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DeKalb County Board of Ethics
Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2026
6:00 p.m.
178 Sams Street

Minutes

Board Members Present:
Robert Dallas, Chair
Chiquita Wright, Vice Chair
George Ference
Thomas Clements
Micah Dial
Lauren Florence

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

Board of Ethics Chair Dallas called the Board of Ethics ("BOE") public meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to adopt the agenda of the Regular BOE Meeting of April 16, 2026. Board Member Florence seconded the motion. Board Member Mathews was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

III. Administrative Items

A. Approval of the Minutes Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of February 19, 2026 and March 19, 2026

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Motion: Board Member Ference moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular BOE Meeting of February 19, 2026 and March 19, 2026. Board Member Clements seconded the motion. Board Member Mathews was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

B. Report of Committees

There were no committee reports.

C. Ethics Officer's Monthly Report

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

IV. Probable Cause Hearing

Ethics Officer Murphy explained the Probable Cause process before presenting the case.

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

Ethics Officer Murphy recommended that this case advanced to an Evidentiary/Enforcement Hearing.

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to admit the Probable Cause Report with attachments into the record. Board Member Ference seconded the motion. Board Member Mathews was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Motion: Board Member Wright moved to find Probable Cause and move forward with a Final Evidentiary Hearing. Board Member Clements seconded the motion. Board Member Mathews was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

B. Dianne C. Moore v. Kimberly K. Washington, Case No. 2025-16

Ethics Officer Murphy recommended that this case be advanced to an Evidentiary/Enforcement Hearing.

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to admit the Probable Cause Report with attachments into the record. Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. Board Member Mathews was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to find probable cause and move forward with a Final Evidentiary Hearing. Board Member Clements seconded the motion. Board Member Mathews was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Comments from the Board of Ethics

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Board Members Ference and Clements 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. Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. Board Member Mathews was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

B. Motion to Adjourn an Executive Session

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Board Member Ference seconded the motion. Board Member Matews was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

C. Motion to Approve the Executive Session Affidavit

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to approve the Executive Session Affidavit. Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. Board Member Mathews was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

VIII. Announcement: Next Regular Meeting Date is May 21, 2026

IX. Adjournment

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to adjourn the April 16, 2026, Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 7:04 p.m. Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. Board Member Mathews was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Approved:

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Chair Date