



DeKalb County
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Board of Ethics
of DeKalb County

DeKalb County Board of Ethics

Thursday July 21, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting

Minutes

Members Present:

Alex Joseph – Board Chair
David Moskowitz
Rosa Darden Waymon
Nadine Ali
Candace Rodgers
Alex Joseph
Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb
Candace Walker

Alternate Members Present:

Bill Clark
Cathea Simelton-Treminio

Board Affiliates Present:

Kristin Rodgers, Ethics Administrator

County Technology Personnel Present:

John Matelski
2Host

Attendees

Jeff Rader
Mary Hinkel
Patricia Killingsworth
Rhea Johnson
Sbinney
Shannon McGraw
Wes Jackson
Neil Henry

Agenda

I. Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Candace Walker to Adopt the Agenda, seconded by Rosa Darden Waymon. Shawanda Reynolds Cobb was absent from the vote. Motion passed by 6-0 vote

II. Approval of the Minutes of June 16, 2022

Motion was made by Nadine Ali to approve the Minutes of June 16, 2022, seconded by Rosa Darden Waymon. Shawanda Reynolds Cobb was absent from the vote. Motion passed by 6-0 vote

III. Administrative Items

A. Policy Re: Swearing In of Board Members

Motion was made by Rosa Darden Waymon to Table this item until an Ethics Officer is in place, seconded by Candace Rodgers. Shawanda Reynolds Cobb was absent from the vote. Motion passed by 6-0 vote

B. Proposed informal advice on Ethics Code Line 336-37

Motion was made by Nadine Ali to approve the issuance of an informal advice on Ethics Code Line 336-37 regarding the confirmation of a new Ethics Officer to state:

"For the reasons discussed, it is our opinion that Ethics Code Line 336-37 should not be interpreted in a manner such that a Commissioner's vote to confirm the appointed Ethics Officer candidate could constitute a violation of the Ethics Code merely because complaints are currently pending against that Commissioner."

Seconded by David Moskowitz. Shawanda Reynolds Cobb was absent from the vote. Motion passed by 6-0 vote

C. Update on newly hired Ethics Officer

Board Chair Alex Joseph advised that newly hired Ethics Officer Elisa Murphy met with the Board of Commissioners OPS Committee on July 21, 2022, in which they voted to move forward with her confirmation at the next Board of Commissioners Regular meeting on July 26, 2022

IV. Ethics Cases

A. Robert Buckler v. Jeff Rader and Kathy Gannon [Case No. 2017-24]

Bill Clark recused himself from the discussion in this matter.

Motion was made by David Moskowitz to administratively close this case due to 90 days of inaction, seconded by Rosa Darden Waymon. Shawanda Reynolds Cobb was absent from the vote. Motion passed by 6-0 vote

V. Public Comment

Mary Hinkel, 1718 Mason Mill Rd. Atlanta, Ga, Stephen Binney, 1083 Seville Dr. Clarkston, Ga, Rhea Johnson, 2546 Wilson Woods Dr. Decatur, Ga, made public comments

VI. Executive Session to Discuss Legal Matters

A. Motion to Convene an Executive Session

Motion was made by Rosa Darden Waymon to convene an Executive Session to discuss legal matters, seconded by Nadine Ali. Shawanda Reynolds Cobb was absent from the vote. Motion passed by 6-0 vote

B. Motion to Adjourn an Executive Session

Motion was made by Nadine Ali to adjourn an Executive Session, seconded by Rosa Darden Waymon. Shawanda Reynolds Cobb was absent from the vote. Motion passed by 6-0 vote

C. Motion to Approve the Executive Session Affidavit

Motion was made by Rosa Darden Waymon to approve the Executive Session Affidavit, seconded by Nadine Ali. David Moskowitz recused himself from the vote. Shawanda Reynolds Cobb was absent from the vote. Motion passed by 5-0 vote

VII. Board Comments/Future Action Items

No Board comments were made

VIII. Announcement of Next Regular Meeting Date of August 18, 2022

IX. Adjournment

Motion was made by Candace Rodgers to adjourn the July 21, 2022 Board of Ethics Meeting, Seconded by Nadine Ali. Shawanda Reynolds Cobb was absent from the vote. Motion passed by 6-0 vote

Approved:



Chair

8/24/2022

Date