

# **DeKalb County**

## **Board of Ethics**

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### **SPECIAL SESSION**

#### **AGENDA March 15, 2004**

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Board Members in Attendance
3. Introduction of Members of the Public in Attendance
4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
5. Old Business –
  - Amend dates for meetings in April and May
6. New Business
  - Preliminary Investigation Addressing the Complaints filed against Commissioner Lou Walker by citizens Josie Dean and Viola Davis
7. Adjourn

(Next Meeting: Special Session, April 12, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.)

**DeKalb County Board of Ethics**  
**Minutes of Special Session**  
**March 15, 2004**

**Members Present:** Patricia Killingsworth, Chair  
Aubrey Villines  
Stanley Baum  
Bryan Smith  
Teri Lee Thompson

**Others Present:** Josie Dean  
Viola Davis  
Ruby Davis (accompanied by supporters)

This special session was called to order by the Chair, Ms. Killingsworth at 7:25 p.m. The minutes of the February 11, 2004 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Ms. Killingsworth introduced members of the Ethics Board and advised that board member Jule Lassiter was unable to attend due to family illness. She then asked the visitors to introduce themselves.

Stanley Baum made a motion to adopt the minutes of February 11, 2004, motion seconded by Teri Lee Thompson, there being no corrections the minutes were unanimously adopted.

The Chair then called attention to the preliminary investigation of Complaint filed against Commissioner Lou Walker by citizens Josie Dean and Viola Davis. She advised that Commissioner Walker had responded in writing to the Complaint, and they would be given a copy of his response.

Ms. Viola Davis presented her case wherein she felt that it was a matter of an elected official using the power of his office to retaliate against a citizen due to remarks she made at a Commission meeting relative to Commissioner Walker's involvement in the sewer issue, which eventually resulted in complaints being filed against the Commissioner on the same issue. Ms. Josie Dean was also invited to speak and she reiterated the same points raised by Ms. Davis.

Mr. Villines stated that based on the information presented, there was no evidence of a conflict of interest as set forth in the code, and even if Commissioner Walker had done the things she alleged, it was outside the purview of the Ethics Board. Both Ms. Davis and Ms. Dean thanked the Board for hearing their complaint.

Mr. Baum moved that there does not appear to be a violation under the Code of Ethics and therefore an investigation was not warranted, Bryan Smith seconded.

Monday, April 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. was then selected as the date for Hearing of the complaints filed against Commissioner Lou Walker. The final paperwork was reviewed and the notices will be sent out to that effect. Mr. Baum asked if the Hearing should be assigned a case number, and it was agreed that this would be assigned Case No. 2003-01.

There being no further business Mr. Baum moved for an adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,