



MEETING MINUTES

Vision

To prepare students for success as lifelong learners and responsible global citizens

Mission

To promote the academic, social and emotional growth of each student by fostering a safe, supportive and engaging learning environment

Attendance

Voting Members

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair
Mr. Awet Eyasu, Vice Chair
Mr. Andrew Ziffer, Board Member
Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Board Member
Mrs. Deirdre Pierce, Board Member
Tiffany Hogan Ph.D., Board Member
Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr., Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Norman Sauce, Interim Superintendent
Winston Denmark, School Board Attorney

A. CALL TO ORDER

The DeKalb County Board of Education held its Called Meeting and Executive Session, May 15, 2026, in the Cabinet Room, Robert R. Freeman Administrative Complex located at 1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083.

1. Roster

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Chair, convened the meeting at 11:06 a.m. and noted the following were in attendance; Vice Chair, Mr. Awet Eyasu (virtual), Mr. Andrew Ziffer (virtual), Ms. Whitney McGinniss, Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce (virtual), Tiffany Hogan, Ph.D., Mr. Dijon DaCosta (virtual at 12:42 pm), Interim Superintendent, Mr. Norman C. Sauce III and School Board Attorney, Mr. Winston Denmark, attended the called meeting and executive session.

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

With no objections, the DeKalb County Board of Education adopted the agenda for May 15, 2026, Called Meeting & Executive Session.

C. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Contract ~ Spend Limit Increase ~ RFP 24-557 ~ Supplemental Custodial Services ~ KleanPro Facility Services, LLC, Building Maintenance Services, Inc., American Facility Services, Inc. and Pinnacle Maintenance Services Inc., ~ Current Renewal #1 (Not to Exceed \$3,000,000)

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education approve an **increase in the spend limit of RFP 24-557 – Supplemental Custodial Services** for the **current renewal (#1)** period, expiring May 20, 2026, in the **not to exceed amount of \$3,000,000** to:

- KleanPro Facility Services LLC
- Building Maintenance Services, Inc.
- American Facility Services, Inc.
- Pinnacle Maintenance Services Inc.

Motion made by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Motion seconded by: Mr. Andrew Ziffer

Voting results:

Yes: Ms. Allyson Gevertz

Abstain: Mr. Awet Eyasu

Yes: Mr. Andrew Ziffer

Yes: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Yes: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Yes: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D.

Abstain: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Voting Results:

Abstention by: Mr. Awet Eyasu, Vice Chair and Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

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2. Contract Renewal ~ RFP 22-752-012 ~ Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance Services ~ Yellowstone Landscape SE, LLC ~ Renewal #4 of 4 (Not to Exceed \$2,500,000)

Ms. Allyson Gevertz, Board Chair, requested that the DeKalb County Board of Education ("the Board") approve the contract renewal of RFP 22-752-012 for Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance Services to **Yellowstone Landscape SE, LLC**, in the not to exceed amount of **\$2,500,000**.

This is the fourth of four (#4 of 4), one (1) year renewal options, executed as a 6-month renewal option, effective May 20, 2026, through November 19, 2026.

Motion made by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Motion seconded by: Mr. Andrew Ziffer

Voting results:

Yes: Ms. Allyson Gevertz

Abstain: Mr. Awet Eyasu

Yes: Mr. Andrew Ziffer

Yes: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Yes: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

No: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D.

No: Mr. Dijon DaCosta, Sr.

Voting Results:

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

Abstention by: Mr. Awet Eyasu, Vice Chair.

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D. ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:08am, Ms. Allyson Gevertz called for a motion to adjourn May 15, 2026, called meeting to an executive session for the purpose of discussing permitted matters regarding land, legal, litigation, personnel, and student appeals.

Motion made by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Motion seconded by: Tiffany Hogan Ph.D.

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

1. ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Allyson Gevertz called for a motion to adjourn the May 15, 2026, called meeting executive session.

Motion made by: Ms. Whitney McGinniss

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Deirdre Pierce

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

E. ACTION ITEM(S)

1. APPROVAL OF AN ITEM(S) FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

F. ADJOURN

With no objections, Ms. Allyson Gevertz adjourned the May 15, 2026, called meeting and executive session meeting at 12:59 pm.

Voting results: Unanimously Approved