

DeKalb County

Board of Ethics

c/o Clerk of the Governing Authority

Manuel J. Maloof Center

1300 Commerce Drive

Decatur, Georgia 30030

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AGENDA

May 11, 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. Presentation of Tributes to Former Board Members Linda L. Hubert, James C. West, III and Jane Norcross
6. Preliminary Hearing of Complaint filed against Donald J. Broussard by Charles J. Buckley and Fred Milani
7. Adjourn

(Next Meeting: June 3, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.)

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MINUTES

Meeting on May 11, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pat Killingsworth, Chair
Aubrey Villines, Vice Chair
Jule Lassiter, Secretary
Stanley Baum
Teri Thompson,
Bryan Smith
Veronica Higgs

OTHERS PRESENT:

J. Arrington
Linda Hubert
James West
Donald ~~Daniel~~ Broussard
Robert Benfield
John Steinichem
Karlyn Skall
Liz Bayer
Jon Nadler
Charles Buckley
Fred Milani
Jane Norcross
David Narens
Bob Lundsten

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Patricia Killingsworth, Chair of the Board of Ethics ["Board"] called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Killingsworth acknowledged the appointment of Ms. Veronica Higgs, Esq., as our newest board member. The Chair then asked for any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the meetings of April 12, 2004. There being none, the minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board presented plaques to former Board members Linda L. Hubert, Jane Norcross and James C. West III for their exceptional service to the DeKalb County Board of Ethics. Their dedication was significant, and they will be missed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board elected to reschedule the hearing of the complaint against Commissioner Lou Walker. Complainants requested that special counsel be appointed to represent them, particularly in light of the fact that they had no legal representation, whereas Commissioner Walker does. The Complainants argued that their lack of legal skills would put them at a disadvantage. After some

discussion of the matter, the Board voted 6-1 to deny their request. The Chair advised that the Board would work with the complainants as necessary to meet whatever legal challenges might arise. Having determined that sufficient evidence was presented to warrant a full hearing of the complaint, the hearing was then rescheduled to June 3, 2004.

Preliminary Hearing: Complaint filed against Planning Commission Member ^{Don} ~~Don~~ Broussard.

A complaint was filed by Charles Buckley and Fred Milani, alleging that Mr. Broussard was in violation of the Code of Ethics in that he:

- Appeared on behalf of others before the DeKalb County ^{Zoning Appeals} Board of ~~Commissioners~~ concerning a matter that had previously come before the Planning Commission, in violation of Section 22A(c)(4), and
- Indirectly sought compensation for himself as a result of his position on the Planning Commission, in violation of Section 22A(c)(2)(A)(ii).

After having heard the testimony and evidence from witnesses for the complainants and witnesses in support of Mr. Broussard, the Board determined that the actions complained of were not in violation of the Code of Ethics, and that there was insufficient evidence presented to warrant a more thorough investigation of this matter. By a 7-0 vote the matter was dismissed.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jule Lassiter, Secretary
DeKalb County Board of Ethics

(Next quarterly meeting: June 3, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.)