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DeKalb County Board of Ethics
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 2026
6:00 p.m.
178 Sams Street

Minutes

Board Members Present:
Chiquita Wright, Board 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

A. Call to Order

Ethics Board Member Clements conducted the meeting and called the Board of Ethics (Board) public meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to adopt the agenda of the Regular Board of Ethics Meeting of July 16, 2026. Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Vice Chair Wright was temporarily absent from the meeting and vote. Board Chair Dallas was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

C. Administrative Items

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of June 18, 2026

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Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 18, 2026. Board Member Ference seconded the motion. Board Vice Chair Wright was temporarily absent from the meeting and vote. Board Chair Dallas was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

B. *Report of Committees*

Board Member Clements stated that the Board may conduct a financial audit of the Ethics Office.

C. *Ethics Officer's Monthly Report*

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

D. Preliminary Cases

A. *Antoinette Holloway v. T.C. Harrison, Case No. 2026-9*

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

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to accept the recommendation of the Ethics Officer to dismiss this case. Board Member Wright seconded the motion. Board Chair Dallas was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

B. *Anonymous v. Tyler Woods, Case No. 2026-10*

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

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to accept the recommendation of the Ethics Officer to dismiss this case. Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. Board Chair Dallas was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

C. *Nancy Scott v. Tamara Dillard - Case No. 2026-11*

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

Motion: Vice Chair Wright moved to accept the recommendation of the Ethics Officer to dismiss this case. Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Chair Dallas was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

E. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

F. Comments from the Board of Ethics

There were no comments from the Board of Ethics.

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G. Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Issues

A. Motion to Convene an Executive Session

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

B. Motion to Adjourn an Executive Session

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

C. Motion to Approve the Executive Session Affidavit

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

H. Announcement: Next Regular Board Meeting Date is August 20, 2026

I. Adjournment

Motion: The Board agreed to adjourn the July 16, 2026, Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 6:32 p.m. Board Chair Dallas was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Approved:

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Chair Date