

**DeKalb County Board of Ethics**

Thursday, May 20, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Ambreen Delawalla  
Eric Maurer  
Rosa Darden Waymon  
David Moskowitz  
Lonnie Edwards, Sr.  
Candace Rogers  
Nadine Ali

**Alternate Members Present:**

Michelle Long  
Candace Walker

**Board Affiliates Present:**

Stacey Kalberman, Ethics Officer  
LaTonya Nix Wiley, Deputy Ethics Officer  
Gene Chapman, Board Counsel

**County Technology Personnel Present:**

John Matelski  
2Host

**Attendees:**

Stephen Binney  
Ja Jarrington  
M Cooper  
Rhea Johnson  
478.233.2358  
Claudette Leak  
404.401.0576  
Mary Hinkel  
Cliff  
John Turner  
Lorraine Peters  
Lynn Ganim  
Peggy Hobdy

P Killingsworth  
Rose  
Sandy Bowen  
Tom Woodward  
Vinesa  
Viola Davis

I. Call to order and Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed the attendees. The members reviewed the agenda. Ambreen Delawalla made a motion to adopt the agenda and Nadine Ali seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. (David Moskowitz and Candace Rodgers joined the meeting after this vote).

II. Administrative Items

- A. Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2021 meeting. The members reviewed the minutes. Eric Mauer made a motion to adopt the minutes and Rosa Waymon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0. (Candace Rodgers joined the meeting after this vote).
- B. Approval of Minutes of May 3, 2021 special called meeting. The members reviewed the minutes. David Moskowitz made a motion to adopt the minutes and Rosa Waymon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
- C. Discussion of Board Rules 4.4.1 and 4.5. Stacey Kalberman discussed the proposed changes to the Board's Rules which are necessitated by the new statute governing the Board. After discussion, Ambreen Delawalla made a motion to adopt the amended Rules with additional additions of the wording "within thirty days after receipt of the original complaint," and "nothing in these rules shall preclude the Ethics Officer from communicating with the complainant prior to bringing the complaint to the attention of the Board." Rosa Waymon seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

III. Ethics Cases

- A. Discussion of complaints against Sharon Barnes Sutton. Stacey Kalberman presented the background and procedural status of the cases which are pending for the Board's consideration which were initially filed by Viola Davis and Joel Edwards (2014); Rhea Johnson (2015); and William Perry (2016-2).
- B. Recommendations for Dismissal
  - 1. Sandra Kay Bowen v. Sharon Barnes Sutton (Case No. 2016-9]. Stacey Kalberman presented the facts of the complaint and her recommendation. Nadine Ali made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Ethics Officer and dismiss the matter and David Moskowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-1. Ambreen Delawalla voted against the motion.

IV. Public Comment

Stephen Binney, Representative Viola Davis, and Rhea Johnson made comments to the Board.

V. Comments/Questions from Board Members

No members had any comments.

VI. Adjournment

Nadine Ali made a motion to adjourn and Ambreen Delawalla seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved:

Dr. Lonnie J. Edwards  
Chair

7/26/2021  
Date