

1           **RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**  
2           **COMMISSIONERS PROCEDURAL RULES FOR MEETINGS,**  
3           **RULE SIX-PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION**  
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5           **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County adopted the Fulton County  
6 Board of Commissioners Procedural Rules for Meetings on January 5, 1994, establishing Board  
7 Meeting protocol; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners Procedural Rules includes  
9 recommendations for the handling of Public Comment, thereby allowing citizens to be placed on  
10 the agenda to discuss a particular item of importance; and

11           **WHEREAS**, this recommendation originates from a need to address lengthy waits for  
12 Public Comment speakers; and

13           **WHEREAS**, after conducting specific surveys regarding Public Comment rules from the  
14 City of Atlanta, also DeKalb, Cobb, Gwinnett, and Clayton Counties; and

15           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of  
16 Commissioners Procedural Rules for Meetings, Rule Six-Public Comment Section be amended  
17 to include the following: move Public Comment up on the agenda to take place before the  
18 County Manager's Unfinished Business, the Chairman can state the Speakers' Rules at the  
19 beginning of the meeting, the County Clerk will collect all speakers' cards and announce on a  
20 first come, first serve basis, each speaker will be given two minutes to speak, 15 speakers will be  
21 allowed to talk, Public Comment is not to exceed 30 minutes, Speakers' Rules will be posted at  
22 the Assembly Hall entrance and on the agenda, the rules will state that speakers who did not  
23 speak earlier will be given an opportunity at the end of the agenda or they must wait until the  
24 next meeting, if they choose to wait until the next meeting, the Clerk will hold the card and they  
25 will be heard first; and

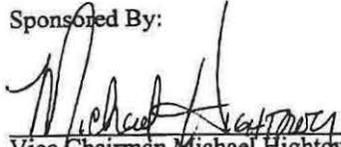
26           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is directed to amend the Fulton  
27 County Board of Commissioners Procedural Rules to include the above changes; and

28           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this amendment take effect upon its adoption to  
improve the County's customer service toward its citizenry during the Public Comment session.

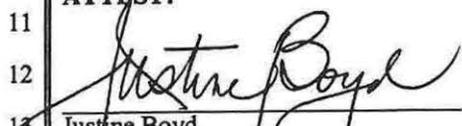
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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1999.

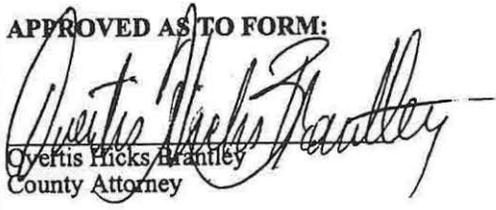
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Vice Chairman Michael Hightower  
District 7

**ATTEST:**

  
Justine Boyd  
Clerk to the Commission

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Overtis Hicks Brantley  
County Attorney

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