

BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING

May 15, 2025

The DeKalb County Board of Education participated in a Board of Education – Board of Commissioners joint meeting, Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Board of Education Chair and Mrs. Michelle Long Spears, Board of Commissioners Presiding Officer called the meeting to order at 11:56am.

In attendance were the following Board of Commissioners: Presiding Officer, Mrs. Michelle Long Spears, Ms. Nicole Massiah, Ms. Chakira Johnson, Mr. Robert Patrick, Mrs. Mereda Davis-Johnson, Mr. Ted Terry and Dr. LaDena Bolton. Ms. Lorraine Cochran-Johnson was absent. Mr. Zach Williams, Chief Operating Officer sat in for Ms. Cochran-Johnson.

In attendance were the following Board of Education Members, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Chair, Mr. Andrew Ziffer, Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Mr. Awet Eyasu. Ms. Allyson Gevertz attended the joint meeting virtually. Superintendent Dr. Devon Q. Horton attended the joint meeting in person.

Also in attendance was Ms. Carolyn Lloyd, Executive Director of Board Operations.

The agenda was followed as outlined.

I. Welcome and Introductions: Presiding Officer, Mrs. Michelle Long Spears
Board Chair, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce
Superintendent, Dr. Devon Q. Horton

II. Purpose and Objectives: Presiding Officer, Mrs. Michelle Long Spears
Board Chair, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce

III. Key Topics of Mutual Concern:

a. Shared Facilities and Infrastructure

1. DeKalb County School District:

Presented by: Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer

2. DeKalb Board of Commissioners

Presented by: Mrs. Michelle Long Spears, Presiding Officer

b. Public Safety and School Security

1. DeKalb County School District:

Presented by: Mr. Tracey Whaley, Chief of Police for DeKalb County School District

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- c. Transportation and Traffic Safety
 - 1. Board of Commissioners:
Presented by: Mr. Zach Williams, Chief Operating Officer
 - 2. Board of Education:
Presented by: Mr. Erick Hofstetter, Chief Operating Officer
- d. Joint Project Funding and Legislative Priorities
 - 1. Board of Education:
Presented by: Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Chair
Mr. Byron Schueneman, Chief Financial Officer
 - 2. Board of Commissioners:
Presented by: Ms. Nicole Massiah
Mr. Zach Williams, Chief Operating Officer

IV. Next Steps and Action Items

- a. Hear policy suggestions from Youth Commission
- b. Food Deserts
- c. Expansion of School to Life readiness options
- d. Working groups within district jurisdictions
- e. Joint meeting in the fall

V. Closing Remarks

Board of Education Chair, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce provided closing remarks.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce adjourned the May 15, 2025,
Board of Education - Board of Commissioners Joint Meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Secretary Ex-Officio

Chair