

**DeKalb County Board of Ethics**

Thursday, March 24, 2016

3:00 p.m.

Trustee Room, Turner Lynch Campus Center

Oglethorpe University

4484 Peachtree Road NE

Atlanta, GA 30319

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Scott Bonder

Brian Deutsch

Greg Russell

Lawrence Schall

Robert Tatum

Dan DeWoskin

**Members Absent:**

Shermanetta Carter

**Board Affiliates Present:**

Stacey Kalberman, Ethics Officer

Gene Chapman, Board Counsel

**Attendees who signed the attendance sheet:**

Viola Davis

Tyler Scarbrough

Vic Hartman

Terry Phillips

Shaheen Williams

Joe Arrington

Rhea Johnson

I. Call to order

Lawrence Schall called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

II. Welcome

Lawrence Schall welcomed attendees and introduced Stacey Kalberman, Ethics Officer.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

The members reviewed the agenda. Scott Bonder added an item under Board Governance to discuss the status of the Sutton litigation and obtaining litigation counsel. Dan DeWoskin made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition and Scott Bonder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

IV. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2016

Copies of the Minutes from the Board's meeting on February 18, 2016 were not available so the Board will review them at its next meeting.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Status reports

Gene Chapman stated that he had received oaths from the complainants in all but one of the pending complaints. The complaint submitted by Robert Lundsten was not verified during the time period required by the Board. Dan DeWoskin made a motion to dismiss the complaint without prejudice and Greg Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

VI. New Business.

- A. Gene Chapman stated that Mr. Johnson had submitted an oath for the new complaint against Mr. Watson.
- B. Gene Chapman reported that two new complaints on the agenda would be considered by the Ethics Officer and reported at the next meeting.
- C. Gene Chapman also reported that a new complaint was submitted after the agenda was published which will be on the next agenda.
- D. Website. Lawrence Schall stated that the Board would like to establish an independent website and asked Stacey Kalberman to assist in the task.

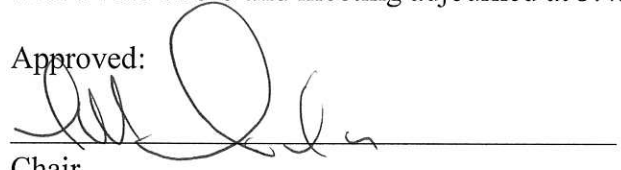
VII. Board governance.

- A. Ethics Officer. Stacey Kalberman related her plans to establish the office and begin working on initial tasks as well as future tasks.
- B. Lawrence Schall discussed the meeting designated for training on the Open Meeting Act which occur Friday, March 25. The meeting is coordinated by the Audit Oversight Committee.
- C. Scott Bonder discussed his concerns about obtaining outside litigation counsel to handle the lawsuit of Commissioner Sutton. Lawrence Schall made a motion to write a letter to the County Attorney demanding the appointment of outside litigation counsel and if the County Attorney does not respond by Wednesday, March 30 that the Board should proceed to retain a lawyer of its choosing to represent the Board. Dan DeWoskin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

VIII. Adjournment

Greg Russell made a motion to adjourn and Scott Bonder seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0 and meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved:

  
Chair

3/21/16  
Date