



DeKalb County Board of Ethics
Regular Meeting
Thursday September 21, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Zoom meeting

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Tammy Greer – Board Chair
Robert Dallas – Board Vice Chair
Scott Mathews – Board Secretary
Rosa Darden Waymon
Nadine Ali
George Ference
Thomas Clements

Alternate Members Present:

Cathea Simelton-Treminio

Board Staff Present:

Elisa Murphy, Ethics Officer
Kristin Rodgers, Ethics Administrator
Hakim Hilliard, General Counsel

County Technology Personnel Present:

Diamond Lewis, DCTV

Attendees (names as designated on Zoom platform)

Deputy Sheriff Delrico Alexander
Duane Whitlock
George
Iris Brooks
John Matelski
Mario Evans
PMKillingsworth
Rhea Johnson
Sbinney
Tom Woodward
Tommy Travis
Mary Hinkel

Representative Viola Davis
Sara Gregory
Ashlee Wright
404-55x- xxxx
470-80x-xxxx
Atlanta-Documenters’s OtterPilot
Maiysha Rashad
Sonja Holmes
Ed Williams
Sandi C
Bee
Troy
Tonjai Roberts
Joe Hughes
CBird

Agenda

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Tammy Greer called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Board Member Rosa Waymon moved to adopt the September 21, 2023 Board of Ethics agenda; Board Member Scott Matthews seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 3, 2023

Board Member Robert Dallas moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 3, 2023, Board Member Rosa Waymon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of August 17, 2023

Motion was made by Board Member Robert Dallas to approve the minutes of the Special Called meeting of August 17, 2023, Board Member Rosa Waymon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

V. Cases

A. 2022-3 Tommy Travis v. John Matelski

Ethics Officer Elisa Murphy presented information about the complaint to the Board and recommended dismissal of this case. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Board Member Rosa Waymon moved to dismiss this case; Board Member Robert Dallas seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

B. 2023-1 Duane Whitlock v. Delrico Alexander

Ethics Officer Elisa Murphy presented information about the complaint to the Board and recommended dismissal of this case. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Board Member Robert Dallas moved to table this case; Board Member Nadine Ali seconded the motion. Board Member Rosa Waymon opposed the motion. Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

VI. Cases Pending Litigation – the Ethics Office explained that these cases were previously held in abeyance by the previous administration. The following cases have pending litigation.

A. Sharon Barnes-Sutton Consolidated Cases

Ethics Officer Elisa Murphy presented an update to the Sharon Barnes-Sutton Consolidated cases for informational purposes.

B. 2018-5 Ed Williams & Faye Coffield v. DeKalb Board of Commissioners (exclude Nancy Jester)

Ethics Officer Elisa Murphy presented an update to this case for informational purposes.

C. 2021-5 Atlanta Air Tours, LLC v. Mario Evans

Ethics Officer Elisa Murphy presented an update to this case for informational purposes.

Board Chair Tammy Greer stated there is no judicial reason for the Ethics Board to not move forward with any of these cases. Board Chair Tammy Greer opened the floor for discussion.

Board Vice Chair Robert Dallas moved to direct the Ethics Officer to process complaints as they are filed, seconded by Board Member Rosa Waymon. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

VII. Administrative Items

A. Revisit Personnel Contracts & Agreements

Board Chair Tammy Greer stated this item is on the agenda to note that the Ethics Board will review legal agreements and contracts that are currently active with the board, in an effort to ensure that contracts are streamlined and appropriate for the operation of the Ethics Board.

VIII. Public Comment

Tommy Travis and Stephen Binney gave public comments.

IX. Comments from the Board

Board Chair Tammy Greer, Board Member Tom Clements, Board Member Rosa Waymon, gave comments. Board Member Nadine Ali stated she has to resign her position on the Ethics Board. Alternate Board Member Cathea Simelton-Treminio asked the board to reopen the case of 2022-3 Tommy Travis v. John Matelski if there is conflicting information. Ethics Officer Elisa Murphy stated there are no conflicting facts in this case.

X. Announcement of Next Regular Meeting Date of Thursday October 19, 2023

XI. Adjournment

Vice Chair Robert Dallas moved to adjourn the September 21, 2023 Board of Ethics meeting at 8:25 p.m., Board Member Nadine Ali seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Approved:



Chair

10/27/2023

Date