

CALLED MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBER  
September 24, 2024

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 24, 2024, the Honorable Garnett Johnson, Mayor, presiding.

PRESENT: Hons. Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Garrett, Scott, McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Mr. Mayor: Madam Clerk, ladies and gentlemen of the public, I apologize for the delayed legal session. Madam Clerk, I call this meeting back to order. Attorney Plunkett.

The Mayor called the meeting back to order.

**Motion to approve execution by the Mayor of the affidavit of compliance with Georgia's Open Meeting Act.**

**Mr. Plunkett: Mr. Mayor, we would ask for a motion to have the Mayor execute the closed meeting affidavit.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Attorney Plunkett. Is there a motion?

**Mr. Mason: So move.**

Mr. Frantom: Second.

Mr. Mayor: There's a motion and a second. Madam Clerk, we're voting.

**Mr. Lewis and Ms. Scott out.  
Motion carries 9-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Plunkett, are there any motions as a result of our executive session?

**Mr. Plunkett: Yes, sir, there are several. The first is we'd ask for a motion approving a resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims by Tamara Blount in the aggregate sum of \$32,000.**

**Mr. Frantom: So moved.**

Mr. Garrett: Second.

Mr. Mayor: All right, motion by Commissioner Sean Frantom, seconded by Commissioner Brandon Garrett. Madam Clerk, we're voting.

**Mr. Lewis and Ms. Scott out.**

**Motion carries 9-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you so much. Attorney Plunkett.

**Mr. Plunkett: We would ask for a motion authorizing a resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims by Za’Naya Holley in the aggregate sum of \$20,000.**

**Mr. Frantom: So moved.**

Mr. Mayor: There’s a motion. Is there a second?

Ms. McKnight: I’ll second.

Mr. Mayor: Second by Commissioner Catherin Smith McKnight. Madam Clerk, we’re voting.

**Motion carries 11-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Attorney Plunkett.

**Mr. Plunkett: We’d ask for a motion approving a resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims by Glorangely Rivera in the aggregate sum of \$20,000.**

**Mr. Frantom: So moved.**

Mr. Mayor: There’s a motion. Is there a second?

Mr. Mason: Second.

Mr. Mayor: Second by Commissioner Alvin Mason. Colleagues, we’re voting.

**Motion carries 11-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Attorney Plunkett.

**Mr. Plunkett: We would ask for a motion approving a resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims by Sedrick Brown in the aggregate sum of \$12,000.**

**Mr. Frantom: So moved.**

Mr. Mayor: There’s a motion. Is there a second?

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Mayor: I think I heard Commissioner Catherine Smith-McKnight first. All right, Madam Clerk, we’re voting.

**Motion carries 11-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Attorney Plunkett.

**Mr. Plunkett: We would ask for a motion authorizing or approving the resignation of Donna Williams effective September 30 with a severance package of six months of salary continuation with her being on administrative leave until the 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Ms. McKnight: Motion to approve.**

Mr. Frantom: Second.

Mr. Mayor: There's a motion. I didn't hear the second, I heard two seconds. I think I heard Commission Sean Frantom. All right, Madam Clerk, we're voting.

**Mr. Williams, Mr. Lewis, Mr. J. Johnson voting No.  
Motion carries 8-3.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Plunkett.

**Mr. Plunkett: We need a motion to accept the resignation of Geri Sams effective September 30 with six months salary continuation and her being on administrative leave until the 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mr. Frantom: So moved.**

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Mayor: A motion by Commissioner Sean Frantom, seconded by Commissioner Catherin Smith McKnight. Madam Clerk, we're voting.

**Mr. J. Johnson, Ms. Pulliam, Mr. Williams, Mr. Lewis voting No.  
Motion carries 7-4.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Plunkett.

**Mr. Plunkett: And we'd ask for a motion accepting the resignation of Takiyah Douse effective September 30 with salary continuation for 12 months and she to be on administrative leave until the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.**

**Ms. Scott: So move.**

Mr. Mason: Second.

Mr. Mayor: There's a motion by Commissioner Francine Scott, second by Commissioner Alvin Mason. Colleagues, we're voting.

**Ms. McKnight, Mr. Williams, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Garrett vote No.  
Motion carries 7-4.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Plunkett, does that conclude our business for today?

Mr. Plunkett: That does conclude our business.

Mr. Mayor: If it's concluded, this meeting is hereby adjourned.

[MEETING ADJOURNED]

Lena J. Bonner  
Clerk of Commission

CERTIFICATION:

I, Lena J. Bonner, Clerk of Commission hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Called Meeting of the Augusta Richmond County Commission held on September 24, 2024.

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Clerk of Commission