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Edited by:
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DeKalb County Board of Ethics
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 18, 2025
6:00 p.m.
178 Sams Street

Minutes

Board Members Present:
Robert Dallas, Board Chair
Chiquita Wright, Board Vice Chair
Thomas Clements
George Ference
James Scott Mathews, Secretary

Alternate Members Absent:
No alternate members were present.

Board Staff Present:
Elisa Murphy, Ethics Officer
Kristin Rodgers, Ethics Administrator
Hakim Hilliard, General Counsel

County Technology Personnel Present:
DeKalb IT/DCTV

Agenda

I. Call to Order

Ethics Board Chair Dallas called the public meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to adopt the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of June 18, 2025. Board Member Ference seconded the motion. Board Member Mathews was absent from the vote. Board Member Waymon was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

III. Administrative Items

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 15, 2025

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to approve the Minutes of the

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Regular Board Meeting of May 15, 2025. Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. Board Member Mathews was absent from the vote. Board Member Waymon was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

B. Discussion on In-Person and Remote Board Meetings

Board Chair Dallas called for a discussion on this matter. Board Chair Dallas requested that this item be tabled to a later date for further discussion.

C. Ethics Officer's Monthly Report

Ethics Officer Murphy provided a monthly report of the Ethics Office.

D. Advisory Opinions – Update

Ethics Officer Murphy provided an update regarding the three advisory opinion requests from Commissioner Michelle Long Spears. Ethics Officer Murphy stated that Commissioner Michelle Long Spears withdrew the advisory opinion request #2 regarding the pet initiative. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Advisory Opinion #2- Pet Initiative

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to dismiss advisory opinion #2- Pet Initiative, Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. Board Member Waymon was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Advisory Opinion #3

The Ethics Board directed General Counsel Hilliard to draft the Advisory Opinion and to follow the process the Board agreed upon at the Ethics Board meeting on April 17, 2025.

IV. Preliminary Cases

A. Kisha Davis v. Nicole Sullivan, Case No. 2025-2

Ethics Officer Murphy provided a summary of this case for informational purposes, only.

B. Kisha Davis v. Jo Dancer, Case No. 2025-3

Ethics Officer Murphy provided the facts of this case and recommended dismissal. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to dismiss this case. Board Member Clements seconded the motion. Board Member Waymon was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

V. Public Comments

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Mike Cooper of Stone Mountain, GA, and Stephen Binney of Clarkston, GA, gave public comments.

VI. Comments from the Board of Ethics

Board Chair Dallas and Board Member Ference provided comments.

VII. Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Issues

A. Motion to Convene an Executive Session

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to convene an Executive Session. Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Member Waymon was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

B. Motion to Adjourn an Executive Session

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Member Waymon was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

C. Motion to Approve the Executive Session Affidavit

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to approve the Executive Session Affidavit. Board Member Ference seconded the motion. Board Member Waymon was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

VIII. Next Regular Meeting Date of Thursday, July 17, 2025

IX. Adjournment

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to adjourn the June 18, 2025, Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 7:24 p.m. Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Member Waymon was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Approved:

Robert T. Dallas — 07/17/2025

Chair — Date