



DeKalb County
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Board of Ethics
of DeKalb County

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DeKalb County Board of Ethics

Thursday February 17, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting

Minutes

Members Present:

Lonnie Edwards, Sr. – Board Chair
David Moskowitz – Board Vice Chair
Ambreen Delawalla
Rosa Darden Waymon
Nadine Ali
Candace Rodgers
Candace Walker

Alternate Members Present:

Bill Clark

Board Affiliates Present:

Stacey Kalberman, Ethics Officer
LaTonya Nix Wiley, Deputy Ethics Officer
Kristin Rodgers, Ethics Administrator

County Technology Personnel Present:

John Matelski
2Host

Attendees

Joe Hughes
Patricia Killingsworth
Wes Jackson
Ann Amramowitz
Clark Ashton
Thomas Sampson
678-778-5306
Claudette Leak
Jeff Rader
Michelle Long Spears

Agenda

I. Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Nadine Ali to adopt the February 17, 2022 Board of Ethics Agenda, seconded by David Moskowitz. Motion passed by 7-0 vote

II. Approval of the Minutes of the January 20, 2022 Meeting

Motion was made by Rosa Darden Waymon to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2022 meeting, seconded by David Moskowitz. Motion passed by 7-0 vote

III. Administrative Items

A. Update to the Board of Ethics website

Ethics Office Stacey Kalberman stated that updates are needed to the current website for more functionality, fillable searches, and for the ease of filing complaints. Mrs. Kalberman asked that the contract with Diversified Technologies LLC be considered by the Board. The floor was opened for discussion. The Board decided to discuss the Budget item (Item B) before voting on this item. Nadine Ali asked that it be recorded in the record that the Board consider at least (2) vendor quotes for future expenditures.

Motion was made by David Moskowitz to approve the contract for Diversified Technologies LLC and to authorize the Board Chair to execute the contract, seconded by Rosa Darden Waymon. Motion passed by 7-0 vote

B. Budget

Ethics Officer Stacey Kalberman provided a presentation of the department Budget. The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion was made by David Moskowitz to accept the budget, seconded by Nadine Ali. Motion passed by 7-0 vote

IV. Ethics Cases

A. Case Updates

1. Stacey Kalberman vs. Marcus Kellum [2018-1]

Deputy Ethics Officer LaTonya Wiley provided a summary, history and presented an update of the final decision in this case. Ms. Wiley asked the Board to approve the final decision of this case. The floor was opened for discussion

Motion was made by David Moskowitz to approve the final decision in this case, seconded by Rosa Darden Waymon. Motion passed by 7-0 vote

2. Viola Davis vs. Kelvin Walton & Viola Davis vs. Nina Hall

Ethics Officer Stacey Kalberman provided a summary and history of this case, and the probability of the Board having to dismiss this case due to its age and therefore the inability to gain evidence. The floor was opened for discussion.

3. Robert Buckler vs. Jeff Rader & Kathie Gannon [2017-24]

Ethics Officer Stacey Kalberman provided a summary of this case and asked the Board to approve a settlement by which the Commissioners will request an advisory opinion in this matter and once the advisory opinion is issued, that this case be dismissed. The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion was made by Davide Moskowitz to accept the settlement agreement, seconded by Rosa Darden Waymon. Ambreen Delawalla and Candace Walker abstained. Motion passed by 5-2 vote

B. Request for Dismissals

1. Mohammad Sikder vs. Michael Thurmond [2022-1]

Deputy Ethics Officer LaTonya Wiley provided a summary of this complaint and requested dismissal of this case due to a lack of jurisdiction. The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion was made by Ambreen Delawalla to approve the dismissal of this case, seconded by Nadine Ali. Motion passed by 7-0 vote

2. Charlotte Hicks vs. Arquesia Laquetta Grice [2022-2]

Deputy Ethics Officer LaTonya Wiley provided a summary of this complaint and requested dismissal of this case due to a lack of jurisdiction. The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion was made by Ambreen Delawalla to approve the dismissal of this case, seconded by Rosa Darden Waymon. Motion passed by 7-0 vote

3. Akeem Kwame-El vs. David Beaver / Rick Setser [2021-6]

Deputy Ethics Officer LaTonya Wiley provided a summary of this complaint and requested dismissal of this case due to a lack of jurisdiction. The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion was made by Nadine Ali to approve the dismissal of this case, seconded by Candace Rodgers. Motion passed by 7-0 vote

V. Executive Session for Personnel Matters

A. Motion to Convene an Executive Session

Motion was made by Candace Rodgers to convene an Executive Session, seconded by Ambreen Delawalla. Motion passed by 7-0 vote

B. Motion to Adjourn an Executive Session

Motion was made by David Moskowitz to adjourn an Executive Session, seconded by Rosa Darden Waymon. Candace Rodgers was absent from the vote. Motion passed by 6-0 vote

The Board Chair made comments that further discussions will be had concerning the hiring of a new Ethics Officer and Ethics Counsel.

C. Motion to Approve the Executive Session Affidavit

Motion was made by David Moskowitz to approve the Executive Session Affidavit, seconded by Rosa Darden Waymon. Candace Rodgers was absent from the vote. Motion passed by 7-0 vote

VI. Public Comment

Michelle Long Spears, 1599 Hartsmill Rd. NE Brookhaven, GA 30319

VII. Comments/Questions from Board Members

Lonnie Edwards responded to the comment from prior Board member Michelle Long Spears. He also recognized Ethics Officer Stacey Kalberman on her resignation and offered well wishes in her new endeavors. David Moskowitz, Nadine Ali, Candace Rodgers, and Rosa Darden Waymon also offered well wishes

VIII. Announcement of Next Regular Meeting Date of March 17, 2022

IX. Adjournment

Motion was made by David Moskowitz to adjourn the February 17, 2022 Board of Ethics Meeting at 9:56 pm, seconded by Nadine Ali. Motion passed by 7-0 vote

Approved:

Chair

Date