

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

February 7, 2024  
10:00 AM



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



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## **A G E N D A**

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

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

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recite in unison

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PLEASE SWITCH ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (CELL PHONES, PAGERS, PDAs, ETC.) TO THE SILENT POSITION DURING THIS MEETING TO AVOID INTERRUPTIONS.

IF YOU NEED REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS DUE TO A DISABILITY, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE COMMISSION. FOR TDD/TTY OR GEORGIA RELAY SERVICE ACCESS DIAL 711.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**24-0072 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 Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration.

**24-0073 Board of Commissioners**

Proclamations for Spreading on the Minutes.

Proclamation recognizing “Atlanta Business League Appreciation Day.” **(Hall)**  
January 30, 2024

Proclamation recognizing “Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Eta Lambda Chapter Appreciation Day.” **(Arrington)**  
February 2, 2024

Proclamation recognizing “Gloria Elizabeth Freeman Appreciation Day.”  
**(Abdur-Rahman)**  
February 2, 2024

Proclamation recognizing “Jancy Thorne Reavis Remembrance Day.” **(Ellis)**  
February 3, 2024

**Commissioners' District Board Appointments**

**24-0074 Board of Commissioners**

**ANIMAL WELFARE HEARING BOARD**

The Animal Welfare Hearing Board shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Each Commissioner shall appoint one member to serve for two years. Thereafter, all members may be appointed for an additional term of three years and until their successors are appointed.

Term = 2 Years/3 Years

Term below expired: 12/31/2023  
Karen E. Levy **(Pitts)**

**Chairman Pitts has nominated Karen E. Levy for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2026.**

**24-0075 Board of Commissioners****FULTON-DEKALB HOSPITAL AUTHORITY D/B/A GRADY HEALTH SYSTEM**

Consists of ten (10) trustees (members). The Board of Commissioners of Fulton County appoints seven (7) trustees (members) and the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County appoints three (3). (See Fulton County Code § 13-2-11). The Fulton County Code does not prescribe the method of appointment; however, historically, each Commissioner has appointed one person to serve.

Term = 4 years

Term below expired: 12/31/2023

Alicia M. Ivey (**Arrington**)

**Commissioner Arrington has nominated Alicia Ivey for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2027.**

**24-0076 Board of Commissioners****DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF FULTON COUNTY**

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

Term = 4 years staggered

Term below expires: 5/31/2025

Vacant (**Arrington**)

**Commissioner Arrington has nominated Alvin Kendall to a District appointment to an unexpired term ending May 31, 2025.**

**24-0077 Board of Commissioners****FULTON COUNTY VETERANS' EMPOWERMENT COMMISSION, INC.**

Each Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members.

Term = 3 Years

Term below expires: 12/31/2024

Mike E. Mizell (**District 1**)

**Commissioner Thorne has nominated John Walsh to replace Mike E. Mizell for a District appointment to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2024.**

**Health and Human Services****24-0078 Public Works**

Request approval of a change order less than 10% - Public Works, 17RFP031617K-DJ Progressive Design/Build Services for Big Creek Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Expansion Project Phase 2B in an amount not to exceed of \$759,719.88 with Archer Western-Brown and Caldwell Joint Venture (Atlanta, GA) to cover costs associated with previously approved inclement weather days which will extend the project end date to August 7, 2024 and for additional scope of work changes needed for the safe and efficient operation of the future treatment plant. Effective upon BOC approval.

**Infrastructure and Economic Development****24-0079 Select Fulton**

Request approval of an Amended and Restated Economic Development Services Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia and the Development Authority of Fulton County (DAFC) to ensure efficiency of service delivery and coordination of the County's economic development efforts. Effective upon execution for an initial term of five (5) years and then an automatic renewal period of five (5) additional years.

**Justice and Safety****24-0080 Emergency Management**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services between Fulton County, Georgia and City of Alpharetta for a period of time that shall terminate at 2400 hours on December 31, 2028. The purpose of this Intergovernmental Agreement is to provide vital and necessary animal control services for the County's homeless pets while enforcing the animal control laws of Fulton County in a manner that reflects quality and professionalism.

**24-0081 Emergency Management**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services between Fulton County, Georgia and Union City for a period of time that shall terminate at 2400 hours on December 31, 2028. The purpose of this Intergovernmental Agreement is to provide vital and necessary animal control services for the County's homeless pets while enforcing the animal control laws of Fulton County in a manner that reflects quality and professionalism.

**24-0082 Emergency Management**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services between Fulton County, Georgia and City of South Fulton for a period of time that shall terminate at 2400 hours on December 31, 2028. The purpose of this Intergovernmental Agreement is to provide vital and necessary animal control services for the County's homeless pets while enforcing the animal control laws of Fulton County in a manner that reflects quality and professionalism.

**24-0083 Emergency Management**

Request approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services between Fulton County, Georgia and City of Palmetto for a period of time that shall terminate at 2400 hours on December 31, 2028. The purpose of this Intergovernmental Agreement is to provide vital and necessary animal control services for the County's homeless pets while enforcing the animal control laws of Fulton County in a manner that reflects quality and professionalism.

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA****24-0084 Board of Commissioners**

Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda.

**24-0085 Clerk to the Commission**

Ratification of Minutes.

Regular Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2024

Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, January 24, 2024

**24-0086 Board of Commissioners**

Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates.

Proclamation recognizing "Dementia Awareness Day." (Ellis)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****24-0087 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 Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed sixty (60) minutes at the Recess 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.

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**COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS****Open & Responsible Government****24-0088 County Manager**

Discussion: County Manager Update

**24-0055 Information Technology**

Request approval to award a contract without competition - Department of Information Technology, 19RFP3152019K-DJ, Agenda Management System with Carahsoft Technology Corporation (Reston, VA) in an amount not to exceed \$267,200.35 to provide licenses and professional services required to upgrade the existing agenda management system. Effective upon BOC approval until final acceptance of project deliverables and milestones. **(HELD ON 1/24/24)**

**24-0089 Information Technology**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Fulton County Information Technology Department, 23RFP139160B-EC, Digital Multi-functional Devices and Support Services in an amount not to exceed \$724,581.72 with Standard Office Systems of Atlanta, Inc. (Duluth, GA) to provide maintenance, supplies, support services, and software and associated hardware for all multi-function devices countywide. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2024, with four renewal options.

**24-0060 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a statewide contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, SWC 99999-001-SPD0000183-0006, Police Pursuit and Special Services Vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$611,020.00 with Wade Ford, Inc. (Smyrna, GA), to purchase and deliver sixteen (16) law enforcement/administrative vehicles for the Fulton County District Attorney's Office. This is a one-time procurement. **(HELD ON 1/24/24)**

**24-0090 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of recommended proposals - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 23RFP138765K-CRB, Standby Professional Services for Environmental Engineering and Testing Services in the total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 with (A) Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC (Duluth, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; (B) Nova Engineering & Environmental, LLC (Kennesaw, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, and (C) Oasis Consulting Services (Roswell, GA) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, to provide standby professional services for environmental engineering and testing services. Effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2024, with two renewal options.

**24-0091 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval to renew an existing contract - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, 21RFP127274K-BKJ, Comprehensive Operations and Preventive and Predictive Maintenance Services for the Fulton County Jail and the Jail South Annex in an amount not to exceed \$5,383,820.00 with Johnson Controls, Inc., (Atlanta, GA), to provide comprehensive operations, preventive, and corrective maintenance services. This action exercises the third of four renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective Dates: January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

**Arts and Libraries****24-0092 Library**

Request approval to increase the spending authority, Fulton County Library System, 21RFP0210B-EC, Shelf-Ready Books for Adults, Teens and Children and Lease Books for Adults in the amount not to exceed \$263,888.96 with Baker and Taylor, Inc. to replace damaged books at the Cleveland Avenue Branch Library. Effective upon BOC approval.

**COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS****24-0064 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners directing an external review of the actions and procedures of the Board of Ethics over the past 5 years; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 1/24/24)**

**24-0065 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 (Administration), Article II (Officers and Employees), Division 2 (Code of Ethics) of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances to create a new Code Section 2-80.1 requiring the appointment of an Interim Ethics Hearing Officer where there exists a conflict of interest between the Board of Ethics and any party filing a complaint or any party accused of violating the Code of Ethics; and for other purposes. **(Arrington) (MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 1/24/24)**

**24-0093 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners urging the Georgia General Assembly to support legislation sponsored by the State Senator Donzella James to amend the Official Code of Georgia to lift the ban relating to restrictions on rent regulations by local governments and allow Counties and Municipalities the ability to regulate the rent to be charged for privately owned single-family or multiple-unit residential properties for those residing within the state of Georgia; and for other purposes. **(Hall)**

**24-0094 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget; to amend the Fulton County Code of Laws related to budgetary controls over expenses of Commissioners; and for other purposes. **(Abdur-Rahman)**

**Commissioners' Full Board Appointments****24-0095 Board of Commissioners**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FULTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Trustee position #1 is the Chairman or designee. Trustee positions #2 and #3, members of the Fulton County Commission, shall be designated or elected at a regular January meeting for one (1) year or until their successors have been appointed and qualified. Trustee Positions #4 and #5 are members of the Board of Trustees by virtue of their County position; hence their terms expire when their positions with the County terminate. Trustee Positions #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12 are held for four (4) years, after serving the initial staggered terms prescribed in the enabling Resolution.

Term = 1 Year

Term below expired: 12/31/2023

**Vice Chair Khadijah Abdur-Rahman (Position #2/BOC)**

**Chairman Pitts nominated Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.**



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Term = 4 years

Term = 1 Year

Terms below expired: 12/31/2023

Commissioner Dana Barrett (**Position #1 - Chair/Designee**)

Commissioner Bob Ellis (**Position #3/BOC**)

**Chairman Pitts has nominated Commissioner Barrett for Full Board reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.**

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Term = 4 years

Term = 1 Year

Terms below expired: 12/31/2023

Commissioner Dana Barrett (**Position #1 - Chair/Designee**)

Commissioner Bob Ellis (**Position #3/BOC**)

**Chairman Pitts has nominated Commissioner Ellis for Full Board reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.**

**24-0098 Board of Commissioners**  
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FULTON COUNTY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

Members of the Administrative Committee shall hold office for a term of four (4) years or until their successors have been duly qualified and appointed. Positions 2 & 3 shall be appointed by the BOC at its regular January meeting or as soon as practical. Such members shall hold office for a term of one year.

Term = 4 Years  
Term = 1 Year (Positions 2 & 3)

Term below expired: 12/31/2023  
Vice Chair Khadijah Abdur-Rahman (**Chair/Designee/BOC**)

**Chairman Pitts has nominated Vice Chair Abdur-Rahman for a Full Board reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.**

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

**Open & Responsible Government**

**24-0099 External Affairs**  
Presentation of 2024 State Legislative Session Update.

**Infrastructure and Economic Development**

**24-0100 Select Fulton**  
Presentation: Development Authority of Fulton County Governmental Accounting Standards Board, GASB 77.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**24-0101 Board of Commissioners**  
Executive (**CLOSED**) Sessions regarding litigation (**County Attorney**), real estate (**County Manager**), and personnel (**Pitts**).

**ADJOURNMENT**