



**GWINNETT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Matthew Holtkamp, District 4

Official

**Business Session Minutes  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - 2:00 PM**

Present: Nicole L. Hendrickson, Kirkland Carden, Ben Ku, Jasper Watkins III, Matthew Holtkamp

**I. Call To Order**

**II. Opening Remarks by Chairwoman**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to Amend Agenda to add VII. New Business, 2025-0091

{Action: Approved Motion: Hendrickson Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

Motion to Approve Amended Agenda

{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**IV. Approval of Minutes:**

- **Work Session:** December 9, 2025
- **Informal Presentation:** December 9, 2025
- **Business Session:** December 9, 2025
- **Public Hearing:** December 9, 2025

{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**V. Announcements:**

- **Special Presentation:** City of Lawrenceville Special Remarks
- **Proclamation:** Recognizing the Atlanta Vibe



Proclamation

# RECOGNIZING THE ATLANTA VIBE

January 6, 2026

WHEREAS, In 2024, the Atlanta Vibe became Gwinnett's first professional women's indoor volleyball team, playing home games at Gas South Arena in Duluth and representing the premier talent of the Pro Volleyball Federation; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of owner Colleen Durham Craig and Head Coach Kayla Banwarth, the Atlanta Vibe launched its inaugural season cultivating a vibrant culture of excellence, energy, and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, The team ignited the sports world with a historic debut on January 24, 2024, when the Atlanta Vibe defeated the Omaha Supernovas in a season opener that shattered national attendance records for women's professional volleyball; and

WHEREAS, The Atlanta Vibe further cemented its legacy as the 2024 regular season champion for the Pro Volleyball Federation, finishing with the most dominant record in the league; and

WHEREAS, The Atlanta Vibe contributes to the county's economic vitality and placemaking by attracting spectators to experience Gwinnett as a premier destination for world-class athletics at the Gas South District; and

WHEREAS, As one of only two fully professional women's sports teams in the region, the Atlanta Vibe provides a powerful platform for its athletes to serve as role models for the next generation, inspiring young girls and women across the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicole Love Hendrickson, on behalf of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize the Atlanta Vibe for the team's incredible achievements. I encourage all residents to join me in celebrating these world-class athletes, coaches, and staff for all they bring to our county.

Chairwoman  
Board of Commissioners  
Gwinnett County, Georgia

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026

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**VI. Consent Agenda**

**A. New Business**

**1. Commissioners**

**2026-0072 Approval** to appoint Incumbents Marlene Fosque, Chairwoman's appointment and Courtenay Strickland, District 2 appointment to the Gwinnett County Human Services Advisory Board. Members serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners.

{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**2026-0073 Approval** to accept the resignation of Tanjina Islam from the Gwinnett County Recreation Authority. Term expires December 31, 2028. District 1/Carden {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**2026-0074 Approval** to appoint Incumbents Bryan Kerlin, Chairwoman's appointment; J.C. Lan, District 2 appointment; and David Witham, District 4 appointment to the Gwinnett County Water & Sewerage Authority. Terms expire December 31, 2026. {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**2026-0075 Approval** to appoint Incumbent Nick Nicolosi and Jamin Harkness (Incumbent Aysha Treadwell) to the Gwinnett County Planning Commission. Terms expire December 31, 2026. District 1/Carden {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

**2. Multiple Departments**

**2026-0005 Approval** to increase BL173-23, construction and/or replacement of concrete curbs, gutters, basin lids, and sidewalks on an annual contract for the current contract period (March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026), with DAF Concrete, Inc. and Peach State Construction Co., LLC, from \$3,000,000.00 to \$3,800,000.00 and approval to renew (March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027), amount not to exceed \$5,763,000.00. This contract is funded 68.6% by various SPLOST Programs. (Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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**3. Financial Services/Russell Royal**

**2026-0004 Approval/authorization** of November 30, 2025 Monthly Financial Status Report and ratification of all budget amendments. (Recommendation: Approval) **{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

**4. Fire Services/Fred Cephas**

**2026-0022 Award SS020-25**, purchase of Stryker medical products and services on a multi-year contract, to Stryker Sales, LLC. The initial term of this contract shall be January 6, 2026 through December 31, 2026, amount not to exceed \$963,363.87. This contract may be automatically renewed on an annual basis for a total lifetime contract term of three (3) years, total amount not to exceed \$3,222,187.20. (Recommendation: Award) **{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

**5. Law Department/Michael P. Ludwiczak**

**2026-0040 Approval/authorization** for the Chairwoman to execute a Resolution accepting a donation of funds from the Estate of Stephen J. Helman; establishing a dedicated account for the donated funds; and for other related purposes. (Recommendation: Approval) **{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

**6. Sheriff/Keybo Taylor**

**2026-0032 Award BL018-26**, provision of maintenance, repair, and programming services for jail electronic control systems on an annual contract (January 6, 2026 through January 5, 2027), to Unique Security, Inc., amount not to exceed \$627,750.00. (Recommendation: Award) **{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

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**7. Water Resources/Rebecca Shelton**

**2026-0039 Approval** to renew the WaterFirst designation by applying for and executing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, at no cost to Gwinnett County. Approval/authorization for the Chairwoman or designee, to execute the WaterFirst application documents, and upon acceptance of the application by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, approval/authorization for the Chairwoman to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between Gwinnett County and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority. (Recommendation: Approval) **{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

**VII. New Business**

**1. Financial Services/Russell Royal**

**2026-0079 Approval** and adoption of the fiscal year 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets and the preliminary approval of the 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan. **{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**

**2. Commissioners**

**2026-0091 Approval** to appoint a Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2026. – Appoint Ben Ku **{Action: Approved Motion: Hendrickson Second: Carden Vote: 4-1; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-No}**

**VIII. Comments from Audience**

**IX. Adjournment**

**{Action: Adjourn at 2:45 PM Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}**