

DeKalb County Board of Ethics
Tuesday, November 27, 2012
6:00 pm
Clark Harrison Building

MINUTES

Present: Isaac Blythers, Thelma Grier, Susan Neugent, Teri Thompson (Chair)

Absent: Bobbie Sanford, Bryan Smith

I. Call to Order

Teri Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm

II. Adoption of Agenda

- **Motion:** To adopt the meeting agenda
By: Teri Thompson
Resolved: Motion carried; Agenda for the meeting on November 27, 2012 approved without modification

III. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting on October 29, 2012 read by Thelma Grier

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the meeting on October 29, 2012
By: Isaac Blythers
Resolved: Motion carried; Minutes from the meeting on October 29, 2012 approved without modification

NOTE: Ashley Anderson will follow up with Erica Williams (BOC Office) regarding the "binder" containing minutes from previous Board of Ethics' meetings. While the Clerk's Office will continue to keep the official record of the minutes, the Board of Ethics' administrative support staff will maintain an unofficial record for use by the Board of Ethics.

IV. Old Business

A. Status of Letter to Burrell Ellis, DeKalb County CEO, dated October 17, 2012

Bryan Smith indicated via a conversation with Teri Thompson that there has been no response from the CEO's Office as of the meeting time.

Isaac Blythers will contact Bryan Smith to confirm delivery and contents of the letter. Isaac and Bryan will follow up with the CEO's Office by requesting a meeting to discuss the items listed in the letter.

B. Status of Complaint Filed Against Sharon Barnes Sutton, DeKalb County Commissioner, dated July 8, 2010

The complaint remains open and unresolved. A letter addressed to Commissioner Barnes Sutton was prepared and assumed to be delivered by Stephen Irving.

- **Motion:** To give the responsibility of contacting Stephen Irving on the morning of November 28, 2012 to Teri Thompson. Teri will confirm delivery of the letter and inform Board members of the response received. If the letter has not been sent or delivery cannot be confirmed, the letter will be sent to Commissioner Barnes Sutton and the DeKalb County Clerk.

By: Isaac Blythers

Resolved: Motion carried

NOTE: Ashley Anderson will contact DeKalb County Clerk's Office to confirm receipt of the letter that is assumed to be sent.

V. New Business

A. Complaint Filed Against Elaine Boyer, DeKalb County Commissioner, dated July 30, 2012

B. Complaint Filed Against Lisa Chang, County Attorney, dated July 30, 2012

- **Motion:** To request preliminary investigation into complaints against Commissioner Elaine Boyer and County Attorney Lisa Chang.

By: Thelma Grier

Resolved: Motion carried

- **Motion:** To send letters requesting preliminary investigation and response in 20 days to respondents, clerk, and complainant. The letter will be mailed on December 14, 2012. The preliminary hearing will take place on February 19, 2013.

By: Thelma Grier

Resolved: Motion carried

- **Motion:** To schedule a work session to take place on January 23, 2012 at 12:00 pm at Fernbank Museum to prepare for the preliminary investigation.

By: Thelma Grier

Resolved: Motion carried

VI. Announcements

Announcements reviewed by present board members. No new announcements made.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.