



DeKalb County
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Board of Ethics
of DeKalb County

DeKalb County Board of Ethics

Thursday, July 15, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting

Minutes

Members Present:

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

Alternate Members Present:

Michelle Long
Candace Walker

Board Affiliates Present:

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

County Technology Personnel Present:

John Matelski
2Host

Attendees:

John Clark Ashton Farmer
AA
Claudette Leak
David Metzger
Kwasi Obeng
Larry Foster
M. Cooper
Mario Evans
Stephen Binney

I. Call to order and Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Lonnie Edwards convened the meeting at 6:08pm. Motion was made by Nadine Ali to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Rosa Darden Waymon. David Moskowitz had not yet arrived to the meeting. Motion passed by 6-0 vote.

II. Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2021

Motion was made by Ambreen Delawalla to approve the May 20, 2021 Minutes, seconded by Eric Mauer. David Moskowitz had not yet arrived to the meeting. Motion passed by 6-0 vote.

III. Administrative Items

A. Designation of Ethics Open Records Officer

Deputy Ethics Officer LaTonya Wiley requested approval of a Resolution designating the Ethics Administrator as the Open Records Officer, pursuant to the Ga Open Records Act. The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion was made by Nadine Ali to approve the Resolution with the designation being the office of “Ethics Administrator”, and authorize the signature by the Board Chair, seconded by Ambreen Delawalla. David Moskowitz had not yet arrived to the meeting. Motion passed by 6-0 vote.

B. Presentation of Education Vendor Reviews

Ethics Officer Stacey Kalberman provided information on comparison of Educational vendors, Navex and LRN. The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion was made by Nadine Ali to enter in to a 4year contract with Navex with additional language to satisfy state law and subject to Board review, seconded by Eric Mauer. David Moskowitz had not yet arrived to the meeting. Motion passed by 6-0 vote.

C. Discussion of Rescission of Advisory Opinion re: former Commissioner Gregory Adams [2017-3]

Deputy Ethics Officer LaTonya Wiley made a presentation to the Board regarding the need to rescind Advisory Opinion No. 20107-3 as a result of the Board's dismissal of Ethics Case No. 2018-4 on April 15, 2021.

Motion was made by David Moskowitz to Rescind the advisory opinion based on prior discussion, seconded by Ambreen Delawalla. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

D. RFQ for New Board Counsel

Deputy Ethics Officer LaTonya Wiley made a presentation to the Board for the need for a Request For Qualifications for outside counsel to replace current outside counsel, Gene Chapman, due to his announced resignation . The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion was made by Nadine Ali to approve the RFQ for outside counsel, with in-house administration of the process, seconded by David Moskowitz. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

IV. Ethics Cases

**Chairman Lonnie Edwards asked the Ethics Officers if all people associated with each case listed on the Agenda had been notified, or if their legal advisors had been notified. The Chair also stated that all persons associated with the complaint will have an opportunity in Public Comment to make any comments to the Board. Deputy Ethics Office LaTonya Wiley stated that all persons associated with each complaint has been notified.

A. Cases Under Review

1. Malcolm Whichard v. Ozell Hayes/Rashad Cash [2021-4]

Deputy Ethics Officer LaTonya Wiley stated to the Board that this case is on the Agenda for public transparency purposes only, and no substantive action will be taken on this case today.

2. Atlanta Air Tours, LLC v. Mario A. Evans [2021-5]

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B. Request for Dismissal

1. Kate Watanabe v. Unknown Health Care Worker [2021-2]

Ethics Officer Stacey Kalberman summarized the complaint to the Board, as well as her discussions with Ms. Watanabe regarding lack of jurisdiction over the matter. Ms. Watanabe was informed that the Ethics Officer would be requesting dismissal. The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion was made by Rosa Darden Waymon, seconded by David Moskowitz, to dismiss this complaint due to lack of jurisdiction and statute of limitations. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Anonymous v. Lorraine Cochran-Johnson [2019-8]

Ethics Officer Stacey Kalberman summarized the complaint to the Board and explained her rationale for requesting dismissal of the complaint. The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion was made by Nadine Ali to dismiss the case based on the recommendation of the Ethics Officer, seconded by Eric Mauer. Motion passed by 6-1. Ambreen Delawalla opposed.

3. John Clark Ashton Farmer v. Wiley [2021-3]

Ethics Officer Stacey Kalberman summarized the case to the Board and explained her rationale for requesting dismissal of the complaint. The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion was made by David Moskowitz to dismiss the case, seconded by Ambreen Delawalla. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

V. Executive Session

Motion was made by David Moskowitz to amend the July 15, 2021 Agenda to eliminate Executive Session, seconded by Nadine Ali. The Motion passed by unanimous vote.

VI. Public Comment

Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, GA 30021, John Clark Ashton Farmer, Druid Hill Decatur, GA, made comments to the Board

VII. Comments/Questions from Board Members

No comments were made by Board members

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by David Moskowitz to adjourn the July 15, 2021 Board of Ethics meeting at 8:43pm, seconded by Nadine Ali. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approved:

Dr. Jonnie J. Edwards Sr.
Chair

Date 10/08/2021