



**FEBRUARY 27, 2025 - 4:30 p.m. - SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**CITY GOVERNMENT**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**  
**SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

The special called meeting was held at **4:33 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
 Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1  
 Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2  
 Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
 Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
 Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair  
 Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman  
 Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem  
 Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

City Manager Jay Melder  
 Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams  
 City Attorney Bates Lovett  
 Clerk of Council Mark Massey  
 Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

[1. Public Hearing Regarding the Ability to Opt Out of the State's Version of Homestead Exemption, Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2.](#)  
[Local Government HB 581 Opt-Out Period Ends March 1.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for agenda item #1.

**Speakers:**

- Rosalyn Gooddine--asked questions
- Steven Wood--OPPOSED
- Jacquelyn Jones--asked questions

**RESOLUTIONS**

[2. Approval of a Resolution by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Opt Out of the Homestead Exemption, Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2.](#)  
[RES HB581\\_Opt Out.jnh.01312025.docx](#)

No action taken on agenda item# 2.

There was no action taken during the Public Hearing/Special Called Meeting.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the hearing/meeting at **4:50 p.m.**

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

**Date Minutes Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

The video recording of the meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

<https://www.youtube.com/@cityofsavannah/videos>

