



Draft
DeKalb County Board of Ethics
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 2026
6:00 p.m.
178 Sams Street

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Robert Dallas, Board Chair
Chiquita Wright, Board Vice Chair
Scott Mathews, Secretary
Thomas Clements
Micah Dial
Lauren Florence

Alternate Board Members Present:

None present

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 Robert Dallas conducted the meeting and called the Board of Ethics (Board) public meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Board Member Scott moved to adopt the agenda of the Regular Board of Ethics Meeting of September 17, 2026, with an amendment to Item IV. B. to read “DeKalb County Sheriff’s Office”. Board Member Clements seconded the motion. Board Member Ference was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

III. Administrative Items

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of August 20, 2026

Motion: Board Vice Chair Wright moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 20, 2026. Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Member Ference was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

B. Report of Committees

- Oversight Committee - Statutory Revision(s)

Board Chair Dallas and Ethics Officer Murphy explained the proposed modification to the DeKalb County Ethics Code, Section 22A(k)(1)(c).

C. Ethics Officer's Monthly Report

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

D. Formal Advisory Opinion: 2026-2 and 2026-3 (numbers amended)

IV. Preliminary Cases

A. Warsame Heban v. Nicole Massiah, Case No. 2026-12

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

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

B. Jenee R. Cross v. DeKalb County Sheriff's Office No. 2026-17

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

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

V. Public Comments

Michael Cooper of Stone Mountain, GA and Stephen Binney of Clarkston, GA provided public comments.

VI. Comments from the Board of Ethics

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

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

IX. Adjournment

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to adjourn the September 17, 2026, Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 7:22 p.m. Board Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. Board Member Ference was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Approved:

Chair

Date