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DeKalb County Board of Ethics
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2026
6:00 p.m.
178 Sams Street

Minutes

Board Members Present:
Robert Dallas, Chair
Chiquita Wright, Vice Chair
Scott Mathews, Secretary
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

Ethics Board Chair Dallas called the Board of Ethics (Board) 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 of Ethics Meeting of May 21, 2026. Board Member Ference seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

III. Administrative Items

A. *Approval of the Minutes Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of April 16, 2026*

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Motion: Board Member Clements moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 16, 2026. Board Member Ference seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

B. *Report of Committees*

There were no committee reports.

C. *Ethics Officer's Monthly Report*

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

IV. Preliminary Case

A. *Donitrix Jenkins v. Jevon Murry, Case No. 2026-5*

Ethics Officer Murphy presented the case, made a recommendation of dismissal, and provided the rationale for the recommendation.

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to accept the Ethics Officer's recommendation of dismissal. Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

V. Final Enforcement (Evidentiary) Hearing

Ethics Officer Murphy explained the Final Enforcement Hearing process before presenting the cases.

Witnesses: Board Chair Dallas swore-in Kevin Buford and William Cooper, Jr. as witnesses.

Board Chair Dallas moved to admit Ethics Officer's exhibits 1-4 into evidence. There were no objections by the Board of Ethics.

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

Ethics Officer Murphy recommended an Administrative Sanction of $1000.00 assessed by the Board of Ethics, a Public Reprimand, and to forward all information and evidence related to this case to the appropriate court to determine if prosecution is appropriate.

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to impose an Administrative Sanction of $1000, a Public Reprimand, and to forward all information and evidence related to determine if prosecution is appropriate. Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

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

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Motion: Board Member Clements moved to impose an Administrative Sanction of $1000, a Public Reprimand, and to forward all information and evidence related to determine if prosecution is appropriate. Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

VI. Public Comments

Stephen Binney of Clarkston, GA provided a public comment.

VII. Comments from the Board of Ethics

Board Members Mathews and Clements provided comments.

VIII. 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. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

B. Motion to Adjourn an Executive Session

Motion: Vice Chair Wright moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

C. Motion to Approve the Executive Session Affidavit

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to approve the Executive Session Affidavit. Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

IX. Announcement: Next Regular Board Meeting Date is June 18, 2026

X. Adjournment

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to adjourn the May 21, 2026, the Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 8:37 p.m. Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Approved:

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Chair Date