

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

February 19, 2025  
10:00 AM



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



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## **POST AGENDA MINUTES**

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

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

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recite in unison

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**25-0112 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)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Ivory, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**25-0113 Board of Commissioners**

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

Proclamation recognizing "Reginald Tatum Remembrance Day."  
**(Pitts/Abdur-Rahman)**  
February 8, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Kevin Xiang Zhang Appreciation Day."  
**(Thorne)**  
February 8, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Eagle Scout Avaneesh Jadhav Appreciation Day."  
**(Thorne)**  
February 8, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Anthony "DJ Unk" Platt Remembrance Day."  
**(Arrington)**  
February 8, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Deborah Clark Howard Remembrance Day."  
**(Abdur-Rahman)**  
February 8, 2025

Proclamation recognizing "Dr. Bernard Thompson Remembrance Day."  
**(Abdur-Rahman)**  
February 13, 2025

**Commissioners' District Board Appointments**

**25-0114 Board of Commissioners  
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE  
CONSENT AGENDA)**

Pursuant to House Bill 595 (2015), there shall be seven Fulton County appointed members, with one such member appointed by each member of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County.

Term = Each member of the board of trustees appointed by a member of the board of commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing member of the Board of Commissioners and for the same term as the Commissioner making such appointment.

Term below expired: 12/31/2024  
Beverly Rice (**Abdur-Rahman**)

**Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Beverly Rice for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2028.**

**25-0115 Board of Commissioners  
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE  
CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term below expired: 12/31/2024  
Priscilla Borders (**Hall**)

**Commissioner Ivory nominated Paul Bolster for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2028.**

**25-0116 Board of Commissioners**  
**COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Seven (7) appointees by the Board of Commissioners (one for each District); three (3) appointees from each of the non-profit umbrella agencies, which the County contracts with for aging services; and three (3) senior citizens elected by seniors in the three geographical areas of the County. The terms of such members appointed by the Board of Commissioners shall end at the end of the term of the appointing District Commissioner. Such members may continue to serve beyond his/her term until a successor is appointed.

Term = Shall end at the end of the term of the appointing District Commissioner

Term below expired: 12/31/2024  
 Linda Adams (Hall)

**Commissioner Ivory nominated Linda Adams for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2028.**

**25-0117 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: 12/31/2022  
 Onaje Henderson (Hall)

**Commissioner Ivory nominated Onaje Henderson for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.**

**25-0118 Board of Commissioners  
FULTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE  
CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = 2 years

Term below expired: 12/31/2024  
Gary E. Snyder (**Barrett**)

**Commissioner Barrett nominated Gary E. Snyder for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.**

**25-0119 Board of Commissioners  
FULTON COUNTY VETERANS' EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION, INC.  
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

The Veterans Commission shall have the following members: Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members. Such appointees shall be residents of, or work in Fulton County and shall have military experience or expertise in the areas affecting military veterans. Veterans Commission shall serve three (3) year terms, with such term subject to the discretion of the appointing Commissioner, who can remove a member for cause, otherwise such member may continue to serve beyond his/her term until a successor is appointed.

Term = 3 Years

Term below expired: 12/31/2024  
Patricia Lewis (**Abdur-Rahman**)

**Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Lawrence Reeves for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2027.**

**25-0120 Board of Commissioners  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICERS (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF  
THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Two-year terms pursuant to Section 34-67(a) of the Fulton County Civil Service Act.

Term = 2 Years

**Commissioner Arrington nominated Jana J. Edmondson-Cooper for an appointment to a two-year term.**

**25-0121 Board of Commissioners  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICERS (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF  
THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Two-year terms pursuant to Section 34-67(a) of the Fulton County Civil Service Act.

Term = 2 Years

**Vice-Chairman Ellis nominated Sterling Eaves for a reappointment to a two-year term.**

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

**25-0122 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 (Spelman College),  
Series 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000,000.00 (the "Bonds").  
(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Open & Responsible Government**

**25-0123 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 Piaskey Holdings, LLC, for the purpose of granting Fulton County  
legal access to extend and maintain the sanitary sewer system at 10365 Waters  
Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30022 (the Development). (APPROVED UPON  
ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**25-0124 Real Estate and Asset Management  
Request approval of a Water Easement Dedication of 37,877 square feet to Fulton  
County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, from EA Homes, LP for the  
purpose of constructing the Argosy Park Project at 0 Northpoint Parkway,  
Alpharetta, Georgia 30005. (APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT  
AGENDA)**

**25-0125 Finance  
Ratification of the January 2025 Grants Activity Report. (APPROVED UPON  
ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Arts and Libraries**

**25-0126 Library**

Request approval to increase spending authority - Library, 24SSREQ1339341B-RT, Tablet Stations with EnvisionWare, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,404.24 for the purchase of eight (8) additional Hublet Tablet Stations to be distributed throughout the library system. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**Health and Human Services**

**25-0127 Community Development**

Request approval to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") between Fulton County, as the GA 502 Fulton County Continuum of Care ("CoC") Collaborative Applicant, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), on behalf of the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority ("GHFA"), to implement the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The term is from December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2025. This item is 100% grant funded in the amount of \$72,659.00 (HMIS grant through the DCA). **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**SECOND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**25-0128 Board of Commissioners**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Ivory, to adopt the Second Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by removing item #25-0107 as requested by Commissioner Barrett; and revising item #25-0133. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**25-0129 Clerk to the Commission**

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Second Regular Meeting Minutes, January 29, 2025  
First Regular Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, February 5, 2025

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**25-0130 Board of Commissioners**

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

Proclamation recognizing “Atlanta Jewish Film Festival Appreciation Day.”  
**(Barrett/Ivory/Thorne/Ellis)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****25-0131 Board of Commissioners**

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

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

**5 Speakers: Beverly Williams (Section 8 Housing); Michael Collins (Fulton County Jail); Devin Franklin (Fulton County Jail); J. Wesley Day (Justice/Solicitor Office); L.A. Pink (Justice/Sheriff’s Office)**



**25-0132 Public Works**

Public Hearing for the Fulton County 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update and request for approval to transmit the 2045 Comprehensive Plan for Unincorporated Fulton County to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for their required review. **(APPROVED)**

**PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED**

**1 Speaker: J Wesley Day**

A motion was made by Commissioner 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

**COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS**

**Open & Responsible Government**

**25-0133 County Manager**

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

**25-0134 Finance**

Request approval of a Resolution to Equalize the 2025 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) among all pensioners by providing those retirees who participated in pension plans without automatic adjustments with the same three percent (3%) COLA that is mandated by the formula provided in the 1982 and 1991 DB Plans and their amendments, effective April 1, 2025. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner 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

**25-0135 Finance**

Discussion of the estimated rollback rate to be provided to the Tax Commissioner as required in the provisions of the new State law HB 581. **(DISCUSSED/APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Barrett, to adopt the rate for certification, necessary to provide to the Tax Commissioner, at the current rate of 8.87. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** Arrington

**Did Not Vote:** Abdur-Rahman

**25-0136 Purchasing and Contract Compliance**

Request approval of a termination of contract for the Office of the Tax Commissioner, Electronic Transaction Processing Agreement with Official Payments Corporation for electronic check payment and processing and credit/debit card payment transaction services. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

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

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

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**25-0137 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to utilize cooperative purchasing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, Sourcewell Contract RFP #063022-SES, Commercial Kitchen Equipment with Related Supplies and Services in an amount not to exceed \$241,001.15 with Strategic Equipment, LLC dba TriMark USA, LLC (Albany, GA), for the purchase, delivery and installation of three (3) 80-gallon gas kettles, one (1) roll-in gas oven, and one (1) 2-vat gas fryer with related accessories for the Fulton County Jail. Effective upon BOC approval. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner 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

**COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS**

**25-0107 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution to amend Fulton County's current approved FY2025 budget by approving an increase to the total budget provided to the Department of Arts and Culture by an additional amount of \$1,700,000.00 for the Contracts for Services ("CFS") Program to maintain the current level of services provided in FY2024 and recent years; and for other purposes. **(Barrett/Arrington) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 2/5/25) (REMOVED)**

**ITEM REMOVED AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER BARRETT**

**Commissioners' Full Board Appointments**

**25-0138 Board of Commissioners  
BOARD OF ETHICS (APPROVED)**

Each member selected after the initial terms of office have expired shall serve a term of three (3) years or until the termination of his or her membership in the organization from which he or she was selected. The chair shall serve as chair for the remainder of the calendar year and until a successor is chosen. (See Fulton County Code of Laws, Section 2-80).

Term = 3 years

Term below expired: 2/12/2025

LaTonya Nix Wiley (**Atlanta Airport Chamber of Commerce**)

**The Atlanta Airport Chamber of Commerce recommended LaTonya Nix Wiley for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending February 12, 2028.**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner 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

b. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to call for a breach of decorum against Commissioner Arrington. Without a super majority vote, the motion failed by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** Barrett, Ivory, and Arrington

**COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Open & Responsible Government**

**25-0139 External Affairs  
Presentation: 2025 State Legislative Session Update. (PRESENTED)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**25-0140 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, PERSONNEL AND CYBER SECURITY: Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chairman Ellis, Commissioners: Thorne, Barrett, Ivory; County Manager Dick Anderson; County Attorney Y. Soo Jo; Chief Information Officer Kevin Kerrigan; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier. Commissioners Arrington and Abdur-Rahman were absent.**

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

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Thorne and seconded by Commissioner Ivory, to approve requests for representation in items #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Ivory, to approve item #13, a contract with Superior LLC in the amount of \$793,448.55 annually, for a five year term with annual renewals thereafter, contingent upon BOC budget approval each year, as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.