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Kristin Rodgers, Ethics Administrator
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DeKalb County Board of Ethics
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2026
6:00 p.m.
178 Sams Street

Minutes

Board Members Present:
Robert Dallas, Board Chair
Chiquita Wright, Board Vice Chair
Scott Mathews, Board Secretary
George Ference
Micah Dial

Alternate Board 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 Board of Ethics (BOE) public meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to adopt the agenda of the Regular Board of Ethics Meeting of January 15, 2026. Board Member Dial seconded the motion. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

III. Administrative Items

A. Approval of the Minutes Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of December 18, 2025

Motion: Board Member Wright moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular BOE Meeting of December 18, 2025. Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

B. Report of Committees

Board Member Ference stated that the Oversight Committee discussed Legislative recommendations and deferred to Ethics Officer Murphy to present those recommendations.

C. Legislative Items

Ethics Officer Murphy presented the proposed Legislative changes to the Ethics Code.

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to present the proposed legislative changes to the DeKalb Legislature. Board Member Dial seconded the motion. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

D. Chair's Statement Regarding a Settlement Matter

The Ethics Board Chair provided the following statement regarding the settlement matter involving former employee LaTonya Nix Wiley:

"The Board of Ethics acknowledges former Deputy Ethics Officer LaTonya Nix Wiley's years of service and contributions to the Board and the citizens of DeKalb County."

E. Ethics Officer's Monthly Report

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

IV. Preliminary Cases

Ethics Officer Murphy explained the Preliminary process before providing a recommendation for each case.

A. Miles Dillard v. Brandon White and Juliana Njoku, Case No. 2025-14

Ethics Officer Murphy presented the case and recommended dismissal, and provided the rationale for the recommendation.

Motion: Vice Chair Wright moved to accept the recommendation of the Ethics Officer to dismiss this case. Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

B. Lexi Morgan v. Juliana Njoku, Travis Cherry, and Vanessa Collins, Case No. 2025-20

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Ethics Officer Murphy presented the case and recommended dismissal, and provided the rationale for the recommendation.

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to accept the recommendation of the Ethics Officer to dismiss this case. Board Member Ference seconded the motion. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

V. Public Comments

Mary Hinkle of Atlanta, GA, and Mike Cooper of Stone Mountain, GA, offered public comments.

VI. Comments from the Board of Ethics

Board Members Simelton-Treminio, Dial, Mathews, and Vice Chair Wright offered comments.

VII. Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Issues

A. Motion to Convene an Executive Session

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

B. Motion to Adjourn an Executive Session

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

VIII. Announcement: Next Regular Meeting Date is January 15, 2026

IX. Adjournment

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to adjourn the January 15, 2026, Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 7:29 p.m. Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Approved:

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Robert J. Wallace

Chair

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Date