

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

February 18, 2026
10:00 AM



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



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Ratification Date: March 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Robert L. Pitts **10:01 a.m.**

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

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

INVOCATION: Reverend Donald E. Bolton, County Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recite in unison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONSENT AGENDA**26-0070 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item #26-0073 from the Consent Agenda as requested by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman; moving items #26-0074, #26-0075 and #26-0079 to the Second Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration as requested by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nay: Ivory

26-0071 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Deborah Sengbloh Murphy Remembrance Day."
(Abdur-Rahman)
February 5, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Buckhead Art and Company Appreciation Day."
(Arrington)
February 5, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "First Icononium Baptist Church Appreciation Day."
(Arrington)
February 8, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Kenan Thompson Appreciation Day." **(Arrington)**
February 12, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Nathan Smith Remembrance Day." **(Arrington/Ellis)**
February 13, 2026

Proclamation recognizing "Marc H. Morial Appreciation Day." **(Ivory)**
February 15, 2026

Commissioners' District Board Appointments**26-0072 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY REPARATIONS TASK FORCE (APPROVED UPON
ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Reparations Task Force shall have the following members: Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members, for a total of 14 members. Each member shall be a resident of Fulton County at the time of the appointment. A member shall serve for a two year term and subject to removal by the appointing Commissioner for cause. No member's term shall exceed that of the appointing Commissioner, but shall remain as a voting member until replaced or reappointed by the successive Commissioner.

Term = 2 years. The Reparations Task Force shall sunset on December 31, 2025 unless continued by action of the Board of Commissioners. At the November 19th, 2025 Second Regular Meeting (Item #25-0890) the Fulton County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution that extends the term of the Fulton County Reparations Taskforce for a period of twelve (12) months after the December 21, 2025 end date.

Term below expired: 12/31/2025
Rodney J. Littles (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman nominated Rodney J. Littles for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.

**26-0073 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY REPARATIONS TASK FORCE (REMOVED)**

Term below expired: 12/31/2023
Michael Simanga (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman has nominated Michael Simanga for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AS REQUESTED BY VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN

**26-0074 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY REPARATIONS TASK FORCE (HELD)**

Term below expired: 12/31/2025
Karcheik Sims-Alvarado (Hall)

Commissioner Ivory has nominated Karcheik Sims-Alvarado for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN

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

b. A substitute motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to hold. The motion failed by the following vote:

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

c. A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to hold items #26-0074, #26-0075 and #26-0079. The motion passed by the following vote:

- Yea:** Pitts, Barrett, Ivory, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman
- Did Not Vote:** Thorne
- Absent:** Ellis

**26-0075 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY REPARATIONS TASK FORCE (HELD)**

Term below expired: 12/31/2025
Ann Hill-Bond (Ivory)

Commissioner Ivory has nominated Ann Hill-Bond for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to hold items #26-0074, #26-0075 and #26-0079. The motion passed by the following vote:

- Yea:** Pitts, Barrett, Ivory, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman
- Did Not Vote:** Thorne
- Absent:** Ellis

26-0076 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

The Arts Council shall be composed of fifteen (15) residents of the county. Initially, each member of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint two persons to serve on the council, one person to serve for a one-year term and one person to serve a two-year term. No term of any member shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who appointed the member to serve on the Arts Council Board; thereafter, each year, each member of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint one member for a two-year term. Each member may continue to serve beyond his/her term until replaced. The Chairman of the Arts Council shall be appointed to a two-year term by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners. The Council shall elect a Vice-Chairman and a secretary from its membership.

Term = 2 years

Term below expired: 12/31/2024
Brandon Tonge (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman nominated Brandon Tonge for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.

26-0077 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ZONING BOARD (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners shall appoint seven (7) members to a Community Zoning Board for unincorporated Fulton County. Each member of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners shall nominate, for full Board approval, a member to the Community Zoning Board. From the membership of the Community Zoning Board, the Board of Commissioners shall appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve no more than two (2) years. Members of the Community Zoning Board serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners and may be removed upon motion of the nominating Commissioner and affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Commissioners.

Term = The members shall serve a term consistent with that of the member of the Board of Commissioners making the nomination. Members shall serve no more than two (2) terms, either consecutive or non-consecutive.

Term below expired: 12/31/2024
Frederick Caldwell (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman nominated Frederick Caldwell for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2028.

26-0078 Board of Commissioners
FULTON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)

One (1) representative will be nominated by each of the Commission Districts for a total of seven (7) members; this includes one representative from District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Each representative will serve a two-year term and could be re-appointed to serve additional terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no term of any member nominated by a District Commissioner shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who nominates that member.

Term = 2 Years

Term below expired: 12/31/2024

Kareemah Hanifa (**Abdur-Rahman**)

Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman nominated Kareemah Hanifa for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.

**26-0079 Board of Commissioners
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (HELD)**

The Commission on Disability Affairs shall consist of a total of sixteen (16) members to serve staggered two (2) year terms and appointed as follows:

Each member of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint two (2) members; one of them said appointees shall have an initial term, of one (1) year; No term of any member shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who appointed the member to serve on the Commission for Disability Affairs; The Commission on Disability Affairs shall appoint two (2) members, who receive the consent of the majority of the members of the Commission on Disability Affairs and one (1) of the appointees shall have an initial term of one (1) year.

The Commission on Disability Affairs appointees shall be made for the purpose of maintaining diversity.

Term = Staggered two (2) year terms

Term below expired: 12/31/2025
Michael Hopkins (**Ivory**)

Commissioner Ivory has nominated Michael Hopkins for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2027.

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN

A motion was made by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to hold items #26-0074, #26-0075 and #26-0079. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Thorne

Absent: Ellis

**26-0080 Board of Commissioners
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = Staggered two (2) year terms

Term below expired: 12/31/2025
Anne Currie (**Pitts**)

Chairman Pitts nominated Latonia Jones for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2027.

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

26-0081 Board of Commissioners

Execution by Chairman Robert L. Pitts of a TEFRA (Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act) for documentation pertaining to the proposed issuance of its Development Authority of Fulton County Revenue Bonds (Robert W. Woodruff Arts Center, Inc.). Series 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$90,000,000.00 (the "Bonds"). **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Open & Responsible Government

26-0082 Finance

No action is requested. This reporting is being provided to meet the quarterly reporting requirement for monetary transfers amount budget funds per Board Resolution #09-1262. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0083 Finance

Ratification of January 2026 Grants Activity Report.

26-0084 Human Resources Management

Request approval to amend the 2026 COLA Resolution, as adopted in the FY2026 Budget (#26-0032), to include Superior Court and State Court chamber staff as eligible COLA recipients. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0085 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Water Easement Dedication of 11,674.08 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Arkan Bethany, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Elara at Bethany Project at 3475-95 Bethany Bend, Milton, Georgia 30004. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0086 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Sewer Easement Dedication of 14,026 square feet to Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from Arkan Bethany, LLC, for the purpose of constructing the Elara at Bethany Project at 3475-95 Bethany Bend, Milton, Georgia 30004. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0087 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of Sanitary Sewer System Ownership, Operation, Maintenance, and Repair Agreement between Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and Toll Southeast LP Company, Inc., for the purpose of granting Fulton County legal access to extend and maintain the sanitary sewer system at 1000 Lexington Farm Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0088 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution approving a Fourth Amendment to the Governmental Agreement between the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, and the City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority regarding the Atlanta Zoo for the purpose of releasing the Abana Courtyard from the Leased Premises; authorizing the Chairman to execute the Fourth Amendment and any related documents; authorizing the County Attorney to approve the Fourth Amendment and any related documents as to form and make necessary modifications thereto prior to execution; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0089 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the acceptance by Fulton County, Georgia of certain leasehold interests held by the Building Authority of Fulton County; of title in fee simple of certain real property owned by the Building Authority of Fulton County; of title in fee simple to all real or personal property, equipment, and assets of any kind, including assets later discovered, from the Building Authority of Fulton County; authorizing the Chairman to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the acceptance of leasehold interests, real property, and any other assets from the Building Authority of Fulton County; authorizing the transfer of a leasehold interest to the City of South Fulton; authorizing the Chairman to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer of a leasehold interest to the City of South Fulton; authorizing the County Attorney to prepare and approve as to form all documents necessary and appropriate to accomplish these transactions; and for other purposes. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

26-0090 Real Estate and Asset Management

Request approval to close out a contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 22ITB134833C-MH, Fire Extinguisher Testing and Maintenance Services, in the amount not to exceed \$10,582.20 with (B) Summit Fire & Security (Loganville, GA), to cover the final payment to close out the contract for services rendered. This contract provided on-site fire extinguisher testing and maintenance services for Fulton County facilities for FY2025. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

SECOND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**26-0091 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to adopt the Second Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by adding co-sponsors to items #26-0099, #26-0100, and #26-0101. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

26-0092 Clerk to the Commission

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Second Regular Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2026

First Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, February 4, 2026

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

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

26-0093 Board of Commissioners

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

Proclamation recognizing "Government Communicators Appreciation Day."
(Pitts/BOC)

*Proclamation recognizing "Ladisa Onyiliogwu Appreciation Day." **(Pitts/BOC)**

**added during the meeting*

PUBLIC HEARINGS**26-0094 Board of Commissioners**

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

13 Speakers: Reverend Cynthia Parnell McDonald (Resolution #26-0101); Cherie Ong (Resolution #26-0101); Charnette Trimble (Resolution #26-0101); Jeaniece Haygood (Resolution #26-0101); William Johnson (Resolution #26-0101); Wilma Watson (Resolution #26-0101); Anthony Haygood (Resolution #26-0101); LA Pink (Voter Fraud); Kimberly Brooks (Wrongful Eviction); Richelle Patton (Resolution #26-0101); Hope Mays (Board of Elections); John E. Lee (Resolution #26-0101)

2 Zoom Speakers: Robby Caban (Animal Services); Kirt Beasley (Resolution #26-0101)

COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**Open & Responsible Government****26-0095 County Manager**

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

Health and Human Services

26-0096 Community Development

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Community Development, 25RFP1347583B-EC, Housing Rehabilitation Program in the amount not to exceed \$1,002,791.54 with Meals on Wheels Atlanta Inc. (Atlanta, GA), to provide housing rehabilitation services including general program administration. The action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: April 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

26-0097 Public Works

Request approval and adoption of revisions and updates to the Fulton County Standard Details, Specifications, and Pump Station Manual with regards to water and wastewater infrastructure. The proposed updates establish the new standard details, specifications, and guidelines that the development community will be required to follow. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Arrington

26-0098 Senior Services

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Senior Services, 25RFP1421145A-KM, Food Services Management in the amount not to exceed \$669,600.00 with Nourish Food Services (Grayson, GA) to provide food service management services for the five senior multipurpose facilities and three training centers. Effective March 2, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

Did Not Vote: Abdur-Rahman

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**26-0063 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution affirming the protection of Constitutional Rights at Fulton County facilities and limiting ICE enforcement activities. **(Arrington) (HELD ON 2/4/26) (HELD)**

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

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

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

Did Not Vote: Thorne

26-0099 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to reallocate at least two percent of the fiscal year 2026 budget towards affordable housing, homelessness prevention programs, and wrap-around services; to direct the County Manager or his designee to propose a similar budget allocation in subsequent fiscal years; and for other purposes. **(Ivory/Barrett) (DENIED)**

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

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

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

Nay: Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

26-0100 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution increasing the amount of the stipend paid to each member of the Fulton County Board of Equalization from \$100.00 per day to \$150.00 per day and for other purposes. **(Pitts/BOC) (APPROVED)**

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

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

26-0101 Board of Commissioners

Request approval of a Resolution to support affordable housing in partnership with Cosmopolitan AME Church, Good Place, and Collaborative Housing Solutions by approving a grant from funds previously set aside to aid in the construction of a 70-unit new construction multifamily development in Vine City that includes 63 affordable units and 7 market rate units, and for other purposes. **(Barrett/Ivory) (HELD)**

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

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

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

Did Not Vote: Ellis, and Arrington

Commissioners' Full Board Appointments

26-0102 Board of Commissioners

FULTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL **(APPROVED)**

The Arts Council shall be composed of fifteen (15) residents of the county. Initially, each member of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint two persons to serve on the council, one person to serve for a one-year term and one person to serve a two-year term. No term of any member shall extend beyond the term of the District Commissioner who appointed the member to serve on the Arts Council Board; thereafter, each year, each member of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint one member for a two-year term. Each member may continue to serve beyond his/her term until replaced. The Chairman of the Arts Council shall be appointed to a two-year term by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners. The Council shall elect a Vice-Chairman and a secretary from its membership.

Term = 2 years

Term below expires: 12/31/2026

Vacant **(BOC - Chairperson)**

Chairman Pitts has nominated Melissa Adams for a Full Board appointment to serve as Chairperson to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2026.

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

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

COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Open & Responsible Government

26-0103 External Affairs

Presentation: 2026 State Legislative Session Update. **(PRESENTED)**

Infrastructure and Economic Development

26-0104 Select Fulton

Presentation: Annual Development Authority of Fulton County Governmental Accounting Standards Board, GASB 77. **(PRESENTED)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

26-0105 Board of Commissioners

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

PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE, AND PERSONNEL: Chairman Pitts, Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, Commissioners: Thorne, Ellis, Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; Deputy County Attorney Shalanda Miller; Assistant Chief Strategy Officer Steve Nawrocki; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

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

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, to approve the request for appointment of outside Counsel and to provide representation in item #3 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Did Not Vote: Thorne

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'

SECOND REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Alexander Solution, LLC

"A Court Reporting Firm"

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Good morning, everyone and welcome to the Second Regular Meeting of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Today is February 18th. It is 10 o'clock a.m. Madam Clerk, please, call the roll."

CLERK GRIER: "Chairman Robb Pitts."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bridget Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Bob Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Dana Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Mo Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Present."

CLERK GRIER: "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr. Vice Chair Khadijah Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Present."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Please rise for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **26-0070**, Adoption of the Consent Agenda - All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will

take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Second Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, on page 3, Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman has requested to remove item 26-0073, Fulton County Reparations Task Force, the nomination of Michael Simanga for a District reappointment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes, Chairman and my Colleagues, I'm asking that the -- the reappointments for the District Four -- District Four representation be moved away from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion, and my reason why is because, just like I brought it before when Commissioner Hall was getting ready to leave, that should be left up to the incoming Commissioner out of fairness. And so, I'm asking for it to be separated for separate discussion as if we're going to leave it open for -- now, to my understanding, Chairman, I don't see our County Attorney, but those individuals will sit and serve until a new person will be named. But I think we do a disservice to the incoming Commissioner of District Four if we allow the outgoing to name someone in. So I would like to -- for those to all be removed for separate discussion."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. There's -- okay. Okay. How many reappointments are there, Madam Clerk?"

CLERK GRIER: "Two. One on the bottom of page 3, and top of page 4."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "So 0073 that is by -- did I mark that X by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I'm sorry, Chairman, what did you say? 0073, I remove that. That was my nomination. That was removed as well. That was totally removed. I'm not totally removing Commissioner Ivory's from discussion. I'm asking it be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion by the Body."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. All right. Then what about 0073?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "0073, I'm completely removing. I requested for it to be completely removed."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. And then 0074, for separate discussion, correct?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. What about 0075, it's the same thing?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes."

CLERK GRIER: "Yes. And then there's one more on page 6."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Page 6."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Yes, 0079. I apologize, I missed that one. Thank you, Clerk."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, separate discussion. Okay. What? All right. Commissioner Ivory, this is a -- go ahead, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you, Chairman. As we all know, when somebody is appointed to a board by a Commissioner, when a new Commissioner comes in, they continue to allow those to serve on their board at the discretion. And if it comes up, they will discuss with that person if they want to remain on the board. It's what happened when I first got here. There were many people that were on board for District Four that my former colleague, Commissioner Natalie Hall, had appointed and I spoke with them and there was no issue. This is politics at its best. This is just another attempt by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman to raise an issue that is not an issue at all. The work that this person -- it's almost insulting for her to talk about the work that Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado has done and tie it to -- hold on -- and tie it -- because you always let her talk -
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CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- Commissioner, Commissioner, Commissioner --"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "-- so let me finish, and tie it to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- Commissioner Ivory, Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "-- something that she's not doing. I do not want this moved to discussion because there is nothing to discuss. Please don't allow this ridiculous politics to continue, Mr. Chairman. It's a waste of the taxpayers' dollars. Find something else to talk about, commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Please. Commissioner Ivory, please. Typically we -- typically when an item is asked to be removed to the Regular Agenda for separate discussion, there is no debate about it. In this case, apparently, there is some disagreements, so we'll take a vote. If you want to make a vote, we'll entertain a motion to take these four items, three items, rather."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "When an item is on the Consent Agenda and it is asked to be removed, it is removed to the other agenda for discussion. It's not for discussion at this time. It is moved -- the Clerk announces that. She announces that before every meeting. If an item is removed -- there is no vote at this time. Any time an

item is asked to be removed from the Consent Agenda, it is automatically placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I don't disagree with that. I don't disagree with that. Let's continue. Anything else, Commissioners?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

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

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Continue."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 8, Second Regular Meeting Agenda, **26-0091**: Adoption of the Second Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have amendments to today's agenda. Items to be revised, starting on page 10, 26-0099, we're adding item revised to include Commissioner Barrett as a cosponsor on Commissioner Ivory's item: Request approval of Resolution to reallocate at least two percent of fiscal year 2026 budget towards affordable housing, homelessness, prevention programs, and wraparound services. On page 11, 26-0101, item revised to include Commissioner Ivory as a cosponsor to Commissioner Barrett's item: to request approval of a Resolution to support affordable housing in partnership with Cosmopolitan AME Church, Good Place, and Collaborative Housing Solutions. Also back on page 10 -- bottom of page 10, we're adding Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman as a cosponsor to the Chairman's item 26-0100: Request approval of a Resolution increasing the amount of the stipend paid to each member of the Fulton County Board of Equalization from \$100 per day to 150."

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

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'll entertain a motion to approve as amended. To do so by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Please vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "26-0092, Ratification of Minutes. Second Regular Meeting Minutes, January 21st; First Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, February 4th, 2026."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne; seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Please vote."

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

CLERK GRIER: "On page 9, 26-0093: Presentation of proclamations and certificates. First proclamation is organizing 'Government Communicators Appreciation Day' sponsored by Chairman Pitts with Full Board support."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, just one?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Jessica, can all of your department and those supporters of your department, please come forward? And y'all move on this side. Jessica ain't gone be mad with y'all if y'all move on the other side. Some of y'all, not everybody. Not everybody. Not everybody. Let's move tight like we love each other. Jessica, you come stand next to me. I am just really, really honored with my Colleagues to offer up this proclamation: WHEREAS, government communications plays a critical role in empowering residents to access services and exercise their rights; and WHEREAS, clear and accessible information is critical to a free and fair democracy, ensuring an open and accessible government; and WHEREAS, government communicators leverage words, images, design, and technology to field connections that create and maintain trust and public institutions; and WHEREAS, Fulton County Government's communications professionals work tirelessly to inform and engage elected officials, journalists, employees, and more than 1.2 million residents; and WHEREAS, Fulton County recognizes the important work of government communicators, and expresses appreciation for their professionalism and their dedication to the people of Fulton County. And on a personal note, they do not report fake news. Very impartial. That's me, that's not the Chairman and my Colleagues saying that, that's me. It's with immense pride that I NOW, THEREFORE, we, as a Body, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners expresses appreciation for the professional communicators across Fulton County government who have dedicated their careers to ensure the residents are empowered with clear and accessible information and real news; and does hereby proclaim Friday, February 20th, 2026, as 'Government Communicators Appreciation Day' in Fulton County, Georgia. Would you please put your hands together for this wonderful group that works so tirelessly behind the scenes?"

JESSICA CORBITT, RECIPIENT: "Thank you -- thank you so much, Madam Vice Chair. Thank you, Commissioners. Most of the men and women who you see here are much more comfortable behind the scenes. This includes the External Affairs staff, the Sheriff's office, the Library, Select Fulton, our colleagues at FGTV. I'm sure I'm leaving out someone, but across Fulton County government, these professionals really try to

serve as a bridge everyday between government and the community. Try to support transparency, increasing access to services, and really empowering Fulton County residents to exercise their rights. That is our core mission. We have worked with journalists from around the world and thousands of Fulton County employees, and millions of people who access our website, our social media images. So I just want to say thank you to the Board of Commissioners for always supporting our work. Thank you for recognizing the importance of our work in this era of AI and changing landscape in the media. We think this work matters more than ever, and we just want to say thank you to you for all you do for us. And thanks to our intern who is taking our photo today, the next generation of government communicators. Thank you so much."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Ladisa, is Ladisa here? Can Ladisa and her staff please come down? Ladisa, please come down and all your staff and your supporters. All right, Ladisa. I know -- I know you were shock. We kept this as a secret. We good at keeping secrets around here. Come on. Come on. Come on. Y'all come on in, come one in. Like they say, come on in the room. Come on. Come on. Now Ladisa, charge it to my head and not my heart. Ladisa Onyiliogwu has served as Fulton County's Director of Senior Services -- yes, she has -- since 2018. Leading an extensive portfolio of services for thousands of older adults including senior centers, home delivered meals, case management and more; and WHEREAS, throughout her tenure as a Fulton County leader, Ladisa, has set a strong strategic vision, created innovative programming, and work to improve outcomes for citizens; and WHEREAS, Ladisa has served the citizens of Fulton County since 2001. She started when she was 15 years old, you all. Starting in her career in the Clerk of Superior Court Office where she launched the first Clerk of Superior Court Training Division, followed by her transition to the Facilities and Transportation Division, where she created the professional development and training unit, and eventually joining the Department of Senior Services; and WHEREAS, Ladisa is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University where she earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry, and she completed the certified public managers program through the Carl Vinson Institute at the University of Georgia; and WHEREAS, Ladisa's proudest achievement in her role of wife and mother and to her beloved community and family is honored. I want to say on behalf of everyone, but on a personal note, Ladisa, I will miss you. Your fingerprint is through the entire Fulton County system. Ladisa is one of the people that she may not say anything, but she helps behind the scenes to get things done, and a lot of things that get done don't necessarily have her signature on it, but she does a great job to make sure it gets done. And personally, I am saddened to see you go, but I would tell you what my late mother once tell me: You're a butterfly baby, go on and spread your wings. It is with great and immense pride, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, and all associated with Senior Services, thank Ladisa for her many tireless years of dedicated service to the citizens of Fulton County; and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 18th, 2026, as 'Ladisa Onyiligwu Appreciation Day' in Fulton County. Can you please put your hands together for this gem of a person? She's trying to figure out how we did this without her knowing. So if any of my Colleagues or the County Manager would like to come up say anything, I'll yield the floor to you at this time."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Well, a lot has been said by the Commissioner in this proclamation, Ladisa, but I just want to say that I knew you, not 29 years ago, but ten years or so ago, and I've just seen you grow tremendously as a leader. How you present to the Board of Commissioners and turn very difficult issues at times. Most importantly, how you lead an organization that serves seniors, which is not an easy task, and one that doesn't go unnoticed as it's done so well, has been so well done by you. I'm proud to see your team here because we'll still be looking to them to carry on your legacy. And again, I don't want to say as well, just a heartfelt thank you. Good luck. I've already tried my sales approach to keep you here; that didn't work, so I won't try that again. But I want you to know how much I've appreciated you over this period of time and what a -- what a contributor and a leader you have been. So again, thank you and best of luck."

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "All right. Chairman, do I have three minutes? Okay. Great. Not a tight two. Thank you all so much. I am totally shocked and surprised. I didn't know. All glory goes to the Lord. It is only because of him that I had an opportunity to work, live, raise a family, learn, grow, go through some very difficult challenges and great triumphs in Fulton County, so it's because of him. I'm employed in His service, but Fulton County is my ministry. So I look forward to the next step. To the order of things: the Board of Commissioners thank you so much. All of you all, I've had a privilege and an honor to work with each of you, and your questions help me, and they've made me a better communicator, a better researcher, and prepared. To the County Manager, Dick Anderson, I can't thank you enough for everything that you've done for me and showing an example of a leader; your tips and tricks on recalling information. To Dr. Roshell, thank you so much for your leadership, your guidance, just the way that you present yourself and how you approach situations. I carry that with me. To the Department of Senior Services team, I cannot believe you all kept a secret. I knew something was up when I saw Erica flat walking -- something's not right. But I'm going to call each of the E team members out by name because without them, our department can't run, Caylee Rashi Henry, Andre Gregory, Erika Flack, Raffael Patterson, Monique Chatman, Dwayne Tolson; and then to the entire department, Sheila Usrey's here, and I know our other team members are working. Is there anyone else up here that I missed? Okay. The Department of Senior Services loves older adults in Fulton County -- I'm almost finished, Chair. They do love older adults and they serve with their heart every day, and they do an excellent job, and we love the work that we do; improve the lives of seniors, and so without the Board's allocation of funding every year, without the leadership of this county, and then our great staff, we wouldn't be successful. To my husband, Ike Onyililogwu, my husband I want to thank him for everything and our children. So thank you so much."

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

CLERK GRIER: "Continuing on page 9, Public Hearings, **26-0094**: 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 by 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 60 minutes. In the event the 60-minute time limit is reached prior to public comment 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 13 speaker cards. Will the first six speakers, please come forward: Rev. Cynthia Parnell McDonald, Cherie Ong, Charnette Trimble, Jeaniece Haygood, William Johnson, and LA Pink."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. This is a reminder, when you have 15 seconds remaining of the two minutes, I'll say 15 seconds, and that will be your clue to begin to terminate your -- conclude, rather, your remarks. Thank you. First speaker."

DR. CYNTHIA PARNELL MCDONALD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I am the Reverend Dr. Cynthia Parnell McDonald, and I am pastor of Cosmopolitan AME Church in the Vine City, which is a historic community that has carried both the promise and the pleasure of Fulton County's growth. I stand before you today asking for the release of funds already designated for our development project, affordable housing development project so that we can move forward with work that directly supports the county's priorities: community stability, public safety, economic opportunity, youth development, and long-term resilience. Faith institutions like ours have always operated where policy meets people, where families are trying to stay afloat, where young people need opportunity, and where communities are working to move from striving to thriving. And so our project is ready. The planning is done. Partnerships have been established, the community is engaged and supportive, and what remains is the timely release of the TAD funding resources already committed to the implementation of our project, keeping in mind that this is an opportunity to demonstrate that strong collaboration between Fulton County and trusted community anchors looks like this. It is not symbolic partnership, but measurable impact that strengthens families, neighbors, neighborhoods, and broader community. And so, we are prepared to be accountable, we are prepared to deliver results, and we are committed to a flourishing of the community that we serve, and I respectfully urge you to release these funds that so that together we can move from promise to progress and from planning to visible transformation. Thank you for your leadership and thank you for your consideration."

CHERIE ONG, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Thank you so much for your time. Our company, Good Places, is working in partnership with the Cosmopolitan AME, and we've been doing that for the last two years. This housing project is super important to the neighborhood. We have 70 units of affordable housing that have been approved by the Department of Community Affairs. We competed for nine percent tax credits last year, and we're one out of two projects that were approved competitively last year. We have to close on this project funding this year, and so we are asking for your urgent support for the Resolution that's been introduced by Commissioner Dana Barrett today. This

project is part of the city of Atlanta's faith-based development program, and it is one of the first programs that is -- first projects that is actually finished from that -- from that program. It is also supported by Enterprise Community Partners and their faith-based development program. It's a 23 million-dollar project that is dependent today on your final release of this funding. So I'm respectfully asking for your support and to ensure that this partnership between the county, the city, and the faith community results in actual housing for low-income families throughout Vine City today. Most importantly, we are hoping that today you will be able to understand the constituents which you will see today behind us --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

CHERIE ONG, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- we're all in support of this project. Thank you so much."

CHARNETTE TRIMBLE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Charnette Trimble, and I'm founder and CEO of GMH Ministries, Incorporated which stands for Grandmama's House. What I do is I teach seniors how to age in place with dignity and pass on generational wealth. I teach workshops on errors property prevention. Now according to Page 2, Section Line 22, clearly states: WHEREAS, the 625 thousand-dollar portion of the Westside TAD grant that would come for Fulton County's tax increment is already being held by Invest Atlanta, does not impact Fulton County 2026 budget and cannot be repurposed for Fulton County for any purpose through 2038. Now, we already know what we're here about. You're taking money from senior citizens. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus states, whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me. I believe 60 percent AMI definitely qualifies for that. Consequences are results of your actions. Outcomes follow choices regardless of your intent. So my advice to you all today is be careful of how you vote, because I know a God who sits high and looks low. You may think that you gone get away, and all your backroom dealing, glad handling, I wash your back, you wash mine. That will be dealt with. And the way the world works now, it speeds up very fast. You will get your comeuppance, and it won't be on your deathbed. Thank you."

PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, Commissioners. I'm from Cosmopolitan AME Church in the heart of Vine City, and we often have meetings of community there. And one of the main things that we hear is that they need affordable homes there. And this project is very much needed in this community. Hopefully, we can get that done. We look for you all help. We thank you so much for your help, Mr. Pitts."

JEANIECE HAYGOOD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Jeaniece Haygood. I'm here as a member of Cosmopolitan AME Church. I've been a member of that Church for the last 37 years. As I ride through Vine City and see what needs to be done, the housing over there is messed up. The schools -- we need that funding to help the people that's in that community that's still there. You got a lot of elderly people that's over there. We need that funding to help them move forward. That's all I got to say. Thank you."

WILLIAM JOHNSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. I'll say this, I was brought up, if you gave a person your word, you're supposed to keep it unless something happened beyond your control. So since we was promised this, I don't know what happened. But will y'all please keep your word and give it to us. We really appreciate it."

ANTHONY HAYGOOD, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "I've been in Atlanta in that area all my life, and I see the need of the housing that's really, really in need. Please keep us in your prayers. Thank you."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "She's a runner, she's a track star. However, the case may be, you guys are all worried. The world is worried about the Epstein files, and we need to be worried about the Fulton steam files, okay? And so, let's run a couple of things back -- put those here. Mo Ivory, she left; but I got a couple things for her because we were in her campaign and during the process of being inside her campaign, her name was not on the ballot in a couple of locations. So while she's running to all these new channels, I wonder if she's telling them this, because that's voter fraud, and a piece of voter suppression. So -- and Ike Arrington, a couple of years ago when Robert was running against you, you also wasn't on the ballot, and you went flippity boom. That's voter fraud. But Mo Ivory said leadership failure -- failure of leadership, and then you called him incompetent, ain't that what you called your Colleagues? So y'all -- y'all killing me. Dana, you told Jason and David that it was conspiracy theory that 70 people at the shelter, Peachtree and Pine closed for ten years, what is that? That's voter fraud, ain't it? Oh, okay, I thought so. A thousand across the street at the church, two churches, one a thousand, two thousand, is that still conspiracy? Y'all need to get y'all self together because y'all running for these positions, but then y'all are sitting up here undermining the people that is helping you get in these positions. You see what I'm saying? So you cannot say that one minute it's not voter fraud and then the next minute it's conspiracy theories or, Ike, what would you call it?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

LA PINK, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- Marvin Arrington, what would you call it, because your name wasn't on the ballot. Wouldn't that be considered voter fraud that they had took you off? And DA Willis as well. If y'all --"

CLERK GRIER: "Last speakers in Assembly Hall, please come forward: Kimberly Brooks, Richelle Patton, Wilma Watson, Anthony Haygood, Reed Stillson, John E. Lee, and Hope Mays."

KIMBERLY BROOKS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good afternoon, Commissioners. First of all, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, I just want to apologize for I think what I watched you endure as you've been attacked, I think, several times, and the poise and lack of integrity of operations is just profound to me, which is why I'm here today and I just listened to those seniors that come today, and it is a shame that they have to beg for what is theirs, for what they own. So is there someone that could hand this to Commissioner Pitts because I came before you, and I explained to you that I was

wrongfully evicted, that I was enduring some issues with your court system and you ignored me. So I am a praying child of God, and that woman that came here before, she just kind of set the standard for me because, how did it feel when the FBI came to your door and took your things? Because I said, be not deceive, God is not my mocked; whatsoever a man soweth that so shall he reap. So when this Marshal came to my home, she had her authority, she had her badge, but she didn't have a valid writ. The constitutional rights of mine were violated. My due process rights were violated. The senior citizens here are begging for money that you're using and allowing property managers to buy public money at a lower rate. So this is a lawsuit of \$1,286,000 that I'm submitting, and this is me being generous. I submitted the exact same lawsuit to city of Atlanta for them failing to -- for them filling to act on code enforcement. I don't want to give the federal government keys to your house, but if you take my senior citizens and you take the people outside and you continue to fail to serve them and while they're homeless, sell their property at a lower rate, I don't have time for what the president is doing --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

KIMBERLY BROOKS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- because Fulton County is doing the exact same thing to its very own residents. So is anyone going to hand this to him? I'm going to serve it the county right now. God bless you all."

RICHELLE PATTON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Richelle Patton. I'm the president of Collaborative Housing Solutions. We're an affordable and workforce housing mission based developer. I'm the co-developer with Cherie Ong and Good Places partnering with Cosmopolitan AME Church, and I'm here today to ask for your blessing and your agreement to release the two and a half million dollars of Westside TAD funds that have been committed to our project. I appreciated your staff colleague earlier today saying that she felt like her service to this county was her ministry. I feel like what I do, which is providing affordable rental housing to low income folk is my ministry; and feel like we have been blessed over the past two years to work with the church, with the Vine City neighborhood, with the MPU who have all been supportive of this project. We will provide 70 units of workforce housing of which 63 units will be reserved for households making 60 and 50 percent of the AMI. Those are long-term commitments that Cherie and I will be long-term owners. We could not do this project, but for those TAD funds. If we do not receive those TAD funds, we're not able to get the other \$21 million worth of investors and lenders, both public and private dollars, in order to build this housing. So I just wanted to say again, thank you so much for your willingness, originally, to support a project like this. We'll be happy to meet with any of you individually to share the vision. Cherie, Pastor, and I will be happy to come your office, talk with any of your staff, and I just ask for your vote today of support for our project. Thank you."

REED STILLSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning, y'all. My name is Reed Stillson. I'm a Fulton County resident here, a renter. I live and work in the Buckhead area. I'm the leader of a local coffee shop, Community Hope. Firstly, I just want to thank the Members of the Board who have stood strong in defending the integrity and

sanctity of our elections in light of the unlawful and egregious seizure of voting documents from our election's hub. Having local leaders who are willing to stand their ground against the authoritarian overreach we're experiencing is invaluable, so thank you. I encourage you to please keep up the hard work and fighting against the federal government's attempts to further consolidate power. Now, the main reason I'm here to speak to you today is in reference to new legislation that was just recently introduced by Atlanta Councilmember, Kelsea Bond. Their legislation acknowledges the human rights crisis still ongoing at our Fulton County Jail, and urges APD to rapidly increase their use of the diversion center, PAD services and such, for eligible cases. And I know this Board has spoken many times on expressing their wish and increasing the use of the diversion center and their services, but the actions taken are woefully inadequate. The jail has been the center of human rights violations as we know for years now, yet it remains overcrowded and poorly mismanaged. The diversion center can accept 40 people a day, yet this past year they served an average of only three people a day. The best day we saw was eight people in one day. Meanwhile, there are currently upwards of 60 people sleeping on the floor of our jail as to this day. We must do everything in our power to end this obscene criminalization of the most vulnerable people in our society. It is not a crime to be poor, homeless, or lacking in mental health care. A colleague of mine works there, and there's someone there for jaywalking right now: simply for crossing the street. It's obscene how we are spending so much of our time and effort to people in --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- 15 seconds."

REED STILLSON, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- for this. So please, put the full weight and power of your position drastically into drastically reducing as necessary, overcrowding of our jail. I urge the Sheriff's Department and all local law enforcement departments to do this as well. If we do this together, I know we could build a Fulton that works for all."

HOPE MAYS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Hope Mays and I live in North Fulton County, and I have the agenda that has so much on it --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- can you please come closer to the mic?"

HOPE MAYS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay. I'm just wanting to say thank you to all of you because you work really hard. This is a difficult time we're going through, and I just wanted to thank Mr. Pitts. You've been quite vocal in trying to protect our Board of Elections and the hard work that they do. I've been a voter most all of my life that I've been eligible, and I have worked for the elections as a poll watcher, as a poll worker, and I'm very concerned about what's going on, or what we don't know is going on, and I want to encourage you to continue to protect our vote, to do what you can to make sure that Georgia doesn't have further voter suppression which we've seen. You also have some outstanding work that you've done that I wanted to commend, and that was for -- and to my Commissioner, Mr. Ellis, and all of you who are supporting the Reparations Task Force. I think that is a very noble and worthwhile project. The housing issues, those are close to home even in Mountain Park, we're considering how to make building

more affordable, more accessible for people in the community. Workforce housing is what we want to call it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Fifteen seconds."

HOPE MAYS, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Okay. Well, thank you really, because y'all do a lot of hard work, and I appreciate it."

JOHN E. LEE, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Good morning, Commissioners. I just want to start by saying thank you for the good work that you all do. My name is John Lee. I'm a resident of the city of Atlanta and Fulton County. I'm here in full support of the Resolution 26-0101, and the release of the approved funds to advance the 63 units of affordable housing in the Vine City neighborhood. This shovel-ready faith-based development is the focus on creating stable homes for families while demonstrating successful community-centered housing partnerships that are already in place and show what it could really look like here in Atlanta. Moving this Resolution forward, not only delivers the much-needed affordability, but also reflects what I believe to be the county's as well as the city's priorities around meaningful housing outcomes and neighborhood revitalization. I believe that advancing this Resolution will help ensure that committed public resources can translate into real homes and real opportunities for seniors and families in the neighborhood. I respectfully ask for your approval in support of the affordable housing opportunities, by approving to release these previously designated funds so that this project can move forward and become a reality. Thank you."

CLERK GRIER: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have nine speakers on Zoom."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Good morning, Commissioners. The first person to speak is Robby Caban."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. Can you hear me?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Great. I'm reaching out again about the taxpayer funded animal control contract that has not been corrected that you have governance over, the Board of Commissioners, with our county contractor, Lifeline Animal Project. It has come to my attention that the Fulton County Police Department made a public post that has since been deleted, that stated in part, they're working with animal control over the past year, we've noticed the majority of animal cruelty cases in Fulton County were not being investigated and offenders were not being charged criminally. This has come to a stop, quote. I want to begin with what the Fulton County department publicly posted and later deleted, stating that for a period of time the animal cruelty cases were not being investigated and offenders were not being charged. Deleting the post does not erase admission. It confirms a serious failure of enforcement by the county that contractor Lifeline Animal Project who you all want to pose in photo

ops for, that you put in the new agreement that does not correct the failures. What has happened raises critical questions. When did a private contractor begin influencing enforcement? Under what authority were duties delegated and who is accountable when those duties are not performed? Failure to investigate cruelty, failure to act under authority may expose the county to federal liability under color-of-law statues and civil rights violations. We have documented incidents involving seized animals without warrants, affidavits raising Fourth Amendment concerns and liability risks. This is not theoretical. Fulton County residents have been attacked, as you know, seriously injured and killed; killed, mauled to death by packs of dogs and preventable -- preventable incidents, wrongful death and injury lawsuits will be paid by taxpayers. Your taxpayers, your constituents. I am one of them. Commissioners have stated animal abuse will not be tolerated. Commissioner Arrington, who blocked me, my question is --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- all right, 15 seconds."

ROBBY CABAN, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "-- the contractor, Lifeline, is the only facility allowed to abuse animals without consequences?"

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Kirt Beasley. Kirt Beasley."

KIRT BEASLEY, PUBLIC SPEAKER: "Good morning. My name is Kirt Beasley, and I am here to support the funds be approved to support the Vine City community. I know that life keeps lifting, and when our seniors have retired and their income is for that particular time in life, it may no longer support them as inflation and the cost of living grows. So I wanted to jump on here to say I hope that the funds to support their community can be approved. Thank you."

RICO DOLLAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The next person to speak is Jenn Simmons. Jenn Simmons. Next person to speak is Leonard Watkins. Leonard Watkins. Next person to speak is Sandra Benefield. Sandra Benefield. And this concludes the Zoom public comments."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Madam Clerk, continue. Well, Commissioners, I've had a request from -- not Invest Atlanta -- the Development Authority. They are listed, I guess, last on the agenda and they have about seven or eight people here. They want to be moved up, so what's your pleasure? Any objections?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "No objection to them being moved up, Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Okay. I don't object either, but I thought that we had decided that we were going to -- those reports will come at the end, and the people need to know what time they need to be here. We'll correct that going forward. All right, come on up."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 12, **26-0104**, Select Fulton: Presentation Annual Development Authority of Fulton County Governmental Accounting Standards Board, GASB 77."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, SELECT FULTON: "Thank you all very much and thank you, Chairman, for moving us up. I guess our slide presentation will come up. I'm Sarah Elizabeth Langford, and we can go to the next slide. Thank you very much for having us on behalf of the chairman of our board, Chairman Kwanza Hall and our Board of Directors. We presented this information, sent it to the assessors according to GASB 77 requirements - you can go to the next slide -- we wanted to do this presentation in front of you really just to keep you updated on what we are doing and present some GASB numbers. You know at the Development Authority of Fulton County, Develop Fulton, our role is really to encourage positive development that bring jobs and increases tax revenue for the county. You can go to the next slide. When we think about that --"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "-- I'm sorry, director, you might want to --"

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

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "-- there's nobody up there."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, DEVELOP FULTON: "Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you. When we think about our mission at Develop Fulton, we really think about expanding the commercial tax base so that individual residents are burdened less when it comes to taxes. And just to give you some recent approvals by our board: Amazon 700 jobs, \$500 million investment that was approved; Duracell relocating their R&D headquarters here to Atlanta that was a \$56 million investment; Mercedes Benz overseeing a REBA Grant, Mercedes adding 500 additional jobs to Atlanta; and then lastly, Miller Zell expanding their South Fulton operations in South Fulton. That is a 30 million-dollar investment. We can move to the next slide. Just to update you on some projects, you all are familiar with the Medley Johns Creek, that was a \$400 million investment, approximately a thousand new jobs, and on this particular site, the annual taxes collected by Fulton County were \$600,000 a year. And after this project is complete, that will increase to approximately \$300 million over the incentive period; so again, that mission of expanding that commercial tax base. EDGE project is another example: this was a very old rail yard that was grandfathered in to zero taxes. So zero taxes being collected by Fulton County, and after this project is complete, that will increase to \$70 million over the incentive period. And again, that's what we want, more burdens on businesses, shouldering that burden as opposed to individual taxpaying residents. We can move to the next slide. We've noticed that it is extremely beneficial when we really hone in on our partnerships, with Samir and Select Fulton, with the different cities all across our county and even with the State Board of Economic Development. Recently, the Board approved -- this was in 2025 -- a Hutch Project, Sandtown Village in South Fulton; a 200 million-dollar development that will be housing, retail, green space, and an awesome example of partnership. We worked in partnership with Mayor Gumbs and her team at South Fulton. They approved critical

infrastructure improvements, and then the Develop Fulton Board approving an incentive to make sure this project moves forward. We can go to the next slide. And just to give you some information about Develop Fulton, we generate approximately 16 to \$20 million annually for the county in tax revenue, and, you know, some people criticize and say you're just a rubberstamp, not at all. We see approximately a hundred projects every year that come to my office that we evaluate and analyze, only about less than half of those are even socialized with our board members, and then about 10 percent of those -- only 10 percent are approved for an actual incentive, a property tax incentive. So my board is ensuring just an extreme analysis and only a small amount of projects actually moving forward. We, of course, have five times the hurdle rate. So when we evaluate a project, we'd like to see at least a five times increase to the county when it comes to tax revenue. And I want to remind us, this is the county's only economic development tool, so when we think about competitive projects and EY is here, they have a very national perspective, but when we think about competing for opportunities across the country and sometimes in even different countries, we want to use that incentive, that reduction in taxes, to encourage quality development to come here. So again, we're expanding that commercial tax base and less burden on residents. And our neighboring counties really have even more aggressive of an incentive than us, like DeKalb has, I think a 20-year incentive, ours is only ten years. So a lot more conservative when it comes to that incentive compared to other jurisdictions. So thank you, thank you for giving us some time. I'll turn it over to EY to really give you some more complete numbers. Thank you."

BILL BURRIS, EY: "Good morning, all. I'm Bill Burris. I work with EY based here in Atlanta, Georgia. As Sarah Elizabeth mentioned, we partner with --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- can you pull the mic, up? Excuse me."

BILL BURRIS, EY: "Yes, ma'am, absolutely. Sorry about that. I work with EY. My name is Bill Burris out of Atlanta, and we partner with the Development Authority to work through the GASB 77 project that's been in place for about ten years now. Specifically, just wanted to note, right as we talk about tracking the four (indiscernible.) revenue of these projects. On the right side of the screen is the Fulton County abatement schedule, and the specifically again, what it signifies is that initial year, you have about 50 percent abatement on the market value. At the duration of the end, you essentially have an abatement of five percent, so 95 percent of that value is paid. What you generally find and certainly this does vary by asset type depending upon the respective market, is that on the real property side when these investment do occur, that, you know, there's going to be some appreciation that occurs to the land in a time potentially even the overall market value of the building, you know, certainly recognize you're going to have circumstances such as the pandemic where office space may diminish in value, but overall with appreciation, what often does occur over the duration of a ten-year period, is that the real property market value may be in excess of what initially was that first year, again depending upon the local investment that occurs across the entire market spectrum. So I think that's just worth noting where the abatement that actually occurs is just for that first ten-year period. It is extremely competitive, as Sarah Elizabeth mentioned, compared to some of the other counties that we worked through

and see. So, if you go to the next slide, we have a specific example that I will -- let' see. One more slide, please. There we go. And this again is a general baseline, so you see you on the far left-hand side; this is specific to tax year 2024. If there was no investment for these respective parcels, the tax brought from the county's portion, is going to be the bond, the operating in the school, would have only been about \$3.1 million. The net benefit that occurred in tax year 2024 for projects that are all across the spectrum of the actual tables that we just saw, it's almost \$20 million. And again, those are all going to be in differing stages of the respective abatement terms, where again, when they do conclude, they will become fully taxable on the Fulton County tax roll. And if you go to the next slide, we got another example here. Again, keep going, one more, please on the deck. So this was similar for the city, and you can go to the next slide, as well. I'll turn it over to my colleague that's going to reference a few more examples."

ALEX ROZAY, EY: "Good morning, my name is Alex Rozay [Phonetic.]. I also work with EY. I support the team that works here in Atlanta from my perch up north, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I've been enjoying the weather here on my visit to Atlanta. I work for a part of the team that looks beyond the GASB 77 requirement to show how much the incentives total; to look at the additional benefits the community gets from the economic ripple effects of -- because it's not just that these buildings are being built, something is happening in those buildings. Sometimes it's housing, sometimes it's businesses that are operating. What we do is we look at all of the incentive programs, the active incentive programs for a given year, which will be the new ones and also any over the past 10 years whose incentive has not run out yet. We're just in the process of starting our analysis of the 2025 incentive programs. Our most recent report released in the fall looked at the calendar year 2024, and you can see from the map there, there are active programs throughout the county including some new and some existing. For 2024, there were 135 active projects that included 41,000 job commitments in the memoranda of understanding, and they comprised \$9.8 billion of capital expenditures. Next slide, please. If you look at a five-year snapshot of the same picture, we can see that it's -- that that's pretty typical and it's been growing over time. In terms of the number of active projects there are typically, you know, seven to ten billion dollars of capital expenditures, and the net tax revenue, net of incentives has been 15 to 19.5 billion -- or 19.5 million, excuse me, throughout that period, just to show that this has been going on for a long time. Next slide, please. What we do is we try to look at those ripple effects and take into account, not only those job commitments on site, but what are the effects those businesses buying goods and services from suppliers' right here in Fulton County. And what happens when the workers on site and that the suppliers spend their money at the grocery store, at the gas station, receiving medical care and so forth, so those are those induced effects. And that's the total picture that we look up for economic benefit of these new operations happening on site. Next slide, please. In our report that we provide, we break it down across a number of different industries and there are a lot of different sectors that show these benefits, that partly stems from what gets an incentive in any given year, and those ripple effects happen again as people spend their funds, you know, in retail and on their homes, et cetera. Next slide, please. And so, the big picture totally as we go from that 41,000 direct job commitments for who's working on site to 56,000 taking into account those indirect and induced benefits, again across a

number of sectors. And this generates \$4.8 billion of labor income in the county, and that includes wages and benefits. And another way to look at it is economic output, which is revenue for businesses in the county. That's a little under 8.8 billion from projects that have active incentives during that year. Next slide, please. We took a look at one specific project, just to give an example, that the Avalon Real Estate incentive, there's investments in 13 parcels between 2016 and 2021. The market value of these parcels together increased from a little under 24 million to over 630 million in 2024. So this is a significant investment in what was constructed on site. If you could go to the next slide, please. And what that translates into is a significant increase in the property tax base, because ultimately property taxes come from the value of the property. And so over this period as different parcels received investment, you can see in the graph on the left that the tax base grew significantly over the period to 252 million by the end. Now the orange bar is the assessed value that is being taxed, and the blue represents the amount that's abated. And so you can see that as the abatement decreases over ten years for each parcel, by the end of this period, about 18 percent of this assessed value is being abated. And it will eventually go to zero as all of the incentives run out. And the idea is, of course, the buildings will still be there at the end. And of course, tax base translates into tax revenue, and so just on these parcels, during this period, it went from 2.5 million in 2016 for the first parcel was developed to over 6 million in 2024. And the different color wedges in the legend there show different jurisdictions receiving those taxes, including Fulton County Schools, the county operating in bond millage, the city of Alpharetta, where the project is located and so forth. Next slide, please. And I think Sarah Elizabeth has some concluding remarks."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, DEVELOP FULTON: "Just thank you for your partnership. This is, as I said, the county's only economic development tool, and it is the way that we recruit and incentivize quality investment and development. So thank you all for your partnership, and Samir, thank you Select Fulton. And if there any questions?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you for the presentation. I do have a couple of questions. You know, I think the program makes sense, but I do want to know, I guess, one, about enforcement, right? Like so I see job commitments, but I don't know what type of tracking there is on that, and whether there is an actual number that comes back, right? If I tell you I'm going to do a thousand jobs, and I only do 200, what penalties are there? How do we know, right? And so I'd like to know about enforcement mechanisms. And then I also understand that apparently there is a way for the projects to get the incentive for more than ten years by breaking it into phases. So Phase One gets ten years and then Phase Two gets ten years, and Phase Three gets -- and then it's a 30, 40, 50-year tax incentive, right? So I'd like to know more about that. And frankly, I don't think -- you know I don't think that phases should happen at all, right? Its ten years, that's it and that, should be it. But I'd love to hear more from you on whether that phasing happens or not. And then to, about the enforcement side of, you know, making sure that they actually deliver on what they promise. And then, too, what are the penalties for not delivering on what was promised."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, DEVELOP FULTON: "Thank you, Commissioner. Great question. Because any company that is not doing what they're saying that they are -- they're committed to do -- does not deserve an incentive. So on our most recent project and I think also your appointee to our board helped us now in our legal documents on our last project, which was the Amazon; we have a termination clause that's baked into the legal documents. So if the company says we are investing 500 million and we'll bring over 700 full-time jobs, if that is not done, there is that termination clause where we can end the incentive. To your point exactly, if you're saying you're going to do X, Y, and Z, you have to do it, or we are able to terminate and end the incentive. And then we've also had a company that just recently called and said they aren't living up to what they thought they would do and, therefore, ending the incentive early, so I'll be talking with you more -- that was a very recent development. But that's a great thing for the county getting even more tax revenue than we thought as a result of a company not doing what they told us they would do. So that is extremely important, and then you ask about the phases: the incentives are based on parcel ID, so really it really still translates to ten years because it's based on the investment. So if an entire property says that investment is 500 million, the incentive is based on that number and prorated for each parcel. So it may seem as though it's longer, but it's really just based on the investment that the company is committing to, based on those different parcel IDs. And I don't know if all have examples of what you see around the country, if that's common, if we are doing it in standard."

BILL BURRIS, EY: "Commissioner Arrington, to further elaborate, I think the example as you were talking about -- let's just say a company comes in and invests a hundred million dollars, and they build, let's say, a brand-new industrial facility, as part of that agreement, over the course of time, there may be additional investments that are had, so I think to Sarah Elizabeth's point, is that that first parcel will have the respective abatement and then when that second parcel or second phase of the project concludes, that portion would initiate the respective abatement as well. So I think what you're saying is just the fact you're trying to justify that's really been great, because it almost gives the perception that you're getting a much longer benefit than initially it should be. And I guess the way I would look at it, is well, if they're at different phases could they essentially be different products? They are different parcels, even though it is the same initial company or the investor that's coming in. If that makes sense, sir?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No, it definitely makes sense. I mean, it may just need to be a longer conversation, right, as to whether that makes sense. I think I hear what you're saying, and I think what I hear what our executive directory is saying as well, and I just need some time to process it. I don't know that termination of the agreement, Madam Executive Director, is enough for me. Are they paying the back taxes when they terminate? Because if you go through an agreement for five years and then you say you don't pay your taxes for five years and then you terminate, I mean, where's the money from the last five years, right? So there should be some type of claw back, or some type of provision that specifically -- where they specifically agree that if they do terminate or if it's terminated for any reason, they will then owe those back taxes, right? And so, we just need to make sure that we, you know, are having those

conversations. I think this certainly makes sense in theory but, you know, it's the nuts and bolts and the enforcement that really come down to whether it does make sense or not, right? And so, thank you for your answers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. First of all, Sarah Elizabeth, thank you for the great job that you all are doing over there. And thank you, Commissioner Arrington. I also had a conversation with my appointee, Chairman Kwanza Hall. I know that you all are trying to be proactive. You do not want to set an adversarial tone, but you do want to work due diligent for the taxpaying citizens. So I understand it's not as cut and dry as most people think it is. It's about negotiations; it's about the termination of the contract, and what the penalties are in terminating it. And so I just kind of wanted to say I understand what Commissioner Arrington is saying, but I also understand that you all are working to make sure that you walk a very steady line. You know, many times people will look at a situation, and they'll say well, they should do this and they should do that. But at the end of the day until you walk in my shoes, you don't know what it is that I have to do or what you all have to do. And so, I do support my colleague, Commissioner Arrington, in his concern, but I also want to say that I know that you all are already working on that and making sure that those contracts are in such a way that it benefits ultimately Fulton County taxpaying citizen. And that's the most important thing we want to remember here; benefiting the county, benefiting those taxpaying citizens. Businesses want to do business with Fulton County. Sometimes businesses have to be lured, for the lack of a better word, and it takes multiple meetings, it takes multiple give-and-take; and a lot of times individuals don't understand the process. What I want to go publicly and say that the Fulton County Development Authority's role is never adversarial with anyone, whether it is other business entities, whether it is other elected officials in the county, in counties that butt up against us. Sarah Elizabeth, you and I have had several conversations about projects that might not necessarily benefit us, but may benefit a neighboring county. And so, I know that you all are not adversarial. I know that you all worked very hard and diligent to make sure that you cross your Ts and dot the I's, and make sure that the citizens of Fulton County are getting the biggest bang for their buck, and I want to thank you all. I know we have seen at the state in some conversations where people want to make it adversarial. They say oh, I don't want them to come into my city or whatever. At the end of the day, quality investment I know is you all's goal. Quality investment that sound, that's financially sound, and that benefits all the taxpaying citizens. So I just want to go on record thanking all of you all for the service that you do, because it's not an easy, easy job. And thank you for making sure -- that transparency you make sure, we get everything, and I just want to thank you personally for that, that you all send so much out, very transparent, very involved, and I'm hoping that there will come a day that this -- what you all do would be the model for everybody else, because I believe that you all do a great job. Thank you."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, DEVELOP FULTON: "Thank you very much."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes. I just wanted to thank you for coming down here and explaining it, and I learned a lot. I didn't know that DeKalb County had a 20-year abatement, that's kind of shocking that our neighbor is able to offer that 20-year. We have the ten-year, but given what we have, I just want to thank you for luring. I've had the benefit of being involved with companies trying to decide where to locate, and there's lots of options out there and lots of cities: Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; Charlotte. It seems like we're always competing with them. I know my brother was trying to relocate Stanley Black & Decker's offices here, and they had to choose between Boston, Austin, and Atlanta, and it was a collaborative effort. It was because of you guys bringing people in and bringing entities like Georgia Tech to sell that we have the workforce here if you come. We can give you that abatement if you come. Just luring those instead of going somewhere else, and even in the world, you know, I've traveled to try to lure companies to come here when they can choose anywhere in the United States. They just want a United States office, and we're able to attract them to come here, so I thank you for the work that you've done. You know, I know there's people that think that companies will just come here and if you guys don't do anything, I think that's a falsehood. I don't know if you know any large city that is able to have not incentivized ever. I don't think those exist, unless you can think of one."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, DEVELOP FULTON: "I mean, it's extremely competitive, which is why this tool is so valuable to the county. And even you mentioned, just in the United States, with John's Creek, Boston Scientific, they were even looking outside of the United States -- excuse me -- so even competing with other countries sometimes. It's a very valuable, important tool."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, so I just -- yeah, thank you for that. I'm all about competition and I love winning competitions, so I thank you for helping us win these projects over. And I'm a benefit of Avalon. I've seen the tremendous -- you know, that was just a vacant lot where I used to coach cross-country kids and it had an abandoned partially built car parking deck, for years it sat there. And now to see it being developed and generating so much for Avalon in the city of Alpharetta is just truly amazing. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Hello, and thank you so much for being here. Thank you for -- do you need a water?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, DEVELOP FULTON: "I think I'm okay. Sorry."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you so much for the presentation. I saw on the very first page that when you described Develop Fulton, one of the points was reduce long-term pressure on residential taxpayers, and that's not really a message that gets out, that taxpayers associate with Develop Fulton or the Fulton County Development Authority. If I were to show this to many people who have been arguing and presenting before the Chairman about the commercial tax assessments, they would not at all feel

that that statement was accurate; that, in fact, they would feel the complete opposite, that it burdens the pressure on residential taxpayers. And I totally understand how it all works, it gets very -- it's hard to understand exactly what a development authority is to a taxpaying citizen. So while we all understand the explanation and how it operates, it's very hard for a layperson to understand how it all operates. So if I brought this to one of my many town hall meetings and said well, it actually reduces the long-term pressure on residential taxpayers, they would go, what? No, it does not, right, including the people who have been meeting with the Chairman about the assessment. So I wanted to encourage, just perhaps maybe to do a very simple, spend some time in 2026, maybe towards communicating to taxpayers, maybe something a little bit more simple about how it actually does reduce long-term pressure on residential taxpayers, and then pass it along to us so that we can then send that message out in a very easy, maybe it would be an example of a small project or even a large project that you can show those numbers, because even in the presentation, it's a lot of good Ernst and Young data, but that is not how people, lay people or taxpayers, can understand that information. And I'd love to have something from y'all with a great example of a project that you could show year by year how that reduced the long-term pressure on residential -- specifically residential taxpayers, because I think that would be very important; so if you could work on that and get that to me, that will be awesome. Second, I know you finished -- you just recently supported the Amazon project, data centers are the talk of the town, and I've had five town hall meetings so far this year. And there has not been one time that in those town hall meetings that it didn't come up. What is Fulton's position on data centers? And I'm quickly able to explain, you know, something that, like I just said, it's hard to explain. Well, that's the Fulton County Development Authority; we're not on that board. You know, so can you just tell me what your position is on data centers in Fulton County?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, SELECT FULTON: "It really depends on the city, but what we've seen, and we try to work in close partnerships with the mayors of each city. So for example, like in Alpharetta, there's about maybe ten different data centers from many, many years ago, long before me, but that really helped Alpharetta become known as the tech city of the south because they were welcoming to data centers and that increase in tax greatly helped the city. So now, there's many opportunities and companies looking on the southside, and so it's really a conversation with those mayors and elected officials in a place like Union City. When I talked with Mayor Vince Williams, he mentioned that, you know, there's a fine line, because many residents, as you said, are not so supportive of data centers. But the increase in tax revenue can be so extremely valuable to new fire stations, new police stations, and really green space for the city, so it's just a fine line. It's really a case-by-case basis in what the community needs; and then also working with you all, because there are different communities that want different things. There was one QTS data center that was trying to locate with our help in the city of Atlanta, and that didn't go through, simply because we were being responsive to the community, so it's really -- it's just a case-by-case basis, but we try to make sure we're never forcing anything on any jurisdiction, any mayor, who's not supportive. But there are -- surprisingly, there are some that recognize just the dramatic increase in taxes. Like I mentioned that one example where it was zero taxes going to the county, and after this project is complete, it will go up to about 70 million. So zero to

70 million, and that 70 million could have chosen to locate in any state across our country. So it's just a fine balance, and to Commissioner's point, it's just that's the fine line that we walk trying to be very responsible to community members, but also make sure that the taxpayers were generating more revenue."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Yeah, thank you. That's so important, and I thank you for talking about that balance. I understand that balance, and I also would just encourage, you know, sort of like a top ten facts about a data center coming into your neighborhood for the community. So when they come to me -- I have gone to a community meeting where they were talking about, you know, a data center that wants to come right in the smack middle of the city of Atlanta and the concerns that they have. It's anywhere from, you know, how would that pull on the grid, to how much water would be used, and so many things that if just factually talked about -- I don't hear about, you know, how data centers recycle water and all that, that doesn't really ever come up, because people just don't have a fundamental understanding of how it works. So those kind of very factual information sheets -- one sheeters, I think would be really good for the community and for taxpayers."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, DEVELOP FULTON: "Okay, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thanks, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the report --"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, SELECT FULTON: "Can she just say one more thing?"

ROSE BURTON, EY: "Yes, hi. Thank you, Commissioner Ivory; I just want to elaborate further about best practices on the EY side. We track policies across jurisdictions within the US relative to data centers, and we will share that information city to city, state to state with the Development Authority of Fulton County and Select Fulton going forward. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the report. I did distance it. I wasn't really going to talk about the data center subject, but since it did get brought it up, I mean, I will say this and I would encourage you to go back to your board and talk about more of a specific policy around data centers. Personally, I think it's a bad public policy for us to be doing any abatements on data centers. Number one, because if you talk to and you look around the country, you don't need too. And I've talked to several jurisdictions where they have data centers and they said we provide no incentives whatsoever. It's a very complicated -- these are very complicated projects. These companies need the land; they need to be able to do them. They need to be located whatever. They don't need the incentive to do it, number one. And number two, there's tremendous incentives for data centers that have been provided for at the state level, right. So I know from the discussions that we've only done two data centers

abatements, correct? One on one phase of sort of a full one; and the other was just on the personal property, correct?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, DEVELOP FULTON: "That's correct --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "-- those are the only two we've done today. So I do think we definitely need more transparency around these, but I also think that, you know, it will be useful for you to have a discussion with your own board about developing a more specific policy around that. And you look at what is -- this is a very new concept, particularly these hyper scalers, and I think using the example of Alpharetta is probably not really relevant to what small data center of yesterday are to compare to these, you know, things that are being built today. Those are two totally different animals. So I would encourage that in terms of just on that particular subject, so thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. I'll be brief. Because the data centers were brought up let me be crystal clear. You all there -- at the municipal level, if they make the decision to have the data centers, then there's not anything that you all can do about that. The other way, if they have made the decision that they want to put a moratorium and say we don't want it, there's nothing you all can do about that. I'm very adamant about correct information being put out. And so I do not want the listening public to think that, okay, Fulton Development Authority can say whether the center can come or not, because that's not true. And we should not, in grandstanding, make the public believe so. That is a very touchy subject. That's a touchy subject at the state; it's a touchy subject at the municipal level. But it goes back to my earlier conversation, Sarah Elizabeth, is that there is a fine line, because you must work with the mayors, you must work with the city council people, and you must work with the County Commissioners and the people at the state. That is a great juggling act. And so I'm all for you all having policy. I'm all -- in fact, this transparency, I've never seen you -- you all are the most transparent development authority that I've ever seen, and I've traveled to other states to see how their development authorities operate. You make so much information available to us and you send so much information that sometimes it overloads me. But what I'm saying is, let's be careful with our conversation to not mislead the public as though you all have control over that, because you do not. It is a juggling act, but it starts with the municipality, and even at the state in what they do. And so I just wanted to make sure that we're not giving the wrong information publicly, because you all could have a policy -- in fact, you all do have policies in place, but if the municipality wants something, or don't want something, that overrides it. And so relationships -- it goes back to what I said before, you're not going to be adversarial, but you got to be able to work with people. You have to have mutual respect for people and understand that people have different positions. Your one position, as much as you want, your one position to be the only position, you cannot. It's delusional in life. Everybody has their own opinion. And so I just want to say again, thank you for the great work you're doing. Thank you for the transparency, thank you for the communication, but I just did not want to give the listening public an idea that you all can control or not control, because it's about relationships, it's about ordinances, it's

about local government. We all believe that local government should make the decisions, which I support wholeheartedly. So I just want to make sure that we're sending the right message. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yes, thanks, Mr. Chair, and I don't know if those comments were directed at me or not. But, you know, just to be clear, I mean, we all know that you don't do any zoning approvals, right? Those rest with the city, right? But the decision around abatements, that's not a city decision. The city can't come to you and say we want an abatement on this property and you're going to give it. That's not a mandate. We can't go to you and say that. The schools can't go to you and say that. That's a determination you have to make relative to the abatement. That's what's within your control, not the decision of whether or not a particular data center comes into a particular location or not. My comments were specific to, you know, the provision of abatements for data centers, and I don't think the way that that is currently postured right now in the United States and across the country, that that's something that's needed. If the city wants it, they're going to come there and they're going to do it. If they've got the land to do it, they're going to get the zoning approvals, and they can do it quickly, they will do it. They don't need the abatement. That was my remarks."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to say I concur with Commissioner Ellis, and I don't think, you know, incentives for data centers really are the way to go right now for all the reasons that the Commissioner already expounded on it, and in particular, because the public is not having it. And so, I don't think there's a great benefit to doing it. I don't think it's really needed, and I think we just need to be very, very careful on that front. But I also just want to jump in and get back to something Commissioner Arrington brought up about the companies that receive abatements living up to their obligations; and I appreciate that the contracts are getting tighter and better to enforce, but I'm also aware, just for my own background working with Invest Atlanta, that when it comes to enforcement and the audits that the company is doing the work, and they have like a team of people that are auditing to make sure that the companies are hiring at the pace they should be hiring at, or if it's an affordable housing thing that the units are being offered at the rate they're supposed to be, or whatever the case may be. And I know you don't have that level of staff. So my question to you is; it's one thing to have it in the contract, but what are you able to do and how are you able to do regular audits to make sure that they are conforming and not just wait for someone to report?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, SELECT FULTON: "Right. Well, as you said, Invest Atlanta has about 80 employees and we have three. So we've hired a monitoring consultant to help us respond to the companies and check in with the companies and monitor that. And that's kind of, you know, what we're trying to do to address that. And as I said, we are self-funded where Invest Atlanta gets funding from the city of Atlanta

every single year, so as you said, you know, they have a whole team for that. And so what we've done is simply just hire that consultant to help us monitor it better."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And I think, just to follow along, and thank you for letting me know about it. I don't think it would be -- how long have you had that role of the consultant doing that?"

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, SELECT FULTON: "She came maybe approximately a year ago."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I think it would be good to know how effective that is, and like what kind of reporting is coming out of that. And listen, I hope all the companies are doing what they're supposed to do, that'd be great, but I don't know that it always turns out that way. The enforcement and the issue of sort of getting our taxes back or a claw back or those kind of things, I think also gets to the original agreement. I know this was not you all, this was an Invest Atlanta thing; I believe one of the ones that -- one of the projects in the Gulch where they decided to renege on their obligation and paid a fee to sort of get out of having to provide the affordable housing they had agreed to, which was a terrible deal. So I just want to, you know, I'm sure you guys have this well in hand. I just want to, you know, emphasize, I think my personal support for anything we can do to not make deals like that in the first place, especially where their payback is so doable for them, and the benefit is so important for the community. And so like being able to buy your way out of the whole reason you got the deal in the first place, feels incredibly bad and wrong. So anything, you know, and I think we all have board members that agree with this, and I know that you all are working towards this, but I think anything we can do to kind of make sure that we're not giving these abatements with -- under sort of false pretenses almost, and then sort of disappointing the community and doing ourselves a disservice in the long run. So anyway, that's my soapbox on that, thank you for the presentation, I appreciate it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Anything else?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you."

SARAH ELIZABETH LANGFORD, SELECT FULTON: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, Madam Clerk, continue, please, back to page 9."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 9, County Manager's Items under Open and Responsible Government, **26-0095**: Presentation of the Fulton County Operational Report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, Commissioners. I also just want to say to Sarah Elizabeth walking out, a thank you, Sarah Elizabeth, for your partnership with us and with Samir and then also to Rose Burton, if everybody doesn't know Rose, that's who we went to seven plus years ago when we wanted to drive transparency. I appreciate, Vice Chair, what you had to say into this process, and I think it's been a tremendous success, and Rose and EY get a lot of credit for that, so thanks to both of them. Today's report has the standard justice reports. It also has a potpourri of things from tax assessments, animal services, warming centers, and update on strategic plan development. Just a couple of comments about justice as Steve Nawrocki walks up, and will provide more detail. It does show some improvement on some of the metrics like unindicted clearance rates, length of stay, but pretty much a stable population just below 3,000. The population by facility, I would draw your attention to that chart when we get there. One of the concerns, of course, is at the Atlanta Detention Center: so it has 450 detainees. We're working on alternatives to that and that contract ends at the end of the year. Still hopeful in seeking any indication from Atlanta that they would be open to extending that which would be in the best interest of us and of the population. Of course, case management and court productivity are still the best solutions to a jail population, and we continue to work with our partners on that. Electronic monitoring, you'll see today, and diversions at 550 and 250, approximately respectfully are very important tools. The diversion center looks like it's kind of plateaued again at about eight people per day, so that's one-fifth of what it could address, so still a lot of opportunity there, but pleased to see that growing, particularly with APD's participation. The jail blitz efforts continue. In fact, we're very close to the end of that program officially. Of course, the fire in Seven North is a setback, and I'm sure Joe will address that in the context of the overall report. We have driven the backlog. I think, Commissioner Barrett, you asked about this several months ago now, but the backlog on work orders has been driven down below a thousand. I think with the additional resources that we plan for this year, that will continue to go down and that's going to be an important indicator of success, and we'll ask Joe to speak to that as well. We will transition after that to talking about again a set of the issues, tax assessments. We'll have an update from the tax assessor. We continue making progress in that vein. Of course, we've got a heavy lift with all of the exemptions to be put in place as well as a focused effort to have a bill due date of 10/15, just to remind you that that's the goal, and it always comes with a set of challenges, and we certainly have those in this program, but he'll speak to that. Animal services, this is going to be our quarterly update. Remember, we've committed to provide you a quarterly update on metrics, so we'll do that. We have accomplished the transfer to the police department in terms of field services. I think that addresses the issues that were raised earlier in public comment, but we can speak again to any questions that -- that you have about that. A reminder, we get 1300 calls for service, meaning a dispatch of field services operations in a month's period of time. So it's a pretty intense environment as it relates to that. We're also working with the County Attorney's office; I want to thank Soo Jo and Attorney Miller for proposed changes both in how we deal with dangerous dog situations at the Animal Welfare Board, as well as when dogs are held due to court-related processes. We're still working on the final details of that. We'll bring those back as soon as we finish negotiating all the specifics

with the solicitor's office, but of course, I want to thank Keith Gammage for his active participation in that. Warming centers, what we planned for today is to overview for you what our standard operating procedure is for those. We don't recommend necessarily that you need a policy, but if you do need one or you feel that you need one, we would recommend these standard operating procedures as a policy. One important reason is we've been notified by the state of Georgia and DCA that we and the cities need to update our service delivery strategy. That's not something I've even dealt with in my entire tenure here. And it's partly due because it's been held in advance while there's been some litigation between cities. That is now cleared, so now we have until the end of the year to initiate those negotiations, complete them, and deliver to DCA a new document. Those will outline what services we provide versus the city, as you all know. And ostensibly it's designed not only for that to be a helpful process, but to eliminate any duplication of services, for example, we both don't open libraries, or we both don't open public health facilities. So as you think about this particular subject of warming centers, that'll provide clarity to that, but it needs to either swing from pillar to post and someone needs to either do it in terms of its operations, we have a role in it, and Dr. Roshell has done a great job of putting everything together to give you a full view of that. And then last, we've included, as normal, the emergency purchase orders and any contracts that I've signed. Generally, we don't have questions about those, but one that I want to make sure that you saw and, again, Joe can give an update on, is the breathing devices post the fire. If you recall, there were a hundred or so of those ordered almost immediately under an emergency PO. They've now had a lot of the electrical and technical equipment that's been delivered. The staff equipment will be onsite by 02/26, so by the end of this month, we should be good to go with a hundred of those devices. So I just make sure that you knew that that had taken place. So that's -- Mr. Nawrocki, I'll hand the ball to you."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "All right. Thank you, Mr. County Manager. Good morning, Commissioners. Steve Nawrocki, Strategy Office. We can advance the slides, please. One more. One more, please. All right. Thank you. We'll jump in first with our justice system scorecard starting with the average length of stay. We did see a dramatic improvement for the month of January at eight days going down to 37 days for the month. Next, looking at the unindicted jail population, we also saw an improvement there, of two percent, moving down to 15 percent for the month. The clearance rate for felony criminal cases had a substantial improvement, 95 percent increase up to 177 percent. This was driven though mostly by unusually low number of cases that were created in January, plus high level of productivity getting to dispositions. So the two of those factors is why you see a substantially larger number than we typically report month over month. And then finally, felony cases disposed within 180 and 365 days had a one percent increase and three percent decrease respectfully. Next slide. One more. We'll move on to our jail population update: Looking at the average monthly jail population, there continues to be, as the County Manager said, kind of month-over-month leveling with an average population for January of 2,968. Our one-day snapshot on February 11th had 2,939 inmates in the jail system with 70 those on the floor. Next slide. Go one more. Next, is the one-day snapshot of the length of stay for currently incarcerated inmates: The average duration was 216 days as of February 2nd, marking a three-day increase compared to last month's number. Looking

at the total population of 2,985 on February 2nd, we have 47 percent of the inmates that had been incarcerated for 90 days or less, the 1,389, and then the 490 days represent 16 percent that have been incarcerated greater than one year. Next slide. Moved to the facility utilization update for the jail population. This data is as of February 9th: We had 1,839 beds occupied at Rice Street, while 526 were off-line for either the jail blitz program, routine maintenance or other repairs, and Mr. Joe Davis will give a more detailed view of the 526 in his report following. Go to the next slide. Next, is the inmate analysis of the jail population: 73 percent of the population or 2,187 inmates are either indicted or accused or both indicted and accused, while 443 or the 15 percent mentioned earlier are unindicted. And we can move to the next slide for a breakdown of the unindicted. Thank you. So again, of the 443 inmates that are unindicted, we show here the aging of that population: 67 percent or 311 inmates have been unindicted for 90 days or less, which again is what you want to see the highest population at. And then continuing a great trend, we continue to have no inmates unindicted for greater than one year. Next slide. We'll shift now to the county funded ankle monitor program for an update: We do have 543 participants as of the beginning of February, which is a small improvement compared to last month. You can go to the next for a historical view. So looking at the six-month rolling participation, like I just said, we have had a bit of an increase since November where we're at 514 total moving up to 539 in December and again, 543 for the month of January. What is interesting though, if you look at the column immediately to the right, the less than and greater than one year, despite the increase we are still maintaining pretty much the same percentage of those that have been on greater than one year, greater than -- percent greater or less than one year. Ideally, working as superior court's new policy that mandates that a judicial action needed to be taken once a monitor has been applied for six months or greater, we're hoping to see that the monitor duration for over one year starts going down while the less than one-year population increases, so that's still a work in progress. You can go to the next slide. And last, we'll end with our diversion center utilization update. I do want to call it a major milestone that occurred last month. The diversion center has been open for a full year now, so congratulations to that team and everyone involved in standing it up and operations for the past year. We can report that there were a total of 1,514 diversions for calendar year 2025. And now looking at the table you see in front of you, I do want to report too, and this was mentioned earlier, we did hit a new high monthly watermark of 243 diversions for the month of January, so continuing with that positive upward trend. Looking first at the table on the far left, across jurisdiction, again as County Manager said, Atlanta continues to lead the way with 151 diversions representing 62 percent of all diversions that are followed by MARTA, the Atlanta Airport, and then our own Fulton County Police Department. Looking next at the charges, the divertible charges: Again, across the 243 diversions, criminal trespass does remain the highest month-over-month for divertible charge. In January, we saw 138 representing 57 percent in divertible charges like loitering, pedestrian related, and disorderly conduct also remained high month-over-month. Then finally, this is a newer table on the far right, the connected services. This is a showing of those diversions how individuals are being connected with services. We had 583 total for the month of January. This number does exceed the 243, because a single individual could be connected with multiple services, and so that's why the number exceeds the 243. We do see about roughly a quarter were connected with housing services, and another

quarter with mental healthcare followed by transportation, food and clothing and other services. We'll move to the next slide. I think this is my final slide. This is showing the trend data for the diversion center. The total number of diversions we've had since the diversion center opened in January of 2025 is up to now 1,757. We'll draw your attention over to the tables on the left. A bit of a change of how we're reporting: Previously, during that first year, we were reporting year-to-date. Now that we've cleared a year of the diversion center being open, I'll start reporting on a rolling twelve-month of the data. So starting first at the top with the average daily census, we are hitting somewhat of a plateau here with the daily census of eight, going back to November of last year. Looking below though, below that table, the rolling twelve-month diversion: We do see a pretty significant increase though, kind of a bottoming out in September of 104; but again, an upward trajectory that we do want to see up to 243 for January. And then the final thing to call your attention to, shifting over to the right of the slide, the rolling twelve month of discharges: This is how people exited the diversion center. We had 73 percent completing their programming along with another four percent that were discharged to the hospital, representing 77 percent considered a successful diversion because they were connected to services or programs. Twenty-one percent, unfortunately, did discharge to self, meaning they left the center before the programming was complete, and then two percent had an administrative discharge, meaning police had to intervene and remove individuals, those individuals from the diversion center, before they completed programming. And then the final thing, I'll mention in my remarks, we do have our next justice policy board meeting scheduled for March 12th, so mark your calendars there. And with that, I can take any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any questions, Commissioners? All right, Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Back on the I think it was the first slide, the scorecard, you went over the numbers there and on the average length of stay, we has an eight day decrease. I'm just wondering if you can attribute that to anything in particular, that sort of cross, because usually if you see a change of one or two days in a direction, not an eight day decrease, which is great. I'm just sort of wondering if we can repeat that."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yes, Commissioner. I think, for this metric, so the answer is no, I don't know if there was some variable that led to that more significant decrease, because you're right. Usually, it's more in the twos and threes, and the eight kind of represents probably double of what we usually see in terms of monthly movement. Again, this metric is tracked, based on calculating when a person actually exits, showing the length of time that they've stayed in the jail. And so it's probably capturing individuals that bonded out. There would have been a higher number of individuals that bonded out over a very shorter period of time than normal. I don't know -- I'm happy to do some digging and report back to you, but not aware of any single thing that happened that drove the population -- or average length of stay down dramatically."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. And then on the clearance rate for felony criminal cases, the 177 percent, you mentioned there was an extraordinarily low number of incoming, of new cases, and that is attributed to --"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "We checked with our friends over in superior court administration because when we saw the number, our first assumption was we had a bust in our data feed somewhere, because it was so dramatically high, but we checked all the numbers, we confirmed with superior court administration. They just had a low number of cases created for the month of January. There was no other explanation given in that, but they also had a higher than average disposition rate for that month, so just the two of them hitting at the same time created such a dramatic increase."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. I just had another question that is sort of a question for two -- sort of was on two difference slides a little further down, but we always go over the number of folks that have been in the jail for X period of time, so over a year, that sort of thing? And the number, I think, looks like 490 that had been there over a year?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "But we also have a separate chart where you talk about the people that are -- the breakdown of who the population is in some of them, like 300-ish, I think maybe is it, that are serving out their sentence and/or on a hold for some particular reason, if you combine those two. So we're just wondering how many of the 490 are of that status? Because -- and the reason I'm asking is because whenever we look at this, it feels like we have to do everything we can to eliminate that 490 and have those move faster, but if some of them are people that are serving their sentence, so that's intentional sort of that they're there longer, so I'm just sort of curious how those numbers look next to each other, if that makes sense."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yes, ma'am, that's a great question. That's not something we've compared before, but the other hold conditions, there's a couple of different criteria that would put you into that other hold condition. It might be waiting for an extradition and things like that, but it is still taking up a bed. It is still the clock ticking, but the comparison --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- yeah, but the reason -- I think the reason I'm asking is because if we look at this graph on the length of stay for currently incarcerated, you know, I think, as I said, it sort of demands action and some of it is in-actionable because of those particular scenarios, and I that's -- I think it might be useful to just even if it's an asterisk there that's like 490, but, you know, 200 are serving their sentence, or you know what I'm saying, so that we're all on the same page about what can be done."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yes. No, I agree. That'd be a very interesting data point."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. That's all I had. Thank you."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, follow up on that, those 490, if we can be briefed on why they're there. I know mental health; some can't stand trial, so it's a six-month delay to get another evaluation and that just keeps repeating itself over. I know that some have warrants in other states, and they can't be released and all of that as well until the other state comes and gets them, or the other jurisdiction. So that would be very helpful. I wanted to speak into the 70 inmates that are on the floor."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yet there are beds available, South Annex, AC/DC, Marietta. We have beds available. Is it due to their classifications as to why they're on the floor or can you speak into that?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "That is -- that's the short -- mean, if you discuss that with the Sheriff's staff that is kind of the shortest explanation is every facility has a classification requirement. Something like Rice Street where there's so many more beds, there's a lot more flexibility. Others like AC/DC, we are mandated that there's only a certain classification that can be sent there. And so, we rely on the sheriff. I mean there's 100 percent with his operational direction to determine if those facilities where we do have availability, if they would be appropriate for those 70 on the floor, and if he determines that's not appropriate, then they stay in Rice Street on the floor, but that's a hundred percent his operational decision."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So when you look at South Annex, 285 beds, there's a hundred and eight that are available there. Do you think, it is a staffing -- perhaps a staffing issue, we don't have the staff to move inmates over there?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Staffing is another -- I mean, we know that staffing crisis both at -- across the entire system at all the jail facilities, so absolutely, that's probably a contributing factor. It's probably multiple reasons why the decision was made to keep 70 on the floor at Rice Street versus the other facilities."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And then there was some public comment made about a jaywalker being in the jail; yet jaywalking would be something that would be eligible for PAD, probably one of those pedestrian-related crimes. I know the sheriff has an advocacy program, inmate advocacy program. So how -- I mean, it seems like at the least they should be put on an ankle monitor; not put in our jail, or if they're a low bond and they can't bond out that they would be put on an ankle monitor and not be in our jail. Do we need to have more coordination with our judges to prevent those cases from entering our jail, or what could be done there to help those situations?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yeah, I mean -- I heard the same comment doing public comment. There could be some other reasons why that person

was remained incarcerated, maybe they were picked up for that reason, but there are other charges for that reason. But assuming, let's say that person had a clean record, there were no other charges, yes, something like jaywalking would absolutely be something we would expect an officer to take that individual to the diversion center. So we've got they're shifting over then to ankle monitors, that is something we are continuing to have conversations with superior court administration who administers the programs, but a lot of times that discretion is magistrates who are working a first appearance. And so, it's making sure that they understand we do have capacity, we just passed a budget, which very much provides for an increase in the current number of ankle monitors that we have. And as the County Manager even said in his opening remarks, it's not just the productivity of the courts, but also using the tools like the diversion center, like ankle monitors, and other programs to help lower that jail population. So if this individual truly just got picked up for jaywalking, yes, either diversion center or if it's going in front of a judge, we would hope that, at a minimum, an ankle monitor may be applied if appropriate."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. I just wanted to -- and maybe this is not your role, but, you know, I think I asked this question last time, you know, how are we using these numbers to help us drive down the numbers? What do these numbers tell us about how we were able to drive the numbers down before, because we're back up at 2900 plus, closer to 3,000 and not at 2500. And so, I don't know who's better to answer that? I mean, you know, is it just up to, you know, the system and as far as how many people are being arrested, and we have no control over that, but it seems like if we have all of these numbers, we ought to know what was working and what helped drive us down to 2500 and why we're back up at 2900 now?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yes, sir. Starting with the questions that Commissioner Barrett was asking around, looking more at the aging, I think that's one, and then if there are reasons why an individual may be in Fulton County jail system, but they have an obligation to some other system, right? Because we're holding them for extradition or something. That's something that could be looked at. In terms of, I guess, the overall driving down the population, we were at the population crisis, I think it was summer of 2023, that's when it was about the 35, 3600, right? I think one of the emergency maneuvers we made there were like the application of 1500 ankle monitors, and that kind of cleared out -- I think anyone that could possibly be on an ankle monitor was applied to an ankle monitor. From there, we did have a fairly smoothing affect where we were just below or just under 3,000 -- about, I guess it was about last year, about a year ago, we did dip all the way down to 2500. I think at that time, looking at the data, there were less arrests, so there's less input into the system. So there wasn't as much demand and, you know, simple, you know, coming in and coming out. We have now bounced back up to the 2900 where we have been for probably eight, nine months. I'm going off of memory from looking at the data. But to your point, Commissioner Arrington, you know, what happened back in January of last

year where we were hitting as low as 2500; again, I think a lot of it was that we're just, for whatever reason, less arrests that were going on and kind of maintaining normal productivity. Now arrests have increased, productivity has largely stayed the same, and we continue to have this leveling above 2900."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "And so it may be then to include the number of arrests on this, right, so that we have a reference point so that we know, right? I hate to say that, but I mean, again, this information is useful and helpful, but to some extent, it's not if we're back at 3,000 inmates in there, and we don't know -- and we're not able to use this data to know why we're back up, right? And if it's simple as there's just more arrests, then I mean that's a real simple answer."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "That's based on my memory. I mean, there were certainly other factors."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I'm not necessarily trying to hold you to anything right now, but the whole reason that you're giving us this data is so we can try to get the jail population down, and if we keep getting the same data and the jail population isn't going down, then we need to know why it's not going down, right? And if that's because of the number of arrests, then you know it is what it is. As far as the South Annex Jail, my understanding is that that is where the women inmates are housed, right?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "I believe the women are in AC/DC."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Correct."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Oh, they're at AC/DC?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So we need to know that, but I mean, part of the reason why there may not -- why there may be open beds at AC/DC or at South Annex, is because there's only a certain type of inmates being housed there, right?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Or staffing."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Right, or staffing right, yes. So, you know, and again, that may be more of the Sheriff's point, but again, to me, the reason -- the reason we're getting this data is so -- you know it was great getting this data as we were going down to 2500, and now we're back up to 3,000, and it almost doesn't do me any good to have this data at this point, if I don't know why we're back up to 3,000. Maybe it's also because we had more money allocated for prosecutors and solicitors, right, to move cases alone, right? So we have ORCA positions that ran out, maybe that's part of it, do we know that?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "I don't want to -- I would be speaking really from memory, Commissioner, but we've tracked -- I'm happy to report that next month."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. But, I mean, that would obviously be helpful, right? If we lost 30 ORCA positions and that's why the numbers are back up, we need to know that."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yeah, understood. Understood."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you so much for your report. Thank you, Commissioner Thorne for talking about the population, and Commissioner Arrington as well for solutions. I think the County Manager and I had a conversation about ORCA positions and what happened when those positions were in place, and we saw the numbers come down. So I think we know that when we fully fund, which is why I asked for 25 million for ORCA Light, which was a name given to that funding by our County Manager that it would decrease these numbers and the population came down, but since we've been talking about ankle monitoring, what's the max amount for participants that could be on ankle monitoring at one time?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "I think in our contract it was -- I may need to look to Madam County Purchasing Agent, 1200, is that what we -- we were at 15, but we reduced for '26."

FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, CHIEF PURCHASING AGENT: "Yeah, I think it's still 15, but I'll look. I'll look at the contract."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "I recall, County Manager, saying 1500. Was that a yes? It's in the contract for 1500, okay. So that means that right now at 543 participants, we're just at a one-third use of the electronic monitoring, and you mentioned that in the past, the county took the steps and along with -- I'm sure, superior court administration and all that right, to and I quote you saying, anyone who could be on ankle monitors were put on ankle monitors. It seems that if we're only using one-third of the capacity of the contract for ankle monitoring, that we could do that same thing again, which would amount to about a thousand people if -- you know, if eligible for that capacity, and we would go to 1500. That would be a thousand people; that would clearly take care of opening up space for 70 people that on the floor and decrease the jail population greatly. So what is the reason why we're not putting anyone who could be on ankle monitoring on ankle monitoring?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "I think it's the judge's discretion, Commissioner. They don't believe that those individuals should be on ankle monitor, so they're not put on one and they're unfortunately sent to jail."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Okay. So do you believe that the difference during the timeframe that they were doing this was basically because of the pandemic only?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "A hundred percent. I mean, it was a pandemic population crisis, COVID maneuver, to get as many people out, because we were so overcapacity at Rice Street, or at the jail system."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Right. Yeah. Are we over capacity right now? Are we in a crisis right now, in your opinion?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "I think the jail population absolutely needs to come down."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Okay. So -- and this is not a court of law. I'm not cross-examining you. I want to make sure you don't feel that I'm doing that. I tend to -- lawyer kick in. So I think this is -- County Manager, we've talked about this before, and hoping that this will be something that as you continue to have those conversations with the goal of lowering the jail population with the superior court administration, with the judges that we would look to do, utilize something that cost us no more, and that we already have in place that we are only using at a one-third capacity. It seems like we already have the tools we need to lower the population. I'd just love for us to start using them."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thanks, Mr. Chair. So just look at -- go to slide 7 that we're on right now. Seventy inmates on the floor. Go to slide 10. Things in orange. There's 624 beds available. We've gone out -- we provided for the mechanism to get these people off the floor. It's somebody else's job to manage that. I have a hard time believing that within that 624, we can solve for that 70. But that's the responsibility of the Sheriff. That's not our responsibility, which you may clear, right? And then let's go to the electronic -- the electronic monitoring update slide. You think it's 1200 that's in the contract that we budgeted for this year, correct?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "It started at 15, Commissioner."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "1,500 is where we --"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "-- it started at 15, but I know we made some reductions. We also shifted about \$200,000 worth over to juvenile court."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Let's just say it's 1200 all right? Five hundred and forty-three people are in there right now, that's 657. That's public defenders, district attorney,

judges, right? They got a mechanism to do it; they're the same people there when we did it before."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So there's an opportunity. Let's look at just a couple of slides on diversion. Something we funded -- these are -- all three of things are Board initiatives, right, that we've made available?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "But we can lead a horse to water, but it's not our role to execute on these things. We've provided the provision of funding the mechanisms for them to occur, diversions. Maximum it can hold is what, 40, roughly a day?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "The daily census is 40, yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay, and eight."

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay, so 3200 capacity. Expect these things could turn, so the number of diversions could be a much more higher magnitude number?"

STEVE NAWROCKI, STRATEGY PERFORMANCE: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Provided over a period of time. So the mechanisms are all here for these to work, right? But it's going to require the people that it's in their hands to actually do the work to get that done. I think we need to continue to monitor it and drive it, but you know we also need to just sort of point that out. It's like -- this is like we can't make this occur as the Board of Commissioners. It requires the actions of these other individuals who (indiscernible.) that's their role."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Commissioner Ellis. I was getting ready to point out some of those things as well. But also for the listening public, we want to be crystal clear that you're being asked questions that the Sheriff or the Sheriff's representative should be answering. And so, I want to be crystal clear, he may have a reason why he's not utilizing those other things. So to be fair to you, that is not your call to make as to where those individuals go. That is not your call to make whether they wear the ankle monitor or not. And so to simply charge that with you or ask you why, that decision does not lie with you for one. For two, I remember, County Manager, at one point we had too many people on ankle monitors. They were being past their amount of time that they were supposed to be on ankle monitors and we had to make a concerted collaborative effort to make sure that they got off the ankle monitors. I remember the conversation from going from 1500 to 1200, and that was part of the

conversation, because when you had people that were still on ankle monitor that had fulfilled everything, that had done everything, but they were still on the monitor past that time, it was affecting their eligibility for employment. And so, I just want to paint a broader brush with this as opposed to saying oh, it's, 70 people on the floor, why are they on the floor? That is not for you to answer, County Manager. If I'm incorrect, I am more than humble to be corrected because Commissioner Thorne just let me know I thought that South Fulton Annex was only for females. She said no, the females are at AC/DC, so all of us can be incorrect or corrected. No one here is perfect and knows all the answers; however, I will be remiss, County Manager, this is not his decision as to why the 70 are on the floor. And so that's a conversation that we need to have with the Sheriff or the Sheriff designee. Also, the ankle monitoring, he is not responsible for the ankle monitor. So I just want to be crystal clear that we're sending the right message and the correct information to the listening public."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not a question for you, Mr. Nawrocki; just a statement. I think it's really unfair to the men and women who work in the courts and the public defender's office and the solicitor general's office, and the DA's office, and the clerk of superior court and the magistrate's court office and the magistrate court, and all of the justice agencies, for us to point a finger at them and say they are not doing their jobs. They are doing their jobs, and I think every single one of those departments, if I -- and I will also stand corrected if I am not right on this, but I believe every single one of those departments did not get all of the funding they asked for from us. I think we have been told again and again in a variety of arenas that we need to work collaboratively with our justice partners to help them address some of these issues and work on improving some of these numbers and these various outcomes, and we have consistently and stubbornly said no, we don't want to work collaboratively. And so, I think it's really misleading to suggest that if they only did more and worked harder, then everything would be solved. That's just not reality. And I think these are not just the elected heads of these departments, but the hundreds of people who work in these departments who work extra hours, who put in the time, who genuinely care about their jobs, and I think, you know, they are our employees, and we owe them more than pointing a finger at them and casting blame. I think they do a fantastic job. They do the best they can with the resources they have. Is everybody perfect? No. But neither are we. And so I think before we cast aspersion so easily at our staff and our employees, we need to look in the mirror and see what we can do as a Board to collaborate."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The blitz. Let's move on."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Thanks, Steve. I think Joe Davis has passed out an updated -- somewhere we had a glitch in our chart where it included last month's, I think. But Joe, if you'll come up."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Good morning, Commissioners. I do apologize for the administrative oversight with the incorrect presentation. We have passed out

one that will reflect what I'll be speaking to here today. So on page 1 of our jail blitz, as we've indicated previously, we've completed ten out of 11 housing units that were scheduled for round one, representing 91 percent completion. We all know that on December the 12th, we had a major fire in housing unit Seven North. We are still in the process of remediating that floor, not only the affected zone, which had major mechanical damage, but also the surrounding zones that had some smoke damage that we have to remediate as well. We are finishing up Three South. We were projecting that it would be done today. It appears that it may be moving to either tomorrow or Friday at the latest. We will be moving to housing unit Six South. We don't know quite yet know exactly when that will begin, and that is because the fire on Seven North has presented some challenges as it relates to resident moves in the facility in terms of classification and available bed space. Next slide, please. If we can move to the next slide. I will continue. Currently, in terms of available bed space, we have 526 beds that are out of service due to either active in the blitz, that would be Three South, the 198 beds that are associated with Seven North where we had the fire, and then Six South where we have roughly 120 beds that are out of service due to extreme damages which will be addressed when we move to those areas as our next phase of the blitz. As I've said before, we are working with the Sheriff's office to develop a plan that would allow us to move inmates off of those floors so that we can begin to work, but we're still in the planning phase for that. Overall, as a jail maintenance performance update: In the month of January, we had 1375 work orders that were submitted. Of that 1375, 1162 were completed, representing 84.5 percent. What we are seeing now is an increase in overall corrective maintenance productivity due to some of our efforts, whether they be procedural and/or additional staff that the county has committed funds for, for the remainder of 2026, so that we can have more work done in shorter periods of time. Out of the 1375 that were submitted in January, 77 were completed in the first week or so of the month of February, bringing our effective completion rate for the month of January to 90.1 percent. We completed a grand total of 1532 work orders in the month of January. That represents not only work orders that were submitted in January but also for previous months. On the preventive maintenance side of the house, we had a grand total of 312 PM's scheduled. We completed 264 for an effective rate of 84.6 percent. As the County Manager referenced, we are seeing our number of open work orders trend downward. We now have 847 work orders that are greater than 30 days. Of those 847, 386 are a part of the upcoming blitz areas, Six North and Six South, which we require to be emptied in order to complete the work. At the bottom of the page, you'll see on the left-hand side, a three-month overview that gives you a snapshot of work orders over time and the completion. And on the bottom right corner, you will see a graphical depiction of our overall work order backlog that has been trending downward since December. And we expected to continue to do so as we onboard more maintenance technicians at the jail. Next slide, please. As you are aware, this Body approved a series of critical repairs and upgrades. The first of which is the fire alarm upgrade, which was the head end of the system. That was completed last August. We are currently in the second phase of that project, which is to address damaged or missing field devices that began in September, and we're on track to complete that work in April of 2026. As you can see padded cells in the South Annex were completed, as well as the kitchen equipment replacement. We did replace two of six new washers at the end of January, at the main jail. We also did replace one at the Union City location

as well. I would like to add that there was a recent laundry fire of one of our dryers at the main jail, and we're working to get that replaced ASAP. And our elevator modernization is currently in evaluation, and we will be coming before this Body in the near future with a recommendation to move forward. Mr. County Manager mentioned the self-contained breathing apparatus that were listed on the last month's emergency report. I wanted to give you an update as to where we are with that. The purchase order has been executed and sent to the vendor. The first order of business was to deliver the supporting equipment. The air compressor that's needed to fill the tanks, the large extra storage tanks that will be used to fill the individual tanks that are worn by the office of the jail staff; the electrical infrastructure will be installed this Friday, and we're expecting by the end of next week the actual units that the Sheriff's office employees will be wearing to arrive on site, so that we can complete that endeavor. Also, I did want -- oh, I did mention the dryer that we're replacing, so that's all my report for today. If you have any questions, please let me know."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you. That's a lot of work that you have accomplished, and it seems to be ongoing. You fix something and then turn around and the next thing is broken again."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "So I just wanted to get some clarification. On the second page with bed availability, what are those pictures of exactly?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "The top picture is a hole. This picture is taken in a pipe chase that is in between cells. That is a cinderblock wall when a resident or residents housed at the cell, on the other side of that wall have essentially tunneled through the concrete into the pipe chase. You see on the bottom left corner, that picture, that's part of the pneumatic tubing system that provides water to the sink and the toilet. In that pipe chase, what you can't see, there's also ductwork and other metal pieces of equipment. So it is the inmates that are trying to get to those items in order to make dangerous weapons and so forth."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. So they're accessing through cinderblock walls to get to the pipe chase to get the materials? It's not like a 'Shawshank Redemption', they're trying to escape or anything, right? They're just trying --"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "-- no."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. So they're trying to get materials. And what are they -- would you happen to know what they're using to go through cinderblock walls? What they have access to, to -- and how long would it take somebody without a jackhammer to get through a cinderblock wall?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "So projecting the time that it takes is really -- that's dependent upon what they have access to. And once one breach occurs, it then breeds others. So once I get into one pipe chase, I'm able to get metal pieces that I can either use myself or distribute to other individuals on the floor, and then those are the items that are used. So it depends on the strength of the item and how much time the inmate has to sit there and work on it, but it certainly is not something that can occur in a couple of hours or even a day."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. So it's a multiple day thing?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "And then I guess on the next slide with the maintenance performance, congratulations on getting your backlog down. But is that also inmate damage trying to get out of the cell, that picture that's illustrated there?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "That is a -- the exterior door leading to the pipe chase that we referenced in the previous slide. You will notice that round cylinder lock, that is a new lock solution that we implemented. We borrowed that from the Clayton County jail facility, and it has been working very well. Unfortunately, now that the residents are no longer able to defeat the lock and open the door, they are taking it upon themselves to -- as you can see, dig around the outside of the doorframe to try to take that a loose and still get into that pipe chase."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. And when you repair you, when you make that repair, were you able to put some type of material that can't be penetrated? Or how -- how do you repair something like that?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "So depending upon the extent of the damage, in most cases, when we see here, it looks like we also have some frame bending and damage. But in this particular case, we would literally take that frame out. We would reset concrete or mortar. Once that is hardened, we then inset the frame back into the wall. There's also some welding that may be involved. But essentially, it's all concrete."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. And we can't put something over that concrete, like some type of metal flashing or something that would maybe harder to penetrate?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "I think it might be possible. But keep in mind, it would have to be an expansive piece of metal, kind of to cover the both vertical sides of the door. And I'm not so sure with what we have seen over time that they still would not simply expand outward further to go behind the metal. So I -- we could look at a solution, and more than happy to do so. I'm not sure how effective it will be without any further research, but we can certainly do that and come back with our opportunities."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I'm just, just curious, because it seems like these inmates have a lot of time to tear up the jail. And we had a dryer fire, you mentioned

that, recently that you're going to replace that a dryer. Do we know what the cause of that fire is yet?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "So the official report from the Atlanta Fire Department that responded was that a rag of some sort, I haven't seen the report, this excerpt was read to me in a meeting yesterday. But that a rag somehow found its way into a vent that, I guess, created excess heat. But I will say this, laundry fires at the jail are not new. We have had them happen both in equipment as well as after items were taken out of the drying equipment and placed in a bin. So typically, in this case, what we found was that these were rags that had been used for possibly sanitation, whereby all the oil and chemicals maybe didn't wash out of them. And that extreme heat from the dryer, 180 degrees to 200 degrees, and they were left in the dryer. What I've been told is that there was a manual shutdown of the dryer, which did not allow the dryer to go down and go to its cool-down phase, and that that's what sparked the fire. But again, the official report, which again, I haven't seen yet, but I was told that it was some rag that got in some vent that caused the problem."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Well, thank you for that."

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Yes, ma'am."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Appreciate it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, anything else?"

JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, D.R.E.A.M.: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. I'm going to ask Mr. Rowicki and Mr. Conley to come up, give you a update on the tax assessment process."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Come on, gentlemen."

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "Good afternoon, Chairman, Vice Chair, and Commissioners. Roderick Conley, Chief Appraiser, Board of Assessors. I will try to attempt to walk you through our current status of our assessment process. As we look at the appeals, our team has processed 99 percent of the appeals from the prior year, and we are currently awaiting scheduling of hearings for the Board of Equalization and/or the Hearing Officers. For deed processing, to date, we have processed a little over 28,000 deeds. And of course, it is due to ensure that we have the correct ownership for the coming tax year. As relates to the parcel creation, to date, we have processed 535 packages, which has affected almost 3500 parcels. Keep in mind, these two stats are moving targets. And so they are subject to change as staff continues to work through the process. Next slide, please. As relates to homesteads, would like to

offer a reminder that April 1st is the deadline for homeowners to file for their homestead exemption. The process, of course, to verify homestead those -- is for those that live in their property as of January the 1st. To date, we -- there has been 1300, a little over 1300 filings, and staff has processed about 50 percent of those. Next slide, please. As you may know, this year, as it relates to the new exemptions for Atlanta Public Schools and also the Fulton County School District, those exemptions will be automatically applied, so there will be no action required from the taxpayers in that regard in a proactive approach for those qualified taxpayers. It may be also good to note that DeKalb County is also an aligned boarder county as it relates to the Atlanta Public School exemption. And in regards to some of our communication efforts, we will continue to one, update our website as needed. And we will continue to do public outreach. There are some town halls -- town hall meetings that we're already scheduled and committed to, and looking forward to those. But we will also continue to work with our internal staff to make sure that they're aware and so they can effectively communicate those expectations to taxpayers. Last but not least, we are preparing to mail out some postcards in the next couple weeks as it relates to these new exemptions for those that will be automatically applied, so they can have some form of confirmation. Next slide, please. As staff continues to work the process in reviewing of their sales, staff has residentially reviewed almost -- over 25,000 residential sales. And then at 90 percent of reviewing those commercial, 2000 sales have been recorded, and they are complete with their review process, analysis process, of those transactions. For permit activity, residentially, about 2100 new construction permits that staff is working on, and they're about 98 percent complete there. With commercial having 191, and they're 100 percent complete with their new construction. And finally, the final assessment, residentially, it's early in the process, and so they're about 10 percent complete there, while commercial is about 60 percent complete with their final valuation process. And I will field any questions that you have."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, questions?"

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "No questions. All right."

RODERICK CONLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER: "Okay, thank you."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "All right, we'll transition. Mike, if you'll help lead the discussion, and then call on Chief Yates or anyone else that you need as it relates to Animal Services. Again, I want to thank this entire group that have worked hard at the transition that we talked about last year from field services, from LifeLine to the Fulton County Police Department. I think that's gone very well. As I said earlier, it's 1300 or so calls for service a month, so it's not a small task. We're tracking the metrics against that. We'll report again on the status of many things. One in particular, I think,

Mike, you can update this, but I believe we're still refining, at least how we do the data pull, where we can ensure that when we communicate with each of our cities that we show on a priority one call, one where it's a dangerous dog, how long did it take us from time of receipt till time of response? But I think we're close on solving that issue. So go ahead, Mike."

MIKE ROWICKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE CSO: "Okay. Mike Rowicki, Strategy and Performance Management Office. Again, I would like to thank all of the partners that we have with the Police Department in Animal Services for all the hard work that we've done over the past several months to get this in place, and proud to report some of the numbers that we have. As you know, with the new contract, we did put in some new KPIs for LifeLine. With that, what we'd like to do is go over a few of those. So first is the KPI for the kennel usage. We did change that KPI from a total animal population to a total kennel usage for the dogs that are in the shelter. So according to our current data, what we actually have is, there are currently 396 dogs in the shelter. With that, we actually have 380 kennels that are in usage. Why the number of kennels that are in use is a little bit lower is because there are some litters of puppies that are in there, so you have multiple dogs in the same count with their mother. You also have some bonded pairs of dogs that actually stay healthier and do better in the shelter if they are kept together as they've been raised together. Currently, there are about 30 kennels that are vacant. That means -- and there is a standard in our contract with LifeLine that they will keep a minimum of nine vacant in case there are any emergencies, any outbreaks, therefore, animals could be isolated if needed. So they're above that number. As you can see from the bottom chart, you can see that the total managed population for the shelter actually has been going down over the past year. With that, again, there are some trends dealing with the time of year, the holidays and stuff that that goes down. We do expect that to go -- start to go back up when it gets to springtime. But we will watch and monitor that closely. Also, we'd like to note that the save rate that is in our contract, which is at an 85, 90 percent save rate, you should have received a press release from External Affairs noting that LifeLine has kept up with an over 90.4 percent save rate for their shelters overall. So again, that KPI has been met for that agency. Next slide, please. What we also wanted to show you guys is that animal intake, again, intake is key for how the number of animals that we're managing are coming in. As you can see, we pretty much have leveled out in terms of the intake. At the end of the last year, for the last quarter, there were just under -- just over 2700 dogs that were coming in to the shelter, and again, staying average. But also, we've had several out -- adoption outcomes that are happening with that. And over the holidays, there is an increase, as people kind of soften up and they open up the houses to some of those dogs or animals that are out there. Last month, for January, we had 502 adoptions. Before that, for the last quarter, it was 641. But as you can see, there is still some intakes are greater than adoptions at times. So again, we always work hard to see what we can do to increase those numbers. But again, population has been

staying pretty steady for us overall. Next slide. Couple things we wanted to update you guys on that we've gotten questions about are some of the projects that we're doing out at the site. First one is the play yard drainage. And I am happy to announce that we actually can confirm, and has been confirmed that the contractors are out there working on the play yards as of today. We're doing some fixes, looking at the soil, looking at the drainage, seeing if this first fix will solve the problem overall. If this does not fix it, then we have a second plan already in place as to what will be done once we can see if this will result in it solving the situation. We're also constructing two new offices near the lobby area for the facility that is actually out. And we are waiting on the final purchase orders to be established, and then that work with those quotes will start shortly. Also with the consolidations with the Police Department for field services, we've looked at that. We've decided that it'd be to our benefit to actually have those all in one location. So we are looking to actually put a trailer on the site. We will locate all the field services in that trailer so they can be co-located with the management, and then they will actually -- so that should be done shortly. And we've gotten a quote for some of that we're finalizing in case we have to go out for any other bids. And we'll work on getting that done in the next few months. The other big item that we've had a request on is there's also been storage issues at the facility. So what we've done is we have started the process to get some Conex storage containers from our old site actually moved to the new shelter. We're going to put in a concrete slab, move those over, and that actually work should start in the next 30 days or so. So again, we're moving along in some of those facility updates, getting those pushed along to address any concerns that are out at the site. Next slide, please. As mentioned by the County Manager, field services, is one of those things that we did change in the contract. And we are proud and happy to say that that is going very well. The work is been moving along. I believe that they have hired about 13 or 14 of the vacant positions that they have, and they're still working to fill all the rest of the vacant positions that they have. Currently, for this year, for the month of January, there has been about 1300 calls, again, very busy with those calls coming in. Last quarter is -- was about 4,120 calls. Again, so they're averaging about that 1300 calls per month. You can see the trend line on those items as to how those calls are going. The next slide. So one of the items that we were trying to do, and will get this corrected in the next report, is report on the priority response times for all the cities. One of the items that we did look at with some of the process changes with how the Police Department is actually responding calls and how the data is actually coming in to our CAD systems. There's a couple changes we have to do in the program in order to pull up those numbers correctly. We work with 911, talk to them about the issues. We're working with a vendor to make sure we pull the data correctly. But what's happened is that once a call from a police department actually then gets reassigned to a higher priority, it may be a priority six, seven or eight, but then it might get a priority one, two or three, which actually brings it up, it doesn't get reset to that higher priority which shortens the time. And that call stays as that priority one, but it

looks like it's been held longer than what it should. So we're doing a little bit of reprogramming. We'll get that up to the Board and to all the cities by next month, so their program will all be in place. But want to just let you guys know that it does look like they are meeting times. We just need to get the reporting corrected. Next slide. One of the items -- let me, I'm going to step back for a minute. Also wanted to let you guys know about with Field Services, we've had some court holds that we've talked about in the past. And one of the things I did want to highlight is, we have been working with the court holds. Those court hold dogs are actually going down currently. We have been working with, the Police Department has been working with the Solicitor's Office very closely in order to process some of those cases, get them moved up on calendars. And I'd also like to actually issue a special thank you to the Magistrate Court, Judge Kirk. She has really worked hard with us to actually get cases heard, setting special schedules for us to get those heard. She's made the extra effort with us to do the things, so therefore those animals don't go into a hold pattern, and they can actually be released for adoption if that is what's needed. Animal Welfare Board, one of the issues and one of the recommendations that we want to come back to the Board with is we want to consider and recommend that we would actually change the code, working with County Attorney's Office, for the Animal Welfare Board. Currently, the Animal Welfare Board does hear dangerous dog hearings. There have been some expressed concerns in some -- by some board members and also by staff that we aren't getting the quorum sometimes where hearings can be heard. So that makes it hard to get those hearings heard. There's also representation that may be needed. There are some dog owners that are coming with their own attorneys, and if the County Attorney's Office has to represent the Animal Welfare Board, but then the Police Department doesn't have their own attorney to represent them, there's kind of a conflict of interest as to who the County Attorney's Office may be representing. So if we change the code and take those dangerous dog hearings out of the Animal Welfare Board, they would go back to the Probate Court. There are about three or four that may be heard in a year on average. So it is a large number that will be increased, but that will eliminate that conflict of interest, make sure that we have adequate coverage, and then nothing gets held up as a dangerous dog needs to be dealt with by the Welfare Board. And then those things can all be handled quicker, easier, and those, again, those cases don't get put on hold or don't go back into the court system. So that would be our recommendation, and that therefore, the Animal Welfare Board would be focused on public input, hearing some of the information concerns, and also out there for fundraising, for activities for the Animal Shelter. Okay, next slide. And that is, we'll take any questions you guys have on Animal Services."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Well, I -- I had unfortunately, and I was saddened to see that my -- and the one that was the appointee for my district, she resigned, and she said some of the concerns that she had was based on what you said that some of the lack of having a quorum. And so I would encourage all my colleagues as well as

myself, I'm actually vetting some people now to appoint someone to the Welfare Board, the Animal Welfare Board, because I have an appreciation that you all have changed the policy of it. But when you have boards and people don't show up, it does affect especially when they don't have a quorum. And so County Attorney, I'm assuming that you all are working on that, the new policy, to make sure that we separate it. And I think we'll -- we'll go forward. But I'm just letting my colleagues know, we would appreciate everyone if you don't have someone on there, to please appoint someone as soon as possible. So thank you for that. Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you so much for this report. I want to say that I'm -- this is so helpful for when constituents call and want to understand the metrics around our center and around the board and around the numbers and the cases and everything. And I remember last year that I put this resolution forward with the support of my colleagues to have you read this information out during this presentation. And so I'm just so happy that that passed and that you're doing it because I can take this presentation and use it as a tool for my constituents who call in my district covering a lot of Atlanta, a lot of concerns about animal control, and you've given me a tool now to be able to take and give to my constituents. So when I ask, you know, you guys, or any other department to provide me like basic information, it's because it becomes such a wonderful tool of transparency. So I also want to thank EMS. We've all met before to talk about these concerns, and I just wanted to express my appreciation for something that we asked for, that was done, and then now can be used as a tool for constituent information which is exactly what we should be doing as elected officials. So thank you so much for the information. I'm going to be passing it on. Thank you."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. Thank you guys for the report. I will very much look forward to seeing the response time numbers. I think that's going to be super helpful. I know in my district that's been some of the question that they make the calls and then they wait. So I think it'll be really good to be able to see that. I just had a question on the change that you are requesting for around the Animal Welfare Board, and I'm kind of asking you to, sort of like argue against yourself for a second. I just want to make sure I'm not missing anything, because obviously the board was set up the way it is for a reason, and I -- I certainly appreciate that we're struggling when, you know, in situations where we don't have a quorum and -- and that's a problem. But I'm just wondering if there's any disadvantage to sort of moving the hearings away from this appointed Animal Welfare Board to the court. I just don't want to miss anything here and sort of rubber stamp that without understanding the full picture."

MIKE ROWICKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE CSO: "We have discussed some of the pros and cons of this, and we really couldn't see anything that was a major con

against doing the move. This is actually with the Probate Court. That's actually how we actually did it during COVID to get those actually heard. So basically we'd just be moving back to that. The cases actually seem to move quicker at that point in time, going through the Probate Court than they did going through the Animal Welfare Board, do the hearing process there. So again, we think this is the best recommendation that we can come up with at this point in time and moving forward."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And the current members of the Animal Welfare Board seem comfortable with this? I have not spoken to mine yet about this specifically, and I will reach out, but --"

MIKE ROWICKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE CSO: "We have not spoken specifically to each of the members of the well -- Animal Welfare Board. We have heard that there are some people that don't like it. There are some people that do like it in terms of ideas. So again, it would be -- we're going to recommend to this Board at one of our next meetings in March."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. Well, I will -- I will check with my member, and see what she has to say. Thank you."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes, thank you for the update. My board member actually does a very good job of communicating with me. Isa, she's Chair of the board. And I'm glad to see, I mean that was a big complaint to have the play yard drainage and the play yards not available. I'm glad to see that that's happening. Constructions of two new offices, are you just using existing space within the lobby to make these offices, or how -- how does that work?"

MIKE ROWICKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE CSO: "Yes, that will be the existing space within the lobby area, near where the large conference room is at, is where those will be located."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay, and then the trailers for the Field Services staff, is that just going to be a temporary thing until we can expand or allocate or what are your thoughts there?"

MIKE ROWICKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE CSO: "Right now that would stay as a permanent until we would have funds to actually do any expansion into the future, but that may be several years out. The trailer would actually be located near where the barn is actually at, behind the fence line is where we're proposing the site to be."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Thank you, that's all I had."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "And so unless there are any other questions from my colleagues."

COMMISSIONERS: (No response.)

MIKE ROWICKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE CSO: "Okay."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "That completes."

MIKE ROWICKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE CSO: "Again, thank you, guys."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And then Mike, if you'll update everyone on the service delivery strategy that we've talked about."

MIKE ROWICKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE CSO: "Okay. Next slide, please. Again, happy to be here again today, talk to you guys about the strategic plan. We originally had proposed for the strategic plan to actually come back to the Board in March of this year with our last update. We have received some changes that we'd like to note with you, and that will kind of delay how we want to look at and propose that when we would bring this back to you guys. So just recently, we have received notice from the Department of Community Affairs that all the legal issues have been resolved related to the service delivery strategies that we would do with the cities for the services that we provide across the county in conjunctions with those cities. With all of those legal issues being resolved, we can now move forward with the meetings with the city negotiating those terms. And our due date to have this completed, according to the memo that we received, is December 31st, 2026. With that, there are some structured ways that we actually have to deal with the cities, go through several of the meetings. All the cities have to agree with us. Their boards would actually have to approve of these agreements and to the services that would be rendered. We're currently working with the County Attorney's Office, and have a meeting actually scheduled for next week to go over some of the schedules, proposed timelines. So therefore, then in the future, we could brief you guys on what that would look like, timing, when those meetings might occur, and what we'd be looking at in terms of what is -- are all of the legal requirements that we have to meet for that. Again, we need a little extra time. Some of these services changes, if there are any, may affect our strategic plan as we move forward. This will also provide us the opportunity to allow for some public comment, additional public comment, on any type of a draft plan that we'd be looking at. And then, if we do not come to an agreement on that service delivery strategy, according to the memo, there are possible sanctions that could come as of January the 1st, 2027, if that isn't resolved. But again, we'll do everything that we can, and then we will align the strategic plan with any changes, because that could affect, actually our focus areas, what type of

services we might want to focus -- focus on it. And we want to make sure that those are all aligned as we move forward with that plan."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "And Mike, could we just ask the County Attorney if she wants to make any comments. I know she's working on this or has her group working on this already, and we'll be working hand in glove together. So, Ms. County Attorney."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Just wanted to assure you that we are aware of the deadline and the potential for sanctions, and are working backwards to build out our calendar so that all of our milestones will be designed to result in us being able to present a consolidated plan to the state in plenty of time to get certification by the deadline."

MIKE ROWICKI, STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE CSO: "Okay. Can you go two slides, okay. And then we're open for -- so we will bring that back to you guys as a planned sometime in the future, once we finalize the schedule with the County Attorney's office, and then brief you guys either by memo or an update at one of our board meetings in the future on that."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay, thank you for that. I just wanted to, before I let you go, thank you for all the hard work that you do. And county Attorney, we have -- and I'm just asking this for the, you know, listening public, we do have, I would say, internal markers in place to make sure that we're meeting the timeline that we know. Because I know a lot of times your self-imposed timeline is way different from what the state is. You like to have stuff done way beforehand in case there's a hiccup. So I'm -- just want to make sure that we make sure that the listening public knows that we have adjusted or made the adjustments for any particular or perceived problems that may come up."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So thank you, Vice Chair. They -- they -- the deadlines that we're under now is just the December 31st deadline. There are no intermediate deadlines set by the state, because we're in kind of an unusual posture, as we're coming out of a stay that was the result of a case that was up on appeal. But we do understand that there's going to be a lot of necessary coordination, not only internally within our county departments and components, but also with our cities and other jurisdictions that we are going to be jointly submitting the plan with. Each jurisdiction is going -- each governmental entity will have to get separate authorization for the plan. And we all have to go into it in perfect alignment and agreement. That's not going to happen at the last minute, and we can't leave it for that time. Our tentative self-imposed target is September, to try to have something that is a ready to put forward, just to give enough time for all of the jurisdictions to meet, vet, and agree. And then we probably will have to come back to the table with our cities, you know, on a number of occasions,

just to smooth out any wrinkles in the plan, since we all have to go into our submittal jointly."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you. As you always do, I know you keep this Board informed, and you all are transparent, and I appreciate that. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. Just, I know we talked about this in the past, Madam County Attorney, but just a reminder, the service delivery strategy is one document that encompasses everything in all 15 cities agree? Or is it each -- each entity is a separate document?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So I was not here the last time it was negotiated. And we haven't started our very, very detailed meetings with all of the forms in front of us. But as I understand it, it's going to be a joint plan that is submitted by all of our cities within the county boundaries."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay, so it sort of turns into one big plan --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "It's going to be a comprehend --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "-- which to move all of those entities together is quite a task so --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "-- so that's why we want to -- we want to overestimate the time it's going to take, rather than underestimate."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah. And then Mr. County Manager, a question for you, and this might be kind of for later, but you mentioned when you were giving your summary at the very beginning about sort of the purpose of these service delivery agreements, and that essentially, and I think the general public probably doesn't know what these are about. But essentially, it's saying, you know, in certain, you know, the city does fire, and we don't, or they do policing, we don't, or whatever the various things might be in terms of who does what to serve our constituents. And you mentioned, maybe as a throwaway, the healthcare issue, and I'm just wondering if there is, because I feel like that's one that's come up quite a bit, especially in light of the two hospital closures and all our efforts to try to get more healthcare up and going in -- in South Fulton County, in South Atlanta. So I'm just wondering if there's anything new that we anticipate, or any language that we are thinking about putting in there to be very clear about who does what when it comes to hospitals and healthcare and all of that."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, ma'am. I may refer to Dr. Roshell. I don't know of any disagreement. But Dr. Roshell, let me let you comment on that."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "Thank you, County Manager. I would respond by saying that healthcare is a constitutional mandate. So that falls outside of the scope of SDS. So we already have a governing document to dictate what the county's role is as it relates to healthcare."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "So I get that, and that makes sense, and thank you for that reminder. I think my question maybe and concern is that, you know, it may just be a coordination effort on our part, if -- because we certainly want everybody to contribute to improving the healthcare landscape in any way that they can, but where we don't step on each other's toes, you know, if the city wants to, you know, invest in a clinic or something and we're -- we'd already made a plan to do one, one block away or something. I -- you know, I'm just sort of speaking hypothetically here. But I just didn't know if -- because it's been such a hot-button issue. If there's anything we specifically need to put in our service delivery strategies to make it clear who does what? That's all I'm asking."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "We certainly can raise that question during the negotiations and discussions."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "And as I said, this may be more of a conversation for down the road as those conversations happen. I just wanted -- it was just in my mind, because it's been coming up, it -- you know, not to open up a huge can of worms here, but it's been coming up as part of the discussion around the neighborhood reinvestment initiative that the Mayor has in terms of hospitals. So I -- it's just in my head, and I just wanted to make sure we were all on the same page about it, so thanks."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "All right, thank you."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Thank you, Mike. As you recall in the last meeting, we had a robust discussion, I think, around warming centers. And Dr. Roshell, I appreciate her taking the lead on this. to articulate, and actually, I think, with a great deal of detail, what our standard operating procedure is today. If you choose to make it a policy that's certainly in your purview to do, and then, as I said at the outset, then we've got this service delivery strategy that's in the offing. So it's offered up today for, I think, discussion again. Dr. Roshell has done a terrific job of putting all this together. So Dr. Roshell, I'll turn it over to you."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "Thank you, Dick. Good afternoon. Again, today's discussion is just to provide a draft policy in response to questions that the Board raised at the last meeting. And while this discussion, or the previous discussion, specifically focused on warming centers, this draft does include cooling centers to provide a

consistent and comprehensive framework for extreme weather response. This draft is structured to apply during a declared emergency to ensure alignment with established county emergency management activation thresholds. And this draft, again, is offered seeking your direction and consideration today. It's intended to provide some additional clarity. It's intended to promote consistency, and it's also intended to ensure we have a common understanding moving forward. Next slide. The draft policy has three core principles. The first is alignment with the county's existing emergency management structure, intergovernmental coordination with municipalities, clear roles and documented decision making during declared emergencies. And the goal, again, is clarity and consistency in how we coordinate these efforts. Next slide. First, the policy aligns with the county's existing Emergency Management framework. Emergency Management provides countywide coordination, situational awareness, and resource support during declared emergencies. Municipalities retain authority over operational decisions within their jurisdictions, including the operation of warming and cooling centers. Again, this framework reflects how our current County Emergency Management is functioning. Next slide. Second, the draft policy establishes a verification and coordination process to ensure accurate understanding of service coverage and Emergency Management would, and does today, verify municipal and partner response status. They also coordinate with our partners. We want to place greater emphasis on coordination with community service program grantees and the Continuum of Care partners. Emergency Management will also assist, and they do currently assist with assessing service accessibility and logistics issues and documenting findings. The policy affirms that municipalities retain operational authority unless county involvement is formally authorized. If verified gaps exist and coordinate -- and conditions warrant, staff may elevate recommendations for operational involvement subject to leadership authority. This allows the county to respond within needed -- when needed while maintaining defined roles. Next slide, please. The policy authorizes the development of a -- or formalizes our SOPs, our standard operating -- standard operating procedures. This SOP does the following: Verification checklists and a gap analysis process, escalation protocols, documentation requirements. And the SOP would remain operational in nature and adaptable as conditions evolve. And finally, under this framework, Emergency Management would brief leadership during declared events, implementation would be reviewed periodically, and after major weather events and updates would be recommended to the Board. In summary, this draft clarifies when and how coordination occurs within the existing Emergency Management structure, promotes consistency, and ensures shared understanding moving forward. This policy draft is presented for your direction. Happy to answer questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Thank you. This looks like a good plan or at least a good starting point. I certainly may want to take a closer look at it. I think this

will serve the 15 cities. What about the remaining unincorporated area? How will that be treated? Will we treat ourselves as the city in the remaining unincorporated area?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. So then we would have a direct role and responsibility in the unincorporated, remaining unincorporated area of Fulton County?"

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "Yes, sir, we can include that for clarity in the draft."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay. I just want to make sure because I mean that, otherwise that's a big gap that we're already missing, right? And so yes, we have 15 cities, yes, the cities can be primarily responsible. But in the unincorporated area, I think we have to take that on, that responsibility on because there is no city to pass that responsibility to."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "Thank you, Commissioner Arrington, we will include that --"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Or even maybe coordinate with Atlanta or South Fulton in that area, right? But somehow we have to -- that has to be part of our plan, right? And whether we take it on directly or coordinate with South Fulton or Atlanta, frankly, we probably need to be working at the Capitol as part of our legislative plan to have that point nine-tenths either in City of South or in city of Atlanta. But that's a separate topic."

DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, COO: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "But you know, I'll stop there, because I think that I've made my point."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "I just want to say that it warms my heart, no pun intended, that we came with a problem, we voiced it, the concern about it with everybody, and then a solution. And that's government working at its best. It doesn't mean we should have done it before. It just means we found out about the gap, and now we're trying to fill it. And so Dr. Roshell and County Manager, I want to say thank you so much. Are you okay, Bridget? I want to thank you so much for paying attention to listening to what everybody has to say about the need for a policy. The Mayors of the 15 cities will be so grateful to know that this is something we're doing on an operational level, and that there is leadership, you know, behind making sure that there is something in place. So I just wanted to say thank you for that, because on that day when I had no answer, we now have an answer. And we will be able to do something much better when we have these severe weather emergencies next year, hopefully no more this year. But -- or we

may have some heating we have yet to get into the hot season. But I just wanted to express that gratitude, because this exactly what government should be doing. And I thank you for that."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "In regards to Arrington, what is the population of the unincorporated, unincorporated area? Does anybody know what our population is there?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Less than 1,000, it's about 850."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "850, so it's equivalent to probably an HOA neighborhood. And maybe we -- I mean, we're -- we're talking about going into a service agreement with the other cities. So you're wanting a service agreement with ourselves, I guess is what you're asking for."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No, I actually even mentioned that we could even coordinate with Atlanta or South Fulton to have them cover it. And certainly, the service delivery would be a great place to do it."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yeah, because I know even in North Fulton, they have indirect agreements with the neighboring county, with Cobb County, with Cherokee County, with Gwinnett and Forsyth to -- in the event if they had an extreme weather event, they coordinate with outside counties. So I don't know if that's truly necessary. But I want to make a point. In North Fulton where this warming center drama came up, there was no problem. There was a few handful of people that didn't even know that we don't provide warming centers tried to create a problem, tried to create a concern. There was no gap. I talked to all the cities in North Fulton. They had a plan to shelter their unsheltered. But Commissioner Ivory came up, talked to a City Council person that had been a City Council person for two weeks. She created an issue when there was no issue. The Mayors got it in North Fulton. They had a plan. They knew what to do. Yes, could they provide hotel rooms for every single homeless person? No, that wasn't their plan. It's great that we have individuals that were out there that were trying to help the homeless, and they're out there this very minute still trying to help the homeless in the area. I just came from a veterans' breakfast where a homeless veteran is no longer homeless because Vet Buds has wrapped around services around him. He no longer has to take his scooter, and this man is about 6'5", to work at Walmart, because they provided him a car. In North Fulton we have a community, a community-based model. And I'm thankful that we're continuing with our existing policy that the cities decide how they will take care of their unsheltered, whether it is a warming center, whether it is using their nonprofits in their churches. I was just last week visiting Sandy Springs at their new Police Public Safety building. They have a beautiful facility there

with a beautiful community room that they can turn in 24/7, whether it's for cold, whether it's for heat, whether it's somebody who just doesn't want to say outside because it's raining, they would take them in, in their Public Service Community Room. They can provide beds, they have showers, they always have cots that are available, and they always have food in the Police Department. So no, there was no gap, period, in North Fulton. Our Mayors, our cities in North Fulton have a plan. And to have a Commissioner that comes from the city of Atlanta up to North Fulton and decides that there's a gap is not justified. I appreciate if that Commissioner who didn't go out and count the homeless, who did not go out and bundle up to go count the homeless that night, to meet the homeless in their community, I wish they would not sit here and disparage North Fulton and saying that they didn't have a plan. Thank you, Dr. Roshell, I appreciate you having a formal written policy that will be placed in our service agreement so that we can educate the new City Council Members and that belong in North Fulton. I'd love to have it written out now so that I can go and show people if we do get this approved. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman. Commissioner Thorne, tell us how you really feel. Don't hold back. What I would like to do is thank you all, County Manager and staff, because there was a certain amount of redundancy in this, because you all were already doing this. And I thank you. Thank you, Commissioner Arrington, before the -- the questions that you had, because as a sitting elected official, you should have the right to call on those that may have an answer. I didn't see anything wrong with that. What I saw wrong was, a lie don't care who tell it. A lie don't care who tell it. All of that up there that you have put in that nice black-and-white form for everybody to see, does the listening public know that the Diversion Center was open to house individuals that were cold? We didn't need anything written on paper for that. We didn't need to get on the -- the campaign stop and say, open the Diversion Center. The decision was made by those who we have entrusted to. And so while I would say to -- I am glad to see this in place, there was never, and I was sitting when that particular Commissioner lied to the audience about, oh, those no warming centers. There's not enough warming centers. Fulton County is not doing enough. A lie don't care who tell it. You all are already doing this. Commissioner Arrington has every right, Chairman, to call the County Manager with a concern and everybody on this Board. But to sit up and disparage this whole Board and to disparage our county staff that works long after we go home. You all take calls in the middle of the night. How do I know? Because I've been one of those people that has made them. And so even though I do appreciate this being in black and white, the six years that I have been here, you already have been doing this. Please continue to do the great work that you all have already been doing. And I'm glad for clarity. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you so much to the real Commissioners of Fulton County. So I wanted to just correct that there were 31 homeless people taken off the street in North Fulton by community folks, because on the night that the account was happening, there was no warming center there to take them to that was in proximity. There was transportation, but they were closing at 6:00 o'clock. So if we're going talk about lies, being lies, being lies, let's talk about the real truths, and make sure that the real Commissioners of Fulton County are being kept to the truth of what we were talking about. So that is the truth, and you can keep on going, Bridget, if you would like to. But I thank that the citizens and Mr. Thompson, who was able to verify and ask the last time he was here that there be some policy put in place. And I'm grateful that we are putting in place. And I'm grateful that we will have a road to actually follow on how to do that the next time. And you can keep going back and forth with me, if you want to, and call it whatever it is you want to. The public knows what is going on here, and the theatrics are laughable, actually embarrassing. You can just take a look at it for yourself. But there is going to be a day where this kind of reality show activity will no longer be taking the place on this Commission. So if you have something more to say about it, I'd be glad to talk to you after we go to a break about it. Or we could just keep going back and forth like this. But this real Commissioners of Fulton County behavior is embarrassing to constituents and embarrassing to be acting this way as elected officials. So go ahead, put your hand on the button, because I know you can't wait --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Point of order."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "-- to get the --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Point of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's your point --"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "You are the point of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne -- not Thorne, Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Ivory."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What's your point of order, Vice Chair?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "The point -- the -- you, Chairman, are to reside over this. We don't need one Commissioner telling another Commissioner to put their finger on the button and all of that. If you're going to have comments, have comments. And

you can be respectful. We can disagree without being disagreeable or disrespectful. Point of order, sir. I will be calling a decorum charge if it happens again."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Please."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Call it twice."

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Thank you. Yes, there were community folks, and I was involved with them, trying to help them as best I could, if they -- to see what the county could do. They went out and tried to find the homeless. They were out there in the point in time. Many came up from Mansell and were dropped off. They came up from Atlanta. They tried to find them shelter. They were instructed by the cities that they can call their nonemergency line at any time, and a police fire station would come and pick those individuals up and take them to the nonprofit or the church or wherever. They did not -- these 31 individuals went out -- they went out on their own to try to find homeless. They sent out emails, they went -- they knew places from the point in time where homeless tend to go, which is a parking garage in Alpharetta, down by the park on the river, where there's a warm bathroom. And they went and got those people. They put out flyers to try to find those people. And yes, they were helpful, but it wasn't a crisis. The cities had a plan on what to do with those people, whether it was giving them a hotel voucher. If they were a single woman, they weren't going to put them with a single man in the same room, or building. Our fire, emergency, and police in all the cities had a plan to take the unsheltered. I want to stress, there was no gap. There was no gap. And I have talked to all the Mayors. I have talked to Fire Police Chief. I spent a good solid week researching what the cities were doing and what the plan they had. And if they were overwhelmed, some of them sent them to Cherokee County to Woodstock First Baptist Church that had a greater capacity, but it wasn't needed. Mountain Park advertised that they were open. I called the Mayor at 11:00 p.m. to see if they were open. They designed their shelter mainly for power outages, if people had power outages, if they had a place to go. But they said they'd be willing to take anybody in, even if it was somebody who didn't live in their community. So I resent the fact that another Commissioner would say that my cities are not doing a good job with their unsheltered."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. Next piece of this, Mr. Manager."

DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER: "Yes, sir. I think unless there are questions about the contracts, emergency purchase orders, or any of the financial summaries, that concludes our report."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you, sir. I got a request for lunch. It's 1:29."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes, sir."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "You know, we were kind enough to let the Development Authority kind of have their time. We've got folks -- can we at least take the Health and Human Services items? We have folks in Community Development, Public Works and Senior Services been sitting here. Can we at least take these up?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk. That's on page 10, Health and Human Services."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay. On page 10, **26-0096**, Request approval to renew an existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,002,791.54 to provide housing rehabilitation services."

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0097**, Public Works request approval and adoption of revisions and updates to the Fulton County standard detail specifications and Pump Station Manual with regards to water and wastewater infrastructure."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Thorne."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0098**, Senior Services request approval of a recommended proposal in the amount not to exceed \$669,600 to provide food service management services for the five senior multipurpose facilities and three training centers."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Arrington, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah. I just want to echo for the food services thing. We need to get some more healthy options. I know our originally proposed Arden's Garden, which is right there next to the Bowden Center. But just giving our seniors sodas and all of that syrup is -- should not be -- we should not be doing that. We should at least give them some options. I guess maybe, if that's what they want, they've earned the right to drink a Coca-Cola. My mama loves Coca-Cola. She's going to drink a Coca-Cola no matter what. But Arden's Garden is right there next door. They throw stuff away every day because it's about to go bad. It's no reason that we can't have healthy, healthier options for our seniors in our senior centers."

LADISA ONYILIOGWU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES: "Good afternoon, Ladisa Onyiliogwu, Senior Services Director. I agree, Commissioner Arrington. We do survey seniors and ask what their preference is. We do know what the latest research is showing about sugar and how it's affecting seniors' health, cognitive impairments as well. So we are exploring the option of adjusting the beverages that we serve. So with this, if approved by the Board, we'll have conversations with a vendor to figure out what other healthier options can be brought. Our team is very interested in that, and there is a trend among seniors to eat better and consume more healthier options."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yeah. Those -- you know, that Yoga I is real good, it's a whole bunch of other ones. But again, really, the goal is, there should be healthier options available, available for our seniors to consume."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. The motion on the floor is to approve. Let's vote."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. 1:29, I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch, may take up items of -- in Executive Session, real estate, litigation and personnel. Motion to do so by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

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

Recessed for Executive Session at 1:29 p.m.

Resumed Regular Session at 2:47 p.m.

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam Clerk."

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 10, Commissioners' Action Items, **26-0063**, Request approval of resolution of --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute. Just a minute, we have one item from Executive Session, right --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- Madam County Attorney?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Yes, one action item. Thank you. Is there a motion to approve the request for appointment of outside counsel and to provide representation in item 3 of the Executive Session agenda?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Commissioner Thorne. Is there a second? Seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. Vote, please."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioners, please, please."

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

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

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

CLERK GRIER: "Bottom of page 10, Commissioners' Action Items, **26-0063**, Request approval of a resolution affirming the protection of constitutional rights at Fulton County facilities and limiting ICE enforcement activities sponsored by Commissioner Arrington."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a motion? Motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory. Is there a second? Is there a second? Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "This is yours."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. All right, Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, you have the floor."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Commissioner Arrington, I do want to support this. I got two concerns, and they not really concerns, because some of the things I think that we're doing already. However, I'm going to ask to hold this again so my concerns can be addressed with you and our Chief of Police. I want to put in a motion to hold this if that's okay with you."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "No, that's fine. I'm willing to take any recommendations. I just don't want to see any Fulton County residents get killed by ICE --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Exactly, I'm on the same page with you on that."

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

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Let's vote, please. Madam Clerk."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0099**, Request approval of a resolution to reallocate at least 2 percent of the fiscal year 2026 budget toward affordable housing, homelessness prevention programs and wraparound services to direct the County Manager or his designee to propose a similar budget allocation in subsequent fiscal years; and for other purposes sponsored by commissioners Ivory and Barrett."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Is there a motion? Motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Ivory, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. This resolution dedicates at least 2 percent of the FY2026 budget, which amounts to about \$20 million to housing stability and wraparound services. Setting this percentage now ensures funding is available when programs and partnerships need it. Chairman, I keep hearing your consistent concern that some of our agreements include language stating as long as funds are available. This proposal ensures we never have to go back to our municipal partners and say funds are not available. By setting a guaranteed baseline, we can enter and maintain agreements with certainty and credibility. This does not increase the overall budget. This does set a floor. At least 2 percent of existing funds must be directed toward housing stability and related services. If our current programs already meet these criteria, then those investments would count towards the 2 percent. So anything we already have would go towards that. My goal is merely just alignment and consistency, not expansion. Last meeting, we spoke at length about warming centers, and we spoke about -- we spoke about that again today and prepared -- preparedness means resources are in place before a crisis requires them. Housing instability drives demand across multiple county systems, court backlogs, the jail population as well as health and human services. So stabilizing housing reduces repeated crisis response and actually ends up lowering long-term public costs. So I wanted just to be able to express to you the policy logic, which is that if we are serious about improving outcomes in health, justice and human services, then housing stability must be funded as a core strategy, rather than addressed only when the funds remain."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thanks, Mr. Chair. I do -- I do find it somewhat disingenuous that the one Commissioner who's been pushing, Commissioner Mo taxes, who's been pushing Mo taxes on us for quite some time, the kind of thing that's going to further drive housing instability, proposes this."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "What?"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So, you know --"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "That doesn't make any sense."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "No, it does. It does."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So, it does."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Please, please."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "It does. So an individual who wants to raise taxes 14 percent, and they'll say, okay, well, we'll throw you little 2 percent, then we'll associate that to affordable housing, while exacerbating the affordable housing price problem by increasing rents, et cetera, who we heard from citizens who came down from us when we discussion -- discussing what -- how we were going to set our millage rate back in the summer months. Furthermore, this county is providing about 100 million in this category in our general fund budget stuff already, well in excess of the 2 percent when we look at what we do through just health services, behavioral health services, community development, the Board of Health. That's not even getting to the things that we do within the scope of senior services. On top of that, I think we've got another item that's coming before us, you know, that will -- that's about allocating a certain portion of these funds. But over \$57 million of Fulton County taxpayer money is going to mechanisms for affordable housing right now. And we've been doing that for a long time. So I just find this to be generally -- it's number one, it's not needed, because we're doing it already. And number two, it's disingenuous coming from a person who is seeking to drive -- making -- make the affordable housing problem worse by double-digits increases in property taxes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "So I got a -- so I got a substitute motion to deny."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Of course, you do."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just -- just a minute. Substitute motion to deny. Is there a second on the substitute motion --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion on the -- substitute motion to deny. Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Okay. So let's just clear the record --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "On the motion to deny."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: I'm sorry?

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Oh, yes, so I don't agree with that substitute motion to deny. What I said in here was that this is a floor that at least 2 percent of existing funds would go towards housing stability and permanent supportive housing services, and that if current programs already met this criteria, then the investments would count towards the 2 percent. So that is what I said. And let's be completely clear about your context of just raising taxes, okay? I do not just raise taxes for the sake of saying, let's just raise taxes. Our conversations have been that if we don't have the requisite amount of money in our budget to provide the services that our constituents need, then that would need to be a consideration, as the County Manager proposed in this 2026 budget. So let's just talk about real facts while you're pontificating, Commissioner Ellis, about what my positions have been on these cases. I continue to be a huge supporter of --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Point of order."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "-- supportive housing, and I continue to --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Point of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "You are a point of order."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Point of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Please. What's your point of order, Vice Chair?"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Please speak to the motion that's on the floor --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right, motion --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- which is to deny."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- on the floor is to deny."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Yes, the motion to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Deny."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "I'm speaking to the motion --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "To deny."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "-- to deny, which I think -- I do not agree with that motion to deny. I'd like to move forward with up or down vote. A motion to deny just allows the opportunity not to ever vote on anything that I bring forward, which we have seen this used in multiple, multiple cases. It is a false motion, not qualified --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Point of order. Point of order."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "I'm talking about the motion to deny."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "The motion to deny is not a codified rule in our Fulton County procedures, nor is it in Robert's Rules of Order, but it can -- order. But it continues to be allowed to be used in this form to just basically cut a Commissioner that has a resolution off at the knees. I understand it, it's clever. You have the four votes --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "I am talking to --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Can you please tell her to --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Vice Chair, please."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "-- take her point of order and --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Point of order."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "You already --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "To what is on the floor --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- at this time."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "We do not change the rules because --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- a Commissioner does not want to follow them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioners, please. The motion on the floor is to deny."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "And I have the floor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Another word for deny is adverse."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Now, please speak to that."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you. So I'm speaking --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "And turn this down."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Yes. I'm against that point of order. I'm -- that -- no, I'm definitely against the point of order. Definitely not in support of the motion to deny on a matter that speaks to our partnerships in the area of unhoused citizens and supportive services. I understand that others, the majority on this Board is not in support of these things. And so I do not agree with this motion to deny. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion on the floor --"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- is to deny. Let's vote, please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0100**, Request approval of a resolution increasing the amount of the stipend paid to each member of the Fulton County Board of Equalization from \$100 per day to \$150 per day; and for other purposes sponsored by Chairman Pitts and Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Arrington, followed by Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I guess I want to be included as a sponsor this. I was the one that originally brought this last year as part of the budget, and I actually

increased -- asked for it to go to 200, but said I had spoken with the Clerk and got it to 150. And that she -- she was fine with 150. So I think the money had already been included in the budget. So please add me as a sponsor on this, as I was the first one to bring this to the Board."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We discussed this a couple of years ago, when -- when someone has -- and I said, when I sponsor something, I work on it and my name is on it, I'm not going to add people's names on the floor just because they want to be -- get credit for passing it. However, in this case, put everybody's name on here, whether they asked to be on here or not. Chiefs of Staff, Assistants, everybody."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Okay, yeah, because I can go back and pull the tape. I had -- I did this last --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Everybody."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- October, November, after they came in here, asking, begging for a raise."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We got it. Even if they don't want to be on here, add them. Seven Commissioners, Chiefs of Staff, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, add everybody."

CLERK GRIER: "So noted."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Let's vote. Commissioner Ellis, you want be heard on this? Oh, I'm sorry, Ivory, you were first."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "All right, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion on the floor is to approve."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Yeah, thank you, Chairman. I do hear you. But Commissioner Arrington did bring this forward multiple times. It was voted down multiple times by the four majority. It's an important measure -- measure. I'm glad to support it again. I'm glad for you to add everybody on. But you could have added yourself on when Commissioner Arrington presented it. But we -- this is the current majority, advancing something they previously opposed, and now presenting it as -- presenting it as their own. We've seen this before, and we'll see it again. So I just want to be clear that that's what this is, and I'm glad that you're saying we could all have been on it, but this could have been done many months ago."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just for the record, probably a year and a half ago, the BOE members came in my office and had -- I told them, we'll get this done. It'll take a while to get it done. So it's before even thought about it. So, you know, I don't publicize what

I'm doing. Now, it's done, everybody's name on it, so everybody be happy. You want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I would like to be on it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I want you -- yeah."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I do not need to be heard."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah, it's -- just put Barrett on here. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Put the Custodian."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Everybody."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Mr. Chair."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Mr. Manager, you want to be on it? Commissioner Ellis, you have the floor."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "I just had a really generally, fair -- I hope it's a pretty simple question. We approved a budget and this, these amounts and the funds were in it. And we -- this was a point of discussion within it. Why is the resolution necessary? Why wasn't this done already?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Great question."

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "It's -- may I speak to that? It's my understanding that the funding is already in the Clerk's budget, but that by statute, in order to raise the daily rate, the Board of Commissioners needs to take an action by resolution."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Okay, thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's vote, please."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Next item."

CLERK GRIER: "On page 11, **26-0101**, Request approval of a resolution to support affordable housing in partnership with Cosmopolitan AME Church, Good Place, and Collaborative Housing Solutions by approving a grant from funds previously set aside to aid in the construction of a 70-unit new construction multifamily development in Vine

City that includes 63 affordable units and seven market rate units; and for other purposes sponsored by Commissioners Barrett and Ivory."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion to approve by Commissioner Barrett, seconded by Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Thorne, you have the floor. Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I just wanted to make a motion to hold because there is no documentation provided to us until yesterday afternoon. I was on my way to a 2:00 o'clock meeting when I got the information. It sounds like a wonderful project. The people that were down here today, I haven't had time to really, really vet it, and I also, I think it's responsible for the community to see it on our agenda on Friday and be able to look at it and make comments on it, one way or the other as well. So I make a motion to hold just for that. I think it is a good project. I think it probably will get approved, but I would just like to have the opportunity for the whole public to see it and then make comment."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Substitute motion to hold by Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman. The motion on the floor is to hold. Commissioner Arrington, Commissioner Barrett, Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "So I'm supportive of this, either today or when it's held or when it comes back. The only question that I have is kind of the same thing that I asked about the Development Authority earlier. You know, what are the mechanisms for enforcement? Because you get approved here, then it gets sold to some other company. Do they still have to maintain the 63 affordable units? And so, frankly, without some type of declaration of protective covenants, like used in a community association or a HOA, then I don't know that there's any -- to me, that's the only way to maintain the enforcement of the 63 affordable units. But I'm happy to support this. I just want to make sure that -- that we're getting what we asked for, and that, you know, I think the church is going to use it for affordable housing, right? I don't think there's any question there. But then what happens if they sell it, right? And then does that buyer still have to maintain the 63 affordable units? And so that, that's really my only -- that's my only concern, but I'm happy to support this method today or in the future."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Motion on the floor is to hold."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I understand. I do believe Commissioner Arrington that, and I'm happy to provide more documentation on the background of the actual

documents, but there is a 30-year affordability that's built in that can't be undone. And so I can provide more detail on that if anybody wants to see it, I'm happy to share that. And I will say, I, you know, I certainly appreciate that the public may want to read this and comment on it. But you know, I do also not -- I'm struggling because I really want this project to go forward for this community, and I don't want them to lose any more time getting this done, or lose their federal and their LIHTC funding and have to recreate applications and things of that nature. And I'm -- there -- this is a budget-neutral ask. The money is already sitting in the Invest Atlanta tax increment. There's no effect on our budget here. There's no other use for this money until 2038, and it's not earning interest sitting there. I would just love to see us move forward, but if the will of the Board is to hold, then that's fine."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And Commissioner Barrett, I agree completely with your thoughts. This is in my district, it's badly needed, and I would like for it not to be delayed any further in with the risk of losing any other funding that is attached to it, especially since it is a budget-neutral ask today, we're not asking for any money that hasn't already been set aside. So I would hope that one person in the four-majority block here could agree to move forward with this so that this project can move forward without any more delays. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I do think some of the -- I do think the remarks that Commissioner Thorne made were valid, and just from every item should generally follow kind of the same procedure and protocol, right? And so with this particular item as the agenda was published on Friday, there were no -- there was no resolution associated with it. We had a similar one at our prior meeting, an item that Commissioner Arrington brought forward, and he held it because there was no resolution for any of us to look at. Got this yesterday, and only thing we got was the resolution itself. You know, presuming this project has been in the works for quite some time, and that there other considerable amounts of documentation that exist around it. And you're bringing this as our representative on Invest Atlanta, correct? So I'm somewhat at a loss as to why all of those documents wouldn't have been made available to us when the agenda came out on Friday if this was so important to get through today. So you know, it's -- and you know, try to frame it, you know, then it's sort of hanging it, oh, everybody else is -- hanging everybody out to dry, and things are potentially going to lose is, you know, lose something is disingenuous. So you know, I tried to listen to, you know, the comments that were -- came down here today to try to fill in some of the gaps for me that I have just for questions that I couldn't even gain from looking at the material that we were provided. And that's the wrong way, certainly, to go about doing things and making decisions on how taxpayer funds are going to be spent."

So you know, I think the points are valid that Commissioner Thorne raised in order to have the item held. And I think, Commissioner Barrett, you know, I'm, generally, I'm in - - I'm in support of, you know, the project as it's described. But I certainly would have liked to had an opportunity to delve into it, and just to make sure that I've done my full due diligence on it, and you know, I'm on board with it. I mean, clearly it's, you know, much more in the line of affordable housing related stuff related to TAD funding, then the 600 million or something that they've got going into the Gulch project with zero affordable housing. So you know, it certainly meets that kind of test. But you know, we just had very limited detail here in order to kind of look at something and make a decision around."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Commissioner --"

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "And if you would care to address that and kind of provide some more detail on the specifics of the project and some of the protectionary measures that are put in place, the income levels that this is targeting, the size of these units, the number of people involved, that would be, I think, a helpful context for all of us."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett. Motion on the floor is to hold."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to be really clear. I was not saying your request, Commissioner Thorne, was not valid. It's completely valid. And if I may have given that impression, I apologize, because that was not my intention. And I will also apologize for not getting the resolution to you all faster. That is on me. I was busy, and I did my best, and it was a little bit more delayed than I expected, so I apologize for that. I am happy to share all of that data and information. Just on background here, the way that these had always been approved since 2018, my understanding is, watching previous board meetings with Commissioner Morris bringing this forward when he was the representative, and up until last year I when I was bringing these forward, these were usually one line item in a paragraph of the whole bunch of other projects for the Westside TAD with no additional detail. The folks from Invest Atlanta would be here to answer some questions if anybody had any. But there was a reliance on the member of our Body who sat on that board to have vetted this. The Invest Atlanta board has already approved it, and it was, you know, it was essentially a procedural vote that we took on a regular basis to just move these projects forward. So this is a little bit of a new way of doing this. And I really didn't know what the interest level was and having how much detail everybody wanted. But I am -- it exists, and I am more than happy to provide it. So given everybody's discussion today, I'm more than happy to just go ahead and hold it, and I will provide all of that information and bring it back next week. So as far as I'm concerned, we can hold it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to hold. Commissioner Thorne, you still want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes. I wanted to thank Commissioner Barrett for apologizing. There's no need to apologize. But also, I spoke with Sherry, who came down here as one of the developers, and she said they need this before October. So it's -- that's why was like, I don't -- it's not a time constraint. I think we can hold it two -- for two weeks. They're not going to lose out in funding in the two weeks."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Can I respond to that just quickly? I hear you. And I agree, they're not going to lose anything unless they don't get it done before that date, October date this year. But if they get it done, they can start, is the -- is the urgency. So but it's fine to hold it, and I've heard everybody's complaints, and I'm happy to oblige."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Let's vote, please."

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

CLERK GRIER: "**26-0102**, Commissioners' Full-Board Appointments, Fulton County Arts Council, Chairman Pitts has nominated Melissa Adams for a Full-Board appointment to serve as Chairperson to an unexpired term ending December 31st, 2026."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman, seconded by Commissioner Thorne. Commissioner Ivory, Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did get a chance to -- thank you forwarding her resume and for inform -- asking -- is she here? No. Ask -- she told me that she was coming, but she might not. Yeah, yeah, she not here, but that's fine. She did call, and I appreciated that conversation. I would only say that member -- the Interim Chair as well as members of the Fulton County Arts Council did not know about this agenda item, and did begin texting me when the agenda came out to say that they wish they would have known that there was going to be a new Chair appointment on the agenda, had an opportunity to know who she is. The exact words were, as, you know, I and others in the community were quite surprised to see this on the agenda today. So I would just hope that -- I'm sure it's going to pass. And you -- her resume was impressive. I don't know what her arts, full arts background is. But I would just hope that she, if she's listening, would make sure to take the time to speak with the other members of the Arts Council, especially the outgoing Interim Chair and others, so that

they can feel comfortable about knowing who their new Arts Chair is, because it seemed like it was somewhat of a surprise to them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I don't have much to say. I was just going to say that the -- I'll just say ditto. I got the same text messages, and you know, I don't know how often other Council Members are informed when there is a new appointment. So but, you know, communication is always key, right? And certainly, I was glad to receive that information, but probably just would have been good, good measure to send it to the existing or to the Interim Chair, Vice Chair who's serving as the Interim Chair, just to have -- give them the same heads up that we got."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The -- Commissioner Thorne, you want to be heard?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes. I hope the Arts follow our meetings, and I hope they saw our agenda when it came out on Friday, and I reached out to Melissa to meet with her personally. I'm excited about the energy she has and enthusiasm she has. She wanted to be down here. I told her she didn't have to be down here, but she -- she thought she'd come down here just to introduce herself. So I'm excited for the Art Board. I think it's going to be -- she's going to be great. She's going to be a great addition to complement them. And I look forward to seeing what they're going to do in the future."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to approve."

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

CLERK GRIER: "County Manager's Presentation and Discussion Items, **26-0103**, External Affairs Presentation, 2026 State Legislative Session Update."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have a --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, Mr. Chairman, we're going to keep it snappy. We'll hit the highlights, and then -- sorry, I'm getting old I can't both read the screen and my notes at the same time. We'll keep it brief and hit the highlights, and then we can take any questions. Next slide, please. So here on the budget, just want -- wanted to note that this is now incorrect in terms of the funding for the State Housing Trust. This has been reduced to 25 million; is that correct? And then 15 of that is specifically earmarked or set aside for veteran, homeless veteran housing. This is still in negotiation. It is not final yet. But it -- we did want to make you aware that that's been reduced. Jasmine, anything to add on that?"

JASMINE CAMPBELL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "That was passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee this morning, so the Senate still has to take a floor vote that'll likely be tomorrow. The next step will be for the House and the Senate to come together in a conference committee. So we do expect for that amount to change again during the conference committee."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Jasmine. Next slide, please. Next slide. Just wanted to let you know we don't really have a specific update, but just want to make you aware that we are in continued conversation about the two proposals for adding additional resources for Superior Court. I expect we'll have a more detailed update at the next meeting. Next slide, please. Wanted to let you know here on the state support for behavioral health, actually, I think this went back to the budget side. The Senate also added funding for a state mental health hospital. So we are -- that's very promising. As you know, that's been an issue with Georgia Regional having insufficient resources, so we're keeping that -- a close eye on that. Again, this is really just about expansion of diversion services. So I'm going to move on to the next one, please. Next slide. Thank you. NextGen 911, this is seeing some positive traction. This is a very high priority for ACCG, so continuing to move forward with this. Jasmine, anything to add on that?"

JASMINE CAMPBELL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "This constitutional amendment would be on the ballot this November. But the enabling legislation that describes how the funds will be allocated to all the counties, they're not expecting that to come into the next legislative session. But the amendment right now is moving through the House."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you. Next. Family Justice Centers, this Bill was introduced last week. It had a hearing today in the House, a number of supporters. And so this has bipartisan support. Georgia prosecutors, counsel, Grady and other partners testified on behalf of this Bill. So we do expect it moving. We are happy to see it moving in a positive direction. Next slide, please. This is really the big kahuna. And I already see a typo in the first line. It's House Bill 1116, this is the Bill that is really looking at a very significant change in property taxes, and specifically, by 2032 seeks to eliminate property taxes on homesteaded properties. So there, as I said, as we said here in the slide, that equates to about \$235 million in revenue for Fulton County. However, the Bill does have some mitigation strategies for alternate revenue, meaning sales tax, meaning special assessments that can be collected on mandated services. So it's a bit more complex than just a simple wipeout of that revenue stream. This is why it's taking us a little bit of time to produce a very accurate and detailed fact sheet about Fulton County. But that is very much in progress. ACCG is still negotiating this position -- their position. They had a Policy Council meeting yesterday. They're in discussion with the Bill sponsors. There's also -- just want to point out, as you're all very much aware, that this affects schools and cities

just as much as it does counties. So it's something that all forms of local government, it has had a couple of hearings so far, at least one -- two, yeah, they, yesterday, ACCG and GMA testified. And they'll be another hearing coming up. So we'll -- we're continuing to track this. The Bill has also changed since it was first introduced, so we're continuing to track that. But this is a very important piece of legislation. Also, just want to note, and I think this is in here too, that this is on the House side, the Senate has proposed some very significant income tax reform changes. I'm sure you've been reading about those in our reports and in the news. It's not clear if both of these will pass in their separate streams that there'll be a negotiation at the end. One affects the state more than local governments. But these are just, you know, again, continuing to move forward. So we'll continue to provide you with updates. Next slide. House Bill 1240, I've had a few questions about this. This Bill related to TADs and really about the renewal of TADs. It was introduced by Representative Martin who his district includes the city of Alpharetta, although many people only think of TADs in Atlanta, there are TADs in other cities, including Alpharetta. And so we are tracking this. It had a hearing, there was no vote taken at this time, but we are monitoring this legislation. Next slide. As I mentioned, I won't go into this in detail. But Senate Bill 477 is the major income tax reform legislation, so we're tracking that. Again, this has no direct impact on Fulton County government revenue. But as each chamber has a different tax reform proposal, we're just kind of tracking these in tandem. Next slide, please. Won't really go into these in detail. Next slide. Next, please. Thank you. MARTA, this is the one-cent sales tax. Wanted to note that in the -- in House Bill 1116, there's some very complex language around sales taxes. The MARTA tax was exempted from that cap, which is very interesting to note. But their one-cent sales tax has been referred to House Transportation. I don't think we have an update yet on that. Next slide. We're also tracking the Election Bills. There have been many Bills introduced, hearings that have been scheduled, but maybe not all happening. We -- we're hearing that an Omnibus Election Bill is likely, so we're continuing to monitor that. Jasmine, I don't know if you have anything to add on that. Okay, so we're -- these have not been scheduled. Next slide. This is one request from our Youth Commissioners. They have Bill that they have taken a position in support of. And there is Youth Commissioner Day at the Capitol coming up. So they did ask if this Board would consider taking a position on this Bill. Just let us know if you'd like to do that, Mr. Chairman. This is House Bill 1009. And we can circulate that to you in advance. Next slide. So just really quickly, Crossover Day is coming up on March 6th. That will be after your next meeting, and then Sine Die on April 2nd. Our delegation continues to meet. They've heard from a few departments, and we'll continue to provide updates to you. Let us know if you have any questions."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I would be supportive of the Youth Commission Bill. They passed or actually one of our Youth Commissioners with Scott Hilton, passed it for the K through eighth grade. And there seems to be a lot of positive feedback from it, from teachers as well as students."

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

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "You know, students saying, hey, when I go to lunch, I actually have to talk to people. And it's great, you know, everybody's just not on their phone. So I would think in high school it would be, I know it'd be hard for -- harder for high school students, but I think it'll be a great thing in the end. So I just wanted to mention that I support that. And then the Tax Allocation District Bill, it says, you don't know exactly what's going to come out of it yet, what the limitations might be and the renewal policies?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "It's really related to kind of a cap of the percentage of digest that can be -- there's an existing cap for new TADs. This would also apply that essentially to renewals. Jasmine, I don't know if there's anything else to add."

JASMINE CAMPBELL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes. That cap is 10 percent. And so right now, Representative Martin feels like the current law already expresses that it applies to renewals. But the different cities that have TADS are taking different interpretations of it, so he's just trying to make it codified that if you do a renewal for the TADs, then the same 10 percent has to apply. And there was a hearing yesterday. There's going to be another hearing next week with a vote expected. The city of Atlanta did testify, and they said they were going to meet with Representative Martin, so there may be a substitute. But right now, that was the purpose, just to make sure that it's clear that the 10 percent cap applies when you renew the TAD as well."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Is it 10 percent for on TAD, or is it 10 percent aggregate for all the TADs in a -- in a jurisdiction?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Aggregate."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "I'm totally in support of the policy as written, as Commissioner Thorne said, for the use of personal electronic devices. I would just ask if you could encourage them to extend that to law school students, because I have that - colleges and law schools have the same exact problem as K through eight with students being on their phones and not focusing on the work. I jest when I say that, but

I am, as a law professor and as an educator, I'm in full support of getting the phones out of the educational environment. So thank you for working on that."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Thank you, Commissioner. As a mom of a high school student whose school did a pilot, a lockdown of phones last year, it's gone very well. I did want to ask if you all would like to consider taking a vote in support of that or if you'd prefer to do that at another time."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'd like to read it."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Okay, understood."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Without reading it, I'm in support also."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Sure."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "But I would like to read it. I was jumping in the queue just to ask about the TAD Bill again, on the -- you mentioned Alpharetta has TADs as well. Are they at their limit? Is that where this is coming from? Do we know what the motivation is here?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "I can't say with -- I mean, as Jasmine just stated, the Bill sponsor who represents a city that has a TAD, expressed more of a, I guess, a comment about interpretation. I haven't done that analysis, but we could certainly look at that, and --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Yeah, I'd certainly like to know what the motivation was --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Sure."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "If the -- if they're concerned that, you know, somehow in Alpharetta that, you know, they're going to go over the 10 percent on a renewal, I just -- I'm just curious where it was coming from."

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Sure."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ellis."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah. I just would want to offer my support for the House Bill 10092. While I guess we all would like to potentially maybe read it, Crossover Day is --"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "The 6th."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "The 6th. So we -- ad we next meet on?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "On the 1st."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "The 1st?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Or, is that right? 4th, I'm sorry, excuse me."

COMMISSIONER ELLIS: "Yeah, I -- whatever, I'm fine taking a vote on today. Whatever, whatever the will of the Board is."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. That's it?"

JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: "Yes, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. There were a couple of items from -- is that all of the regular agenda?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. We had a couple of items on the consent agenda."

CLERK GRIER: "On page -- bottom of page 3, **26-0074**, Fulton County Reparations Task Force, Commissioner Ivory has nominated Karcheik Sims-Alvarado for a district reappointment to a term ending December 31st, 2026."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. You have motion to approve by Commissioner Ivory, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to speak specifically to Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, who has been the Chair of this Reparations Task Force from, I believe, almost its inception. She text me when she saw that this was even an issue when this meeting began, and could not understand how anybody would not support her reappointment on this task force, because she is actually the author of the report. There will be no report if she is not on this task force. And this is her work of years of dedication, volunteer dedication, on this board, and she was quite concerned, actually upset, that there would be any move to not reappoint her so that she could finish her report, present it to the Commission, and have us see the years of work that she has put into this. So I'm not sure why there would be any opposition, even if I am not going to be here, to the wonderful work that Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado has put into this task force, and that I hope that the Commissioners on this Board will recognize her work and see it as valid and allow her to continue her service so that she can bring this report to fruition, which she is almost completed and ready to present. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Arrington."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Yes, so Professor Alvarado, Sims-Alvarado is a Morehouse history professor, and I think that, you know, to some extent my understanding is she will continue to serve unless and until there is a replacement. So I think she'll be on there anyway, whether she's reappointed or not. So I want to assure her that, you know, that, you know, the fact that this was taken off of the consent agenda is not indicative of anything that she has done or her history, you know. We're all excited about the work that she has done leading as Chair, and even more so leading the research for this historic harm study that the Reparations Task Force has developed. So you know, I, you know, I think I spoke about this earlier, anything that's on the consent agenda, if anybody objects, it automatically comes off. That's just our long-standing rule. But I'm happy to support her reappointment now or in the future."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Thorne."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, you --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'm sorry. Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "You -- the reason I -- and here again, this being taken off the consent agenda, does not speak to the wonderful work that she has done. She has done wonderful work. I expect that she will continue to do wonderful work. Commissioner Arrington and I are working on what we need to do in the next phase to make sure they continue that work, because it's an action by this Board that has to be done in order for them to finish what they're doing. And so to say that if we do not put her back on there today the work won't be done, is not only disingenuous, it's a lie, and it's a lie that don't care who tells it. The reason I -- because I am the person that pulled these off. Commissioner Ivory has been here for a year. She's in her second year. All of the individuals that I pulled off, theirs ended effective the end of 2025. These individuals can continue to work in their capacity until a new Commissioner decides one, to reappoint them or to bring in their own. Now, when I spoke up when Commissioner Hall was leaving and reappointed, and I said that the incoming Commissioner whoever it is, should be able to do it, that it would be unfair, Commissioner Ivory had no problem with it then."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "I wasn't here then."

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

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "She had no problem with it because it benefited her."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "I wasn't there --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory, please."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "I have floor. I have the floor."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory, please, please."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "You can get it later."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "You benefited from it."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "The lies, the lies, the lies --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Ivory, please. Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Lies."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, can I finish?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Yes."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, I didn't know you was a woman. When did you change? Oh, my bad. Chairman Pitts, can I finish?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You have the floor, Vice Chair."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Thank you, Chairman Pitts. The point that I'm making, I made before, and it benefited a sitting Commissioner. I'm making the point again. These individuals can sit in their role and still do the job until the newly-elected Commissioner can reappoint them or appoint someone else. That is only fair, and this is why I pulled it off. So I will not be supporting this today. And I will ask that it be held."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Substitute motion to hold."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Substitute motion to hold."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Is there a second?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "I'll second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Substitute motion to hold. So the motion on the floor now is to hold. Commissioner Thorne, you want to be heard on the substitute motion to hold?"

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Yes. I kind of want to back up, because there was precedent that had been set in the past. It was actually before I became a

Commissioner. My -- the person who seat I was fulfilling tried to appoint somebody on a board right before she was leaving, and you guys said that that was not fair. The new incoming Commissioner should make that appointment. And so you -- you held off on that. You didn't allow her to appoint. I ended up appointing the same person anyway, so it was kind of moot, but there is precedent, and I think we need consistency. And for that, that's why I don't think we should approve these appointments, because anyway, it's moot. They'll continue to serve until a new Commissioner comes on any way. And I can't foresee when the new election will be. It'll probably be in November, and they'll term will be up in a month anyway. And honestly, as a new Commissioner, the last thing I did was look a board appointments when I first came on. It should -- yeah, oh, special -- okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Just a minute, y'all."

COMMISSIONER THORNE: "Okay. Well, whenever it should be that they'll -- they'll continue to serve in their place. All the appointments will just continue to serve with or without a renewal."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Commissioner Barrett."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to -- first of all, I certainly understand the precedent of not wanting to have people drop in a bunch of nominees right before they leave. You know, I wasn't here for the -- you know, obviously when that happened before Commissioner Thorne took her seat. And I know we've all certainly had nominees that we inherited, that we would have liked to have had a different situation. But that said, I think given in particular, Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado and her role on the Reparations Task Force, I personally just want to speak on her behalf and say what an incredible job she has done. And I will vote to support especially because this is only through the year. It doesn't feel like it's a four-year term that somebody is being, you know, saddled with, or something, some -- whoever is in the District 4 seat. So personally, I don't -- I feel comfortable supporting this regardless of who the nominee is. So I certainly understand everybody's position. But I think it would -- it would be, I think it would be a vote of confidence for the two members, in particular on the Reparations Task Force that Commissioner Ivory is reappointing because they're not new people, they are reappointments. And while yes, they can continue, I just think the vote of confidence of supporting them would be -- would be a good thing to do. So I will support it, but if it's the will of the Board to hold, then so be it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to hold. So let me -- let me address the legislative intent here. And at -- we pass legislation to prevent situations like this, similar situations, not identical to the situation, but to prevent outgoing Commissioners from making last-minute appointments. That was approved

unanimously, if I remember correctly. And Madam County Attorney, you may want to -- can you -- do you recall what's the law on the -- on our books right now?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "So I think the last time this came up was 2024, where a Commissioner was trying to -- was proposing to put someone in office whose term would began the day after that Commissioner's term ended. So the intent of the statute, the case law, our ordinances, is to, I believe, have the Commissioner appoint for a term that coincides with theirs. In this instance, that's technically not applicable because, because Commissioner Ivory is a current sitting Commissioner, and the term would begin before the end of her service. But I think there's an argument to be made that the intent and the spirit of that law is implicated."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "That's what it was at the time. And I think we had -- or did the same thing with, I think it was Commissioner Hausmann at the time --"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "It was."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "-- who attempted to appoint someone. So I mean, we were criticized --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, I'm in a queue after Commissioner Barrett."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I'll come back. Go ahead. So that's the -- legislative intent to prevent situations like this. No disrespect for -- for the professor at all. And I have a solution. Go ahead."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "I just had a quick question, because I wasn't here for the, you know, thing with Commissioner Hausmann and all of that. How --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Well, I was."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Sure. And I don't -- I don't think it's wrong. I'm just -- I'm just -- I'm just not sure. My question, I guess is, how far back does it go?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "What do you mean?"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Like, in other words, let's say somebody gets elected and says that they're running -- only going to be here for one term. Does that mean for the entire time that they're here, they don't get to -- I -- I'm just -- is it now? Like, I mean, I'm not running for my seat again. Does that mean I can't appoint anybody the rest of the year? Is that what that means? I just want to -- I just -- for clarity sake, because I won't bother if -- I mean, I would like to reappoint some of my folks to continue to serve this year, but I'm not running again --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "-- so I don't know."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "In fact, listen, I think to that point, I think it was six -- was it six -- Arrington, you were here. Was it 60 days or six months?"

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I don't recall."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I don't recall. I'd have to look at it."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yeah."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "I don't recall."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "But there was -- to your point, there was a -- within, I think it was 60 days or six months."

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Okay. Well, I'd love some clarity on that for my own situation, if someone could provide that. But back to you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Madam County Attorney, can you pull it up? Well, let's dispose of it. If you -- well --"

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, I'm in a queue."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. Well, let's get the answer."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Commissioner Barrett, are you finished? I don't want -- okay. Attorney, County Attorney, if we take no action on this today, will this person be able to sit in that role until the end of their -- until the end of the year?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "For the Reparations Task Force, the individual may serve as a holdover member until the appointment of their successor."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay. Will that apply to any other Commissioner appointee that Commissioner Ivory has that they, will, they will hold over until a new or either be reappointed?"

Y. SOO JO, COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Most boards do have that provision, but it really depends on the board. For Reparations Task Force, I'm looking at the legislation now, and it says that the member holds over until the successor is appointed."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "And so the reason, Chairman, that I am bringing this forward has nothing to do with politics. It has to do with fairness. If we do it one time, we need to continue to do it. We can't, as a Board, decide arbitrarily when we're going

to do something and not do something. And so to your concern, Commissioner Barrett, Commissioner Barrett you will be here to December --"

COMMISSIONER BARRETT: "Right."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "-- of 2026. Commissioner Ivory will not. That is the difference to me. And so I want it held in order for more discussion and for the fairness of what we have done in the past, Chairman, and the reason why. It has nothing do with Commissioner Ivory. It has nothing to do with the appointees. I did the same thing before she got in. I did the same thing when we had it to come up in another thing that people said that they felt like the short window. This person will not take office in 2027. This person will take office in 2026 in a special election. And so having said that, I would -- I would want to hold this for the clarification and for what Commissioner Barrett asked as well."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. The motion on the floor is to hold. Commissioner Ivory."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for explaining the distinction, County Attorney, that it does not necessarily apply in this case. And this isn't last minute. It's still February. Her term just expired in December, and that's why I'm doing this. I haven't nominated people for all of my vacancies. This is very specific to Professor Sims-Alvarado, and also just a matter, I definitely don't -- was not trying to get around any sort of appointments or a practice that has come from of resolution. But to honor her request to be formally appointed so that she could finish her report and she could move on into her next term on the Reparations Task Force. Thank you."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. The motion on the floor is to hold. We can vote up -- I'm going to vote to hold it, but let me tell you what I'm going to do. We can't change our rules and regulations as we see fit. They're here for a purpose, and I'm certain that it was within 60 days of the office becoming vacant. It would be prohibited from making -- making appointments to boards, commissions, authorities, et cetera, so this would fall into that category. However, all due respect to Professor Sims -- is it Sims-Alvarado? I know her, know her work. This is what I'm going to do. I don't know when her replacement is going to come. I have a vacancy. I'm going to appoint her myself at some point when this period runs out. So that'll solve it first of all, and first and foremost, she can continue to serve until the replacement. But we don't know when that's going to happen. In the meantime, I will appoint her to a vacant position that I have."

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "Awesome."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "We're going to vote on the motion to hold."

CLERK GRIER: "And the vote is open on the motion to hold. And the motion fails; three yeas, three nays."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay. We have one more?"

CLERK GRIER: "We have two more. On page 4, **26-0075**. Oh, okay, we had an original motion in."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Mr. Chair, point of order."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Yes."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "Why don't we just hold all these? We about to lose a quorum, and all of these people --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I agree."

COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.: "-- will continue to serve --"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Any objections? All right, no objections."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Motion to hold all of them."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All of them."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Motion for them to be taken as one vote to hold all of them. Is that -- Clerk, is that proper?"

CLERK GRIER: "Yes."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "It's proper."

CLERK GRIER: "Well, we just need to punch it in, please, and we need a second."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Second."

CLERK GRIER: "Put in the second."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Chairman, are you seconding?"

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "I did."

VICE CHAIR ABDUR-RAHMAN: "Okay."

CLERK GRIER: "Okay."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "You want to be heard, Commissioner Ivory?"

COMMISSIONER IVORY: "No."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Okay."

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

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "All right. Any other matters to come before us?"

CLERK GRIER: "No further matters, Mr. Chairman."

CHAIRMAN PITTS: "Thank you. We are adjourned."

(There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.)