DeKalb County Board of Ethics

Thursday, April 15, 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

Attendees:

Stephen Binney Ja Jarrington M Cooper Rhea Johnson 404.313.9578

Jeff Rader

Jolene DeVries

Moskowitz

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Claudette Leak

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Christy Arnold

Kelly Jordan

Kwasi Obeng

LaTonya Wiley presented cases which are pending for the Board's consideration.

A. Discussion of Legal Review of Advisory Opinion 2017-3. Gene Chapman discussed his opinion regarding the jurisdictional and legal issues regarding the former Board's Advisory Opinion 2017-3 as it related to the complaint of Taylor v. Adams. After discussion, Candace Rogers made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting in order to perform more research and obtain additional information. The motion died for lack of a second. David Moskowitz made a motion to act on the complaint as is and Eric Mauer seconded the motion. After further discussion, David Moskowitz withdrew his motion and Eric Mauer withdrew his second. Ambreen Delawalla made a motion to dismiss the complaint for lack of jurisdiction and David Moskowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-1. Candace Rogers voted no on the motion.

B. Recommendations for Dismissal

- 1. William C. Jordan v. Brian Papin [Case No. 2020-1]. LaTonya Wiley presented the facts of the complaint and her recommendation. David Moskowitz made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Deputy Ethics Officer and dismiss the matter for lack of jurisdiction and Nadine Ali seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
- 2. Justin Farmer v. Jeff Rader [Case No. 2020-2]. LaTonya Wiley presented the facts of the complaint and her recommendation. The Chair recognized Mr. Farmer, who presented his argument to the Board. The Chair recognized Mr. Rader, who presented his argument to the Board. After discussion, Nadine Ali made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Deputy Ethics Officer and dismiss the matter for lack of jurisdiction and Ambreen Delawalla seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.
- 3. Justin Farmer v. Stacey Kalberman [Case No. 2021-1]. LaTonya Wiley presented the facts of the complaint and her recommendation. Ambreen Delawalla made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Deputy Ethics Officer and dismiss the matter for lack of jurisdiction and Rosa Waymon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

IV. Public Comment

Stephen Binney made comments to the Board. The Chair recognized Rhea Johnson, who attempted to make comments, but Mr. Matelski declared that Mr. Johnson was unable to participate due to having an outdated version of Zoom. No other attendee indicated a desire to comment.

V. Comments/Questions from Board Members

No members had any comments.

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VI. Adjournment

Nadine Ali made a motion to adjourn and Eric Mauer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Danief Edwards Sr.

Approved:

Chair

Date