

**DeKalb County Board of Ethics**

Thursday, December 14, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Central DeKalb Senior Center, Second Floor Meeting Room

1346 McConnell Drive

Decatur, Georgia 30033

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Robert Tatum  
Dan DeWoskin  
Brian Deutsch  
Edward Queen  
Shermanetta Carter

**Board Affiliates Present:**

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

**Attendees:**

Stephen Binney  
Tia Mitchell  
John Jones  
Sam Han  
Shaheem Williams  
Terry Phillips

I. **Call to order**

Dan DeWoskin called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

II. **Adoption of Agenda**

The members reviewed the agenda. Brian Deutsch made a motion to adopt the agenda and Shermanetta Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

III. **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2017**

The members reviewed the minutes from the meeting held on October 19, 2017. Robert Tatum made a motion to approve the minutes and Brian Deutsch seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

#### IV. Unfinished Business

##### A. Status Reports

1. Stacey Kalberman reported to the Board regarding the status of litigation against the Board and the Ethics Officer per information provided by the Board's outside counsel. Ms. Kalberman informed the Board that the State Ethics Commission dismissed the complaint against her which alleged that she had not registered as a lobbyist and had improperly lobbied.
2. LaTonya Wiley and Gene Chapman reported that Justice Sears conducted a status conference with the parties and/or their counsel regarding the matters she is appointed to hear. Justice Sears dismissed the complaint against Darren Summerville since he is not a county officer, employee, or appointee and the Board has no jurisdiction over him. Additionally, Justice Sears consolidated all of the complaints to conserve resources and consider the matters together since the allegations in each complaint are similar.

#### V. New Business

- A. Advisory Opinion 2017-3. Stacey Kalberman asked the Board if it wanted her office to draft a proposed advisory opinion for the Board's consideration. Mr. Ken Taylor presented the Ethics Officer with information that a Commissioner was the subject of an investigation regarding allegations that he sexually harassed one of his employees. The Board discussed whether such conduct was within the scope of the Code of Ethics. After discussion, the Board asked the Ethics Officer to draft an advisory opinion for it to consider.
- B. Discussion of Annual Conflict of Interest Statements – deferred until the next meeting.
- C. Complaint of Robert Buckler against Commissioners Rader and Gannon, O.V. Brantley, and John Jones. Ms. Kalberman distributed the complaint to the members of the Board for their review. She will proceed to ask for responses from the respondents and conduct an investigation.

#### VI. Administrative

- A. Status of Board Appointments. Shermanetta Carter, whose term expires December 31, stated that she has been in contact with the legislative delegation and is waiting to hear from them regarding an appointee to replace her. Dan DeWoskin believes that the Board of the DeKalb Bar Association met on December 7 and discussed its appointment.
- B. Discussion of meeting dates for 2018. The Board discussed proposed meeting dates. After discussion, Edward Queen made a motion to adopt the proposed meeting dates with changes and Robert Tatum seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. Ms. Kalberman will post the dates on the website.
- C. Public comment. Stephen Binney addressed the members of the Board.

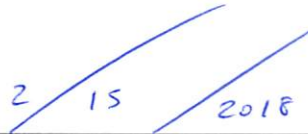
VII. Adjournment

Robert Tatum made a motion to adjourn and Brian Deutsch seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Approved:



Chair



Date