

CALLED MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE
DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 7, 2025

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Called Meeting and Executive Session, July 7, 2025, in the J. David Williamson Board Room, Robert R. Freeman Administrative Complex located at 1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard, Stone Mountain, GA 30083.

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Chair, convened the meeting at 4:02 p.m. and noted the following were in attendance; Vice Chair, Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Mr. Andrew Ziffer, Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., and Mr. Awet Eyasu.

Also in attendance were Executive Director to Board Operations, Ms. Carolyn Lloyd and General Counsel Attorney, Ms. Melanie Slaton.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

With no objections the DeKalb County Board of Education adopted the agenda for the July 7, 2025 Called Meeting & Executive Session.

ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Pierce called for a motion to adjourn July 7, 2025, called meeting to an executive session for the purpose of discussing permitted matters regarding litigation, land, legal, personnel, and student appeals.

On a motion by Mr. Eyasu, seconded by Ms. McGinniss and with a vote of (7/0), the July 7, 2025 called meeting adjourned to executive session.

ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Pierce called for a motion to adjourn the July 7, 2025 called meeting executive session.

On a motion by Ms. McGinniss, seconded by Mr. Eyasu and a vote of 7/0, the July 7, 2025 executive session adjourned.

APPROVAL OF AN ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce called for a motion to approve the following Action Item(s) which were discussed in executive session.

- a. Agenda Item: Approval to extend Dr. Horton's contract for 1 year thru June 30, 2028.

Motion: Mr. Eyasu

Second: Ms. McGinniss

All in Favor: 6

Opposition by: Hogan, Ph.D.

Motion passed: 6/1

- b. Agenda Item: Approval of salary adjustment for Dr. Horton in the amount of \$360,000 per year, effective July 1, 2025.

Motion: Mr. Ziffer

Second: Ms. Gevertz

All in Favor: 4

Opposition by: Hogan, Ph.D., Mr. DaCosta, Sr., and Mr. Eyasu

Motion passed: 4/3

ADJOURN

Mrs. Pierce asked for any objections to adjourn the July 7, 2025 called meeting.

With no objections, the July 7, 2025, called meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Secretary Ex-Officio

Chair