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DeKalb County Board of Ethics
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 2025
6:00 p.m.
178 Sams Street

Minutes

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

Alternate Members Present:
Cathea Simelton-Treminio

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 6:04 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to adopt the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of September 18, 2025. Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and Micah Dial were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

III. Administrative Items

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 17, 2025
Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 17, 2025. Board Member Waymon seconded the motion.

Board Members George Ference and Micah Dial were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

B. Committees – Updates

Board Chair Dallas provided a brief description of each committee and its purpose.

C. Advisory Opinions – General Counsel's Update

Ethics Officer Murphy and General Counsel Hilliard provided an update on the Callanwolde Advisory Opinion regarding Commissioner Michelle Long Spears. General Counsel will forward a copy of the Board's Advisory Opinion to the Ethics Officer, so it can appear on the Ethics website.

D. Ethics Officer's Monthly Report

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

IV. Preliminary Cases

A. Tonya Newberry v. School Resource Officer, Case No. 2025-6

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to dismiss the complaint due to lack of jurisdiction. Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and Micah Dial were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

B. Asya Perrymond v. Vanessa Collins, Case No. 2025-7

Motion: Board Vice Chair Wright moved to grant a continuance for this case. Board Member Waymon seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and Micah Dial were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

C. Dianne Charlie Moore v. Johnny Mitchell, Case No. 2025-8

Motion: Board Vice Chair Wright moved to dismiss the complaint. Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and Micah Dial were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

D. Felicia Jones v. Benita Ransom, Casee No. 2025-8

Ethics Officer Murphy detailed the nature of this complaint to the Board, for informational purposes.

V. Public Comments

Stephen Binney of Clarkston, GA gave public comments.

VI. Comments from the Board of Ethics

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Board Chair Dallas gave comments.

VII. Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Issues

A. Motion to Convene an Executive Session

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to convene an Executive Session. Board Member Clements seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and Micah Dial were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

B. Motion to Adjourn an Executive Session

Motion: Board Member Board Member Clements moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Board Member Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and Micah Dial were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

C. Motion to Approve the Executive Session Affidavit

Motion: Vice Chair Wright moved to approve the Executive Session Affidavit. Board Member Clements seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and Micah Dial were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

VIII. Announcement of Next Regular Meeting Date of Thursday, October 16, 2025

IX. Adjournment

Motion: Board Member Waymon moved to adjourn the September 18, 2025, Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 6:55 pm p.m. Board Member Clements seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and Micah Dial were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Approved:

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Chair Date