

## **NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes**

March 2026

Date: March 3, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Nancy Bliwise, Chair.

Attendance: 16 members present; 1 proxy (*additional members joined after the meeting was called to order*)

Officers Present: Nancy Bliwise, Kim Shorter, Shawn Perez, Bill Murray

### **1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

The Chair welcomed attendees and inquired about elected officials and members of the press.

- Press: None present
- Elected Officials / Representatives Present: None present
- Board Acknowledgements:

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Action:** Motion to approve the February 2026 minutes made by **Shawn Perez**, seconded by **Kim Shorter**

- **Vote: Approved 17-0-0**

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Amend the agenda to add the Mose Presentation

**Action:** Motion to approve the amended March 2026 agenda made by **Kim Shorter**, seconded by **Tamara Flanagan**

- Motion Passed

### **4. REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHERS**

#### **Atlanta Police Department (APD)**

Major Ben Vayens, Zone 2 Commander, reported:

- Crime is down in all six zones; Zone 2 down by 35% (motor vehicle theft down 51%)
- NPU-B down by 49%
- Strong wins with arrests due to repeat offenders
- Continued coordination for FIFA World Cup planning (June 11 – July 19)
- Clean Car Campaign has been a positive for the community
- See Something, Say Something – Call 911 (emergency) or 311 (non-emergency)

Community Questions:

- Heavy Uber congestion near Havana Club on weekends; illegal parking returning in Peachtree Park
- Delivery trucks blocking lanes along Peachtree, Piedmont, Lenox, and Pharr
- Delivery zones established but not being enforced (locations to be shared with APD)
- Increased scooter confrontations near Lindbergh shopping center (geo-fencing and speed controls discussed)

### **Repeat Offender Unit**

Officer Baptiste reported:

- 346 felony arrests, including 80 repeat offenders (10 from Zone 2)
- NPU-B incidents include property damage, financial transaction card theft, trafficking, and shoplifting
- Court Watch participation available (contact Lisa Hollands)

### **Atlanta Fire and Rescue**

Battalion Chief Michael Williams reported:

- Seasonal fire safety reminders (escape plans, smoke alarms, emergency contacts)
- Observances: National Nutrition Month, Ladder Safety Month, Women's Health and History Month
- Ribbon cutting for new recruit housing
- Upcoming events:
  - United Way Jog/Run Scavenger Hunt (March 28)
  - 2026 Breakfast with Our Bravest Appreciation Awards

Question:

- How to create space for fire trucks in heavy traffic – use best judgment

### **Solicitor's Office**

Lynn Reynolds (for Hala):

- Question regarding backlog of code enforcement cases and how to access updates

### **Office of the Inspector General**

LaDawn Blackett, Interim Inspector:

- Investigates fraud, waste, abuse, and corruption
- Reports can be made via phone, website ([www.atloig.org](http://www.atloig.org)), or in person

Questions:

- How to report concerns
- Difference between corruption and incompetence (intent defines fraud/corruption)

### **Additional Departments**

- MARTA Police – No report
- Department of Watershed Management – No report

### **Parks and Recreation**

Destiny Mays reported:

- Athletic programs and summer camp registration
- Upcoming community events

Question:

- Senior safety programming – none currently, but under consideration

- Code Enforcement – Report sent to board
- Department of Transportation – No report
- Public Works / Solid Waste – No report

### **ATL311**

Sade Stokes-Campbell reported:

- New feature allows notification when cases are closed

Question:

- Pothole near Buckhead Commons/PNC Bank – case created (#CS11106442)

### **PAD Unit**

- Report of activity near Peachtree Creek (Adena/Garson area)
- Residents advised to report concerns through ATL311

### **Livable Buckhead / Buckhead Coalition**

Denise Starling reported:

- Buckhead Walks (April 1–30)
- EPA composting grant for multi-family properties
- Bodacious Blooms (April 27 – May 2)
- Maxine Rock Day of Service (March 7) – volunteers needed
- Bond funding updates for Lordians and Mountain Way parks
- PATH 400 Lindbergh segment groundbreaking
- Buckhead Guidebook release mid-March

Questions:

- Uneven trails -PATH 400 section near Marion Highrise
- Guidebook distribution questions

## **5. COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

- Matt Westmoreland – Committee roles and contact provided
- mwestmoreland@atlanta.gov | 404-408-0980
- Amber Madison (for Councilmember Michael Julian Bond) – No announcements

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Public Safety Committee**

Chair: Tamara Flanagan

Alcohol License Applications:

- Casa Bembe Cuban Restaurant – New Business – Approved 9-0-0
- Muse Restaurant – Change of Agent – Deferred 12-0-0
- Amended Yeppa World Cup Final Event (7/19/2026) – Approved 10-0-1
- Amended Buckhead Handmade Holiday Market (12/5–6/2026) – No Show – Deferred 11-0-0

Consent Agenda:

- Motion made by **Tamara Flanagan**, seconded by **Bill Murray**
- Vote: **Approved 22-0-0**

### **B. Development & Transportation**

- Randy's Donuts sign installation (special zoning required)
- Motion to deny made by **Bob Connelly**, seconded by **Kim Shorter**
- Vote: **Denied 22-0-0**

### **C. Zoning Committee**

Chair: Kim Shorter

BZA:

- V-25-250 – 3226 Roswell Rd – No Show – **Denied 8-0-0**
- V-25-257 – 214 Alberta Dr – No Show – **Deferred 10-0-0**
- V-25-10 – 165 Le Brun Rd – **Approved 11-0-0**

ZRB:

- Z-26-17 – 3393 Peachtree Rd – **Denied 22-0-0**

Consent Agenda:

- Motion made by **Shawn Perez**, seconded by **Rebecca King**
- Vote: **Approved 22-0-0**

- 2828 Vernon Rd withdrawn at the City following significant neighborhood opposition

### **D. Livable Buckhead**

Jenna Boettcher reported:

- 3rd Annual Social Ride – free 6-mile ride along PATH 400 (March 29, 2026)
- Led by Brookhaven Bike Alliance

### **7. APAB REPORT**

Nancy Bliwise reported:

- Voting record
- ATL 2.0 updates
- Tax Allocation District compliance
- Budget updates
- ACRB board appointments

### **8. PLANNER'S REPORT**

Interim Planner Tia Maxwell reported:

- Efforts underway to secure a permanent planner
- Book Club: *Atlanta Underground* (March 16)
- Preserving Freedom Seminar Series (March 28)
- “Unmasking the Negro Building” event
- Atlanta Prison Farm redevelopment (March 25)
- Atlanta Urban Design Commission awards through May 15

- Cloud permitting rollout (Phase 1 this fall; Phase 2 spring 2027)
- Atlanta Zoning 2.0 open for comments until April 8

## **9. MATTERS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

- SD-26-1 – 3731 Wieuca Rd NE
- Comments submitted recommending 5 lots instead of 6
- Applicant Andy Zohoury present and received feedback

## **10. PRESENTATIONS**

### **Fulton County Public Health and Public Safety**

Jessica Corbett reported:

- Diversion Center (mental health/homeless alternatives) – 243 diversions in February
- Behavioral Health Crisis Center (24/7) – 807 Metropolitan Pkwy
- 75% program retention rate
- Senior homestead exemption automatically applied at age 65
- Scam alert regarding fraudulent traffic citations

### **Academy for Innovation in Medicine**

Kristy Beam reported:

- New public STEM charter school (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Medicine)
- Opening July 29
- Grades 6–9 initially, expanding to 6–12
- Partnership with Grady Health System and MARTA
- Location: 2450 Piedmont Rd
- Contact: info@aimgeorgia.org | [www.aimgeorgia.org](http://www.aimgeorgia.org) | 678-227-0640

## **11. OLD BUSINESS**

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

- Bagley Park Master Plan complete
- Peachtree Park Master Plan nearing completion (update in April)
- Filming activity in NPU-B for *Will Trent* and *Rockford Files*

## **13. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES**

- Tax Ordinances: 26-O-1135, 26-O-1136, 26-O-1137
- Next NPU-B Meeting: April 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM
- Upcoming BZA and Zoning Meetings: March 5 and March 12 at 6:00 PM

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Action: Motion to adjourn made by **Keith Biggs**, seconded by **Bill Murray**

- The meeting **adjourned at 9:02 PM**