locations. To Commissioner Ellis' point, we can calculate some type of capacity. Now, it will be vary a bit. I mean, typically the capacity is 80 percent of total bed availability on average. But it will vary because in some of the cases, depending on the location, for example, if you talk about Cobb, that's -- that capacity number might -- might be a little skewed, because we're not constrained by some of the classifications stuff. But we can certainly calculate that and include that as -- on the next report. The next slide breaks it down, same data, just breaks it down on a chart, makes it a bit easier to calculate the numbers if you look at the numbers, figure out how they calculate it. Here again, nothing new here in terms of data, just a different way of looking at it. Next slide gives you a sense for the jail population and the breakdown by unindicted, indicted, and the like. We had a decline in the terms of the unindicted individuals without any type of hold or other cases. And that is -- it's important number for us, important benchmark. And it's something that, in discussions with the DA, she's committed to focus on and continue to reduce over the next few months. Page -- oh, the next slide, page 16. As you know, we have a number of initiatives that we are working with. Working with the Sheriff, we're working with the Chief Judges of State, Superior Court. We're working with the Public Defender and the Solicitor around a number of initiatives associated with reducing the jail population. And so as you look at these, we are -- we've initiated most of them. And the ones that haven't been initiated are upcoming. And I won't talk through all of them. But the, obviously, the Sheriff's been able to increase the number of inmate transports to Superior Court. That's a big deal. Because here to for that was one of the key constraints in terms of the number of cases that could be counted in a particular day. We've added four Senior Judges. That's going to help in terms of adding additional calendars. We continue to work on the C-3 Attorneys Program. That's particularly important when you have multiple -- multi-defender cases. We are really focused on establishing a competency court. We think that's a big deal. It's something that Judge McBurney and team have been heading, heading up. They've looked at a couple of benchmark counties. And I think that's scheduled, quite frankly, to be presented at the bench. I think it'll be approved, and that'll make a -- that's going to make a big difference for individuals, quite frankly, who get held up in the system too long. And we think that's going to be a big step forward for us. Next slide, please. In terms of priorities, we continue to focus on ORCA

and case resolution and performance. We are, as I just mentioned, very, very laser focused on working with the Sheriff and his team and the Judges to continue to find ways to accelerate getting individuals out of the -- out of the jail. And then finally, a lot of effort putting -- being put in to prevent a post-ORCA backlog in the system. With that, I will stop. And happy to take any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Are there questions for Mr. Adams? Any questions? None, Mr. Adams. Next, Mr. Manager, who's next?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I think if we'll go to page 20, I think Mr. Adams is going to provide a brief update on the Jail Bridging Plan. And Ms. Whitmore is going to talk about the financial plan associated with that."

ALTON ADAMS, COO, FC PSS: "Mr. Manager, I believe that Ms. Joiner and Mr. Shoates were going to talk to this, if not, I'm happy to. I'll defer to them and the Sheriff in terms of how they want to approach it."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Glad to have them do that -- do so."

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Let me see, where do I start? Let me start here. I've asked twice for the County Manager to opine on something legally -- Attorney -- County Attorney to opine on something legally. She has not done it. I have made a decision that she needs to inform the Board of Commissioners about. And we'll get that to you in writing because you have, under 15-16-10, you've taken an action that, in the verbiage the way it is, actually, you don't have the authority to do. And so in that, she can opine on that further. But ultimately, this is the Bridging Plan that puts us in a place that will require funding, upwards of 18 to \$20 million that the County Manager and EMSI have put together a plan to make us create an environment where we can continue to do the work of the Fulton County Sheriff's office. The maintenance piece, if you want to parcel that out, as we've said continuously, does not -- you said we don't own the building. We're just going to continue to bring it to you, piece by piece. We've talked about the food. We still have an obligation to feed people, that's where we are. Individually, we need to make sure that we do that. We've taken care of the medical piece. The shortfall part of the dashboard and the continued conversation with the County Manager's office talked about making our team whole with respect to 2024, what does that look like ultimately. And then again, as we have discussed both privately and publicly, the imaging around everything that is taking place and the joint communications opportunity between Ms. Corbitt's office and our office is the fifth element on the dashboard. So to that extent, I believe, again, I going to continue to be transparent, as I have been from day one. So again, the County Manager -- County Attorney has some news for you all. And then we will continue to move forward. Any questions on this Bridging Plan? Anything I left out, Mr. County Manager?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "No, sir. I think we'll go to the next chart in a moment unless --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "-- there's some questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have a question, Commissioner Hall?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "I have a question because I'm trying to understand what you said the first, when you started this."

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "So the previous action that you took actually has language in it that is legal language that you don't have the authority to, zero control over the Sheriff's office, procedurally or policy. So we tried to stand that up, understand that piece. I've asked County Manager -- County Attorney, who's going to simply now, tell you, you can't compel the Sheriff to do anything. Got it. So we took a friendly approach in that perspective. So now, I'm going to take a legal approach. And it will hold to question the authority of the Board of Commissioners versus the Sheriff's office. It is something that, I believe Commissioner Arrington really pointed out and said, it's -- it was a fruitless attempt, and actually shouldn't have to take place. The work of the people is being done. And ultimately, this undermines the Sheriff's office. It is no way around it. I've asked the County Attorney previously when we had the discussion. No one -- and her response to me was, none of you asked. And so she would have simply said, you can't compel the Sheriff or request the Sheriff to do anything. So I'll let her speak if she wants to speak now --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Please."

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "-- but I've asked twice."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Please."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "This is that age-old question, which you've answered a thousand times, would you answer it again, which I've --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So, the Sheriff is correct. I did tell him that I would have said that, operationally, the Board cannot require him to do -- make these reports, which is why the language of the resolution is couched in the form of -- it's cast in the form of a request. And that's why I do not believe that the resolution, while one may have an opinion about its necessity, is not unauthorized in that, it requests an action from him as opposed to requiring."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Go ahead, ma'am."

AMELIA JOINER, SHERIFF CHIEF COUNSEL: "Yes. Amelia Joiner, Chief Counsel to Sheriff Labat. There's no question that the specific language of the resolution does not

direct the Sheriff to do anything, as no one has the ability to do here pursuant to 15-1610. However, in practice, when you put the practice in place, it does require the Sheriff to take certain actions or face punitive consequences related to funding. And so therefore, the Sheriff has decided that he vehemently opposes to the resolution, and may seek to take additional legal action to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

AMELIA JOINER, SHERIFF CHIEF COUNSEL: "-- have declaratory from --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's do this, let's --"

AMELIA JOINER, SHERIFF CHIEF COUNSEL: "-- a court of competent jurisdiction."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Excuse me, ma'am. That threat has been hanging over us for I don't know how long. So if we're going to be sued, as Commissioner Arrington said, we get sued every day. So, if -- so be it, if that's going to be the case. You have opined that we have no control over constitutional officers. That's your opinion and that's -- the Board agrees with that. I'm the only one up here who does not agree with that language. I understand the words on paper, but I totally disagree with that. But that's your opinion. And that's what we're bound by. This resolution only requests, that's not even before us now. So --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah, Mr. Chair, I was going to say -- I don't -- I think that issue is over. I think right now, we're on the Jail Bridging Plan, which to me, is the more relevant --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Absolutely."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- and, you know, I'll hate for us to get sidetracked on --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Absolutely."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- a previous agenda item."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I totally agree with you. Commissioner Hall, you have anything else now?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other questions?"

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Any other questions about the Bridging Plan?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No, sir. Thank you, Sheriff."

PATRICK LABAT, FC SHERIFF: "Is there an action to be -- that you need, Mr. County Manager?"

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "I think what we're going to do, Mr. Chairman and Sheriff, is go to the financial support that we needed for this, which is back on page 22. Madam Clerk, if you could back up one page, and let -- I'll ask Ms. Whitmore to discuss the plan that we've been working."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Thank you, Mr. Manager. What we attempted to do with this slide was to simply show you what the cost of the Jail Bridging Plan as currently presented is. And a possible means by which to fund it. The first place that we would look to provide funding towards meeting these needs, of course, is to maximize salary savings coming out of the Sheriff's budget to the extent possible. Then we've identified salary savings across the entire organization that we would pull to use to support this. And then we've also gone through non-agency and looked at all of the funds that we have currently available in non-agency and identified approximately the 7.4 that we could tap into to balance out this -- this funding plan, if you will, for these items as we continue to move forward through -- through this effort. I think I have mentioned previously that we were calling through the budget looking for all available sources. We will continue to do so. But this is our current recommendation. And as far as actually making resources available that will happen over a period of time as we finish up all of the analysis across the entire budget and identify the resources that can be moved, and then move them into the buckets where they are needed to be moved. So you may see actions come back through the soundings process through the remainder of the year in order to fulfill, fully fulfill the funding needs associated with the current Jail Bridging Plan."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair Ellis, followed by Commissioner Arrington."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "So that was my question. So these really -- we will see a series of future actions come forth that may require different individual votes on different contracts, et cetera?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes, sir. I think that the intent with regard to the facility maintenance piece is to, in order to get that action item moving forward, we're prepared to move forward with some emergency purchase orders where necessary and bring anything back to the Board in July that would need final approval."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. So the -- is the -- which of these on here are the emergency purchase orders you anticipate? Is that in the staffing of the jail towers, is that one for example?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "My understanding is that the Sheriff will be issuing the contract directly on the tower staffing."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "And the other items, the food service contract has already been issued. The Board acted on the jail medical services contract at the last meeting. The jail maintenance item, I believe Joe has the vendors lined up for that; it's utilization of current vendors. And some additional spending authority for standbys as well as for the current jail maintenance contract provider, JCI. The public affairs item, I believe, is still under RFP. And the staffing survey, I believe the intent there was to have the previous firm that completed the staffing survey update their analysis. So that item may need to come back to the Board as a contract amendment. I'm not -- that one, I'm really not sure exactly what the plan is, if the Sheriff is planning to do that one himself, or if we're going to fall back on the original survey that was done, like 2018, 2017, something like that -- 2015."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. So wasn't exactly a super-clear answer. I got, you know, two contracts, which have been approved or entered in to, medical and the food. And a third, which you're saying is going to be executed. But the funding for it will come from salary savings, not from additional funds?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "The staffing survey -- I mean the --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "No."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "-- the tower staffing? Yes. That one's coming out of salary savings."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. So to be safe to say anything that's in addition to those items will come back before us? This over-and-above kind of approved budget would come back before us?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "If it's over and above the Sheriff's approved budget?"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Um-hmm."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "We would come back to the Board in order to move any resources that are needed to the Sheriff's budget. I'm not certain how to answer the question about his contract authority in that regard. I would have to defer to the County Attorney on that."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "For funding outside of the budget or over and above, what would the budgeted portions --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I'm sorry what was the -- what was --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "In other words, if there is a request to go above sort of what's been allocated from a budgetary standpoint that would come back before us?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "As a soundings, yes."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "As a soundings and/or a individual item? I guess it would have to be both, right, potentially?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Well, the budget piece would have to come back --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah."

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "-- to the Board. I'm not sure about the contract authority piece."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. So it'd be through the soundings process, which specifically what the components of that were going to be for?"

SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: "Yes."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I guess, I've got a couple of things. One, Mr. Manager, I heard you say something about elimination of a midyear review process. And I think we have a resolution that calls for the midyear review process. So, I don't know that we can just eliminate it. Number two, I would want to have a breakdown of where this non-agency, earmarked for other purposes, I would want to know what is the breakdown of that. And then number three, if we could go back to the previous slide. I guess, I need some help in understanding, and maybe it's - I think, I now understand it. But I when I looked at it the first time, I didn't because I see these numbers in red. I see the word, shortfall. And then I see numbers in red. And then I see numbers in green, which means it's not a shortfall, which means there's a surplus of 2.3 and 4.5, 4,500,000. So, I -- we may need some help on better -- providing a better image, or perhaps a legend, which will better explain. Because when I see red, and I see the word shortfall, that's a deficit. When I see green, I see -- I think surplus. And so then to me, when I count it up, it's only about 13 million, not 19 million. But I guess, if you add in the green surplus numbers that takes it to 19 million, which

means they're not really green surplus numbers. Because if they're really green surplus number, and we're at 13 million, and I take out six or 7 million, then I'm down -- down to another six or 7 million, total. So I need some help understanding the legend that's provided here."

AMELIA JOINER, SHERIFF CHIEF COUNSEL: "Good afternoon, Commissioner. It's my understanding that the green ink is relating to salary savings. So those items indicated in green ink are to be covered by the salary savings as indicated on the second slide."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. Well, that makes perfect sense."

AMELIA JOINER, SHERIFF CHIEF COUNSEL: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "It would be better if there was a little green legend there that said salary savings."

AMELIA JOINER, SHERIFF CHIEF COUNSEL: "Agreed."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. And so again, that just gets me back to midyear review, non-agency, earmarked for the purposes. I would certainly want to see the recommendations for where that's coming from."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And yes, sir, just to clarify, you're correct. There should be a midyear review. What I was attempting to say, in artfully, is that I think most, if not all, of any redirection in the midyear review is going to be used to fund this plan. But we would still perform that analysis because it may change between now and then."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah. And we may want to talk to Dr. Ferdinand. He might really change it. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner -- Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Whatever that next slide was after that, after this. So, you're saying that there's up to -- would it be a better way to read this is, they're up to 12.4 of 7 million, outside of the Sheriff's budget that needs to be identified to potentially fund this? Is that ultimately --"

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

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "-- what we're looking at? Okay, thanks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, other questions, comments? All right, none. Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Thank you, sir. We will -- very brief update on the Behavioral Health Crisis Center. We'll have Dr. Roshell to do that."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. First slide, you may have heard and read in the AJC that the Governor issued disregard statements; how this can impact an agency is removal of their funding. Fortunate for Fulton County, in conversations with the state, we are still anticipating \$5.6 million in funding for our Behavior Health Crisis Center and 11.2 million for FY25. We are going to continue to monitor the Crisis Capacity Study, which will look at the ability for the state to meet the needs of behavioral health constituents and what those applications will be for Fulton County. Next slide, please. We do appreciate and -- your support for our construction contract, which was approved during the previous BOC meeting. Hogan Construction is the contractor. They have done very fine work for the county in the past. That contract is being routed. It is with the contractor at the moment. And they are gathering the final documents for that contract to be implemented. The DREAM staff have submitted their site permit application with the city of Atlanta. And we will be waiting for that approval, as well as the schematic design of being completed by Sizemore. The next steps are to kick off this project the week of June -- July 3rd. And you will be receiving additional information; we'll be coordinating with your teams on a groundbreaking ceremony in July. We are also finalizing the furniture, fixture, and equipment requirements for the facility. On this slide, you see a small diagram of the facility, which is a build out in the court area of Oak Hill. The next slide just gives you one of the critical-path items, which is staffing the facility. It will be outsourced through an RFP. We do anticipate releasing that RFP June 26. And there are some tasks dependencies that we've listed here. Ultimately, all with an eye toward opening the facility to the public February 2024. That concludes my update, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Does the disregard statements from the Governor give us pause on moving forward with this plan?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "Thank you for the question, Commissioner. We did have pause, and that was the reason that we did meet with the staff. We met with their finance team, and that's where we were assured that we would have 5.6 million in funding for six months of service. And we would then move into an annualized figure of the 11 million for FY25."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And those are the numbers that were initially anticipated and requested or approved in the budget?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "The original numbers were 5.6 for 12 months. So, we actually do have a better financial outlook, in that 5.6 is

only for six months with a longer or more robust budget for a 12-month period of 11.2. What was actually approved in the original budget, however, was a step up of 6 million and 13 million annualized. But again, in our conversations with the state, the budget is now adjusted to its original form."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. And just because we got 5.6 for six, doesn't mean we got to spend in six months, right? Does it have to be spent within six months?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "It does. And, yes, and there on -- we will spend it in that six months, this would be for staffing. And so, we're anticipating bringing on the staffing and completing that process so that they are ready to open the facility in February. The fiscal year for the state is -- is, as you know, is July to June 30th. And so, we feel that this six month will put us in a place for a successful launch of the facility."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. If you can, I'd like to -- I was unaware that we were losing the whole courtyard. So I'd love to get an update at a later time on that, all of that stuff just going where the beautiful courtyard is."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "Yes, sir. In our effort to fit the facility requirements into the existing facility, we ran into several challenges. And so, in conversation with the state, it was best to build out a facility that would meet all of the requirements by way of door size, door swing. And so that is what led us to build out the facility. And yes, sir, we'll be happy to provide an update for you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right. And does that provide more capacity?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "It does. It provides more capacity. We do still plan to house the youth in the existing facility. But based on our guidance and advice from the state, we're going to focus first on adult capacity in the facility, which will have 16 chairs and 24 beds."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So how -- what's the increase in the adult capacity?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "So, the state originally looked at only 15 beds. And so we're now going to be able to build out 24."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "You're welcome."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Other questions or comments? Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. Unless anyone has any comments about the routine financials that are provided, this would conclude our report."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on the bottom of page 8, **23-0415**, Registration and Elections: Request approval of an intergovernmental agreement authorizing Fulton County to conduct the November 7, 2023 municipal elections."

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

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Let's roll."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0416**: Request approval of the IGA authorizing the county to lease state-owned election equipment to the city of Milton."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Have a motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, second by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 9, **23-0417**, Real Estate and Asset Management: Request approval of statewide contracts for police pursuit and special service vehicles in a total amount not to exceed \$1,217,066."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Favorable motion by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Please vote."

CLERK GRIER: "Vote is open. And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays; unanimously with Commissioner Arrington."

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CLERK GRIER: "**23-0418**: Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed 348,000 for the purchase of delivery, hand delivery of eight new law enforcement vehicles."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0419**, Finance: Requests approval, review and approval of the June 21st, 2023 budget soundings."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Under Arts and Libraries, **23-0420**, Arts and Culture: Request approval of the fiscal year 2023 Contracts for Services Program funding recommendation."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0421**, Finance ratification of May 2023 grants activity report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Have a motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne, second by Commissioner Barrett. Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Sort of a procedural question here. This particular item typically is on a Consent Agenda. Any reason why we made a decision to not place it on the consent agenda going forward or --"

HAKEEM OSHIKOYA, FINANCE DIRECTOR: "It was an error Commissioner -- Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, let's vote. Motion is to approve."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Under Health and Human Services, **23-0422**, Senior Services: Request approval a recommended proposal in an amount not to exceed \$519,337.26 to provide food service management services with two renewal options."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0423**, Public Works: Request approval to close out a contract for standby engineering services in an amount not to exceed 15,188."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We have a favorable motion by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 10, **23-0424**, Community Development request approval of statewide contract for temporary staffing services in an amount not to exceed 198,036."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Is there a second? Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0425**, Public Works: Request approval of a standard utility agreement contract, item agreement, with Georgia Department of Transportation for adjustment of 36 sanitary sewer manholes and 20 water valve boxes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Favorable motion by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0426**: Request approval of a recommended proposal in an amount not to exceed 432,514 to provide water master planning services for the North Fulton Distribution Network."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0427**, Community Development: Request approval to rescind prior 2023 Summer Youth Job Training Program, and request approval to reallocate the rescinded funding in amount of \$80,000."

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

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "All right."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'm sorry, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Reallocated -- thank you, Mr. Chair. How will it be reallocated, and where? Will it be reallocated to the other agencies?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "Yes, sir. And Stan Wilson will provide some more additional information. But these agencies chose to receive funding either under CSP for the Veterans Program. And so, these agent -- other agencies within Summer Youth will receive these funds."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "You're welcome."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Commissioner Ellis shared the reallocation document with me. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Favorable motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0428**: Request approval to rescind prior 2023 Community Service Program Awards, and request approval to reallocate the rescinding -- rescinded funding, \$155,000."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Just a quick question. I understand the -- kind of the folks decline that -- what's the -- do we just -- what's the process for determining where it gets reallocated to? Is it just, next best score, how's that work?"

STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: "Stan Wilson, Department of Community Development. It goes to the next best score."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay."

STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: "We had a listing of agencies that were scored well, but we ran out of funding. So we just picked that list of --"

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Gotcha. All right, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Hi, Stan. Mr. Wilson, I just had a quick question. Do we know why they would decline the funding? What are some reasons given?"

STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: "We've had agencies, with the exception of one that had operational issues. But we had agencies apply to multiple programs. And so they selected the one that best fit. And that's the one that they're being funded for."

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

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO, FC HHS/PUBLIC WORKS: "And let me just add, Commissioner Thorne, when Mr. Wilson refers to other programs, they were funded by Fulton County. So they chose to either go with the Summer Youth Program or the Veterans Program instead of CSP because they felt that that met their mission more closely. So they were still funded by the county."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Ellis."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Is there something we can do next year to kind of avoid that issue to where they're applying to both? Are -- and we're particularly -- potentially awarding to both, I guess."

STAN WILSON, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: "We'd like to come back to the Commission with recommendations for next year."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Okay, I agree."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion on the floor is to approve. Let's vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0429**, Public Works: Request approval of a memorandum of agreement for participation in Automated Transit Network and Investigation and Implementation Study."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 11, under Justice and Safety, **23-0430**, District Attorney: Request approval of a statewide contract in an amount not to exceed 374,901 to provide 50 radios and devices."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioners' Action Items, **23-0383**: Request approval of an ordinance to amend the Fulton County code of ordinances in order to impose a distribution requirement before a member of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners may place --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, I'd like to hold these next two items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion is to hold the next two items, without objection. Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "**23-0431**: Request approval of an ordinance to amend the Fulton County code of resolutions relating to budgetary controls for members of the Board of

Commissioners to provide for the inclusion of paid interns as a permissible use of Commissioners' budget and for other purposes, sponsored by Commissioner Hall."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Hall, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I remember the day when we literally had an opportunity in the Board of Commissioners office to hire interns. Those interns were provided through another entity, but we were able to bring them in. During that time, I was Chief of Staff to Commissioner Garner, and we literally hired a young man named David, who is now successful -- successfully working at the city of Atlanta in the Clerk's office for the City Council. And so, with so many requests coming to my office for internships, and people saying, well, how can the Board of Commissioners not have the ability to hire interns in their office and give a young person an opportunity to gain experience and exposure in that type of environment? After speaking with the County Attorney, we came up with this resolution. And that's all it is, to allow -- there's no impact to the budget of the Commissioner's office. The Commissioner would be able to utilize the current salary amounts that are in the office of their -- for their District office and hire the -- up to four, if they so -- if they see fit and need four interns to their office. So there's no need for any additional funding or anything like that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Commissioner Hall, I definitely appreciate this in spirit because I would love to have interns in my office. So, thank you for bring this to the floor. But I do have a couple of questions, or maybe adds, maybe friendly amendments, depending on where we end up."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Better say, friendly."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Friendly, girl. I'm just -- there are some universities that don't allow you to get paid and get credit. So, I'm just wondering if we could add some language in, so if a student chooses to get --"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Oh, that's good."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. If they choose to get credit instead of getting paid that we would have that option as well."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Oh, that's really good, yeah."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "I don't think that that type of arrangement is prohibited by the current ordinance. But we can certainly add that in to clarify that that is an option as well."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Great. Yes, that's good."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "The only other thing -- the only other thing is that, I'm a little bit concerned about the -- you know, I know we all pay our own staff whatever we want in terms of salary, but I have a little bit of a concern about us sort of getting into a competitive, you know, type of situation, where one Commissioner is offering \$25 an hour, and the other one is offering \$30 an hour that it might be confusing for the universities or for the students. And I know that wasn't the intent so I'm just wondering, or maybe this is for the County Attorney or for -- or for Kenneth. How can we put something in place so that we're all offering the same hourly amounts?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "Good afternoon, Commissioners, Kenneth Hermon, Chief HR Officer. I can provide and the Board can review as a part of this resolution, the HR Department developed a salary table for interns that we published, I think, back in February and March that encourages a salary range for if you have an 11th grader coming into a 12th grader, 12th grader to the first year of college. And it was modeled off of a salary structure that we found. I can't remember the name of the organization, but this organization that tracks internships on a national basis. And we could provide that to you and the County Attorney. And you can use as your basis to quote/unquote standardize the salaries throughout the Commissioners' offices."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And is that something that you will be updating annually?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. I mean, so then, friendly amendment just to base the salaries on that."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "That's really good, yes."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "That's it."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "And to add this specific reference to the internships for school credit?"

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yes, um-hmm. I accept that friendly amendment."

VICE CHAIRMAN ELLIS: "Yeah. I'm just trying to -- I mean, people have -- people on - - people have interns right now. So, there's obviously ability to do it. I'm just trying to understand why this particular item is necessary. And then, I just -- I think four per office is a little excessive. I think, you know, well -- I think -- I think more than one is a little excessive for one Commissioner's office. So, you know, I'm supportive of, you know, kind of internship-related programs. But more than one per Commission office, seems excessive given our spaces, also as well as just sort of the nature of the impact that it

would have. So I'm not support -- I'm supportive of internships, but I don't think -- I'm not -- not of up to four, four folks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I agree with Commissioner Ellis. I mean, I have one unpaid intern on my staff now. She's doing incredible job, and she's a great asset to us. And I'm thankful for her. But I can't imagine having three additional and make it a meaningful internship for them because it takes time to on board and get them going and all that. So, I do, I do support internships, obviously, since I have one, but maybe not in this manner."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I am absolutely supportive of interns and making sure that they are paid. I thought we had a resolution that would not allow anyone to be working in the county without proper compensation. I know that we also have to be careful that these people are not working more than 29 hours a week because then that triggers benefits and other things. And so I guess, Commissioner Hall, I may just ask that we do a friendly amendment that limits it to 29 hours a week so that there are -- so that there aren't any other unintended consequences of benefits and other things that -- again, it's coming out of the Commissioner's budget. So, I -- if you want to hire ten out of your budget and that's your whole budget, that's your business. I don't care. But I would like to just make sure that we don't have any unintended consequences for benefits and things so that it's limited to the 29 hours per week or whatever is required by federal law."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Madam County Attorney."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "We can add that in there as well, if that's the -- if that's the amendment that's on the floor."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Yeah, I accept that friendly amendment. And does -- doesn't the language say, up to four. So, people are acting like they don't have the power to make a decision on if they want to hire one, two, three, or four as a Commissioner. Can you just confirm that verbally, please?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "The language of this -- the resolution says, no more than four, pay up to four interns."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Okay. So you have a choice. It is your choice if you want to hire one, two, three, or four. That's the power you have as a Commissioner over your own office."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I did want also ask Mr. Hermon. In regards to the salaries, it doesn't start with the minimum of \$15 an hour? Is there -- what is the floor?"

KENNETH HERMON, CHIEF HRO, HRM: "The floor is the \$15 an hour, Commissioner."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I just want to reiterate the fact that where space come -- we don't have enough up on the tenth floor right now. So adding all these extra people would be difficult. I currently have two cubicles to work with, with four people. So, just want to say that."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "Many --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Hall."

COMMISSIONER HALL: "-- Commissioners have an extra office somewhere else. You know, many of us have an additional District office at another location, so we do have the space. And interns, as Commissioner Arrington just said, should only work 29 hours. They shouldn't be here full time anyway. And they should be very busy. If you need an intern, you need them like you said you need your intern right there. And I'm sure she would love to be paid. They -- most students don't have the money. And they need every little penny they can get. And to have, not only the opportunity to work in a Commissioner's office in a county government environment and get that experience to have it on their resume, I remember -- I'm old enough where, we used to have the ability to do that in high school. But the high schools don't even offer it. Nowadays, kids come out of college with no experience. And so they have no leverage for getting that first job. We don't have those type of entry-level job opportunities like we used to back in the day. And I know I'm dating myself. But unfortunately, our kids today don't have many of the opportunities that we were afforded. And this is an opportunity to give them something that can gain them experience and exposure. So it is, as a Commissioner, it is your -- your choice how you use the resolution to hire your interns, but it does give an opportunity to pay them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other comments? Let's vote. Motion on the floor is to approve."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on the motion to approve as amended. And the motion fails; three yeas, four nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "No further items."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's recess for -- actually, we did great, 1:47, let's recess for lunch, Executive Session, items of Real Estate, Litigation, and what's the other -- I forget the other one all the time."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Personnel."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Personnel. Madam, let's go."

(There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.)