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## **DeKalb County Board of Ethics**

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

4:30 p.m.

Zoom meeting

### **Minutes**

#### **Members Present:**

Robert Tatum  
Sheri Lake  
Patrick Desamours  
Edward Queen  
Adriana de la Torriente  
Brian Deutsch

#### **Board Affiliates Present:**

Stacey Kalberman, Ethics Officer  
LaTonya Nix Wiley, Deputy Ethics Officer  
Suzanne Amato, Administrative Assistant  
Gene Chapman, Board Counsel  
Kurt Kastorf, Litigation Counsel

#### **County Technology Personnel Present:**

John Matelski  
Alberta Wilmer

#### **Attendees:**

Stephen Binney  
Bennett Bryan  
Genet Hopewell  
Dianne McKensie  
Leah Davis  
Rep. Viola Davis  
Comm. Larry Johnson  
John Greene  
Kwasi Obeng  
Chad Alexis  
Tyler Estep  
Lashun Atwater  
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I. Call to order

Robert Tatum called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and welcomed the attendees.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The members reviewed the agenda. Robert Tatum indicated that the Executive Session on the agenda would be moved to follow the presentation of Litigation Counsel. Adriana de la Torriente made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended and Patrick Desamours seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

Gene Chapman made a statement showing the Board was authorized to meet via Zoom per the Open Meetings Act in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders declaring a Public Health State of Emergency and the DeKalb County CEO's Executive Order No. 20-001 declaring a state of emergency in DeKalb County.

III. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2018

The members reviewed the minutes from the meeting held on August 9, 2018. Brian Deutsch made a motion to approve the minutes and Sheri Lake seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

IV. Statement from Litigation Counsel

Kurt Kastorf, the Board's Litigation Counsel, provided an account of litigation which has occurred since the Board's last meeting. The consent order which bound the Board to refrain from taking official action expired by operation of law when the citizens of DeKalb County voted to adopt HB1243 in the November 3 election. There is a motion for contempt against the Board still pending.

V. Executive Session

The Board declared that it needed to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with counsel. Adriana de la Torriente made a motion to go into Executive Session for the stated purpose and Patrick Desamours seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0. The Board recessed the general meeting at 4:54 p.m.

The Board reconvened in the general meeting at 5:32 p.m. Sheri Lake made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Adriana de la Torriente seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

VI. Presentation of Open Ethics Matters

Stacey Kalberman explained the nature of the matters which are under investigation and the timeline for presenting them to the new Board.

VII. Discussion of Changes in HB1243

Stacey Kalberman recounted the changes that HB1243 made to the structure and operations of the Ethics Office.

VIII. Budget

Stacey Kalberman presented the budget and expenditures of the Ethics Office and discussed issues the new Board will need to address.

IX. Public Comment

Stephen Binney gave his remarks to the Board. No other attendee indicated a desire to comment.

X. Adjournment

Sheri Lake made a motion to adjourn and Brian Deutsch seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Approved as to form:

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Chair

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Date