

# DeKalb County

## Board of Ethics

c/o Clerk of the Governing Authority

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Decatur, Georgia 30030

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### AGENDA

September 24, 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 Meetings
5. Preliminary Investigations/Hearings
  - Preliminary Investigation Addressing the Complaint filed against CEO Vernon Jones by George Anderson
6. Adjourn

(Next Meeting: Special Session, October 14, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.)

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## MINUTES

Meeting on September 21, 2004

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Austin, Chris Busing, Dwight L. Thomas, Esq., Corey Dade,  
Terry Sweeny, Ron Marshall, Gwen Marshall, Joe Arrington,  
Joel Finegold, Joann Rose, George Anderson

### 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 asked for any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the meetings of August 11, 2004. There being none, the minutes were unanimously approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### The first complaint filed against CEO Vernon Jones by George Anderson:

Attorney Dwight Thomas, counsel for CEO Jones requested a continuance. The reason for the continuance was that Mr. Anderson filed a supplement to his original complaint. The supplement was filed on September 16, 2004. Mr. Thomas stated that he did not have sufficient time to respond to the allegations in the supplemental complaint. Mr. Anderson objected to the request stating that he had come prepared to go forward. He also pointed out that this matter had previously been continued due to no fault on his part. The Board concluded that The CEO is entitled to sufficient time to respond to the allegations. In addition to granting the continuance the Board set a deadline of October 13, 2004. At which time The CEO's written response would be due. The hearing in this matter was scheduled for October 28, 2004.

The complaint filed against Commissioner Henry Johnson filed by Ms. Joann Rose:

The Board advised Ms. Rose that the hearing in her case would be held on October 14, 2004 as previously scheduled.

The complaint filed against R. L. Brown and CEO Vernon Jones by George Anderson:

The hearing in this matter was scheduled for November 10, 2004. The respondents must respond by October 28, 2004.

Thereafter the Board implemented a 10-day cutoff rule: Any supplements or amendments to the forgoing complaints no later than 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business before the Board

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jule Lassiter, Secretary  
DeKalb County Board of Ethics

(Next quarterly meeting: October 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.)