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DeKalb County Board of Ethics
Regular Meeting
Friday December 1, 2023
9:00 a.m.
Maloo Auditorium

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Tammy Greer – Board Chair
Robert Dallas – Board Vice Chair
James Scott Mathews
George Ference
Rosa Darden Waymon
Thomas Clements
Chiquita Wright

Alternate Members Present:

Bill Clark
Cathea Simelton-Treminio

Board Staff Present:

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

Public:

Joe Hughes (left before Call to Order)

County Technology Personnel Present:

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Agenda

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Tammy Greer called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

II. Budget Process Overview

Budget Director Sigler presented the FY 2024 Budget Process. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

III. Ethics Department Overview

Ethics Administrator Rodgers presented an Ethics Department Overview.

IV. Ethics Officer's Overall Process for Ethics Cases (from beginning to end)

A. Probable Cause v. Evidentiary

1. Evidentiary Hearings (process and rules), including what is told to the complainant and respondent about the flow of the hearing

Ethics Officer Murphy presented the process and rules to the Board regarding Probable Cause Hearings and Evidentiary Hearings.

V. Discussion

A. Superseding Authorities for Ethics Cases

Board General Counsel Hilliard and Ethics Officer Murphy led a discussion regarding Superseding Authorities for Ethics Cases.

B. Formal and Informal Advisory Opinions

Board General Counsel Hilliard and Ethics Officer Murphy led a discussion regarding Formal and Informal Advisory Opinions.

C. Lines of Communication

Ethics Administrator Rodgers led a discussion regarding the lines of communication within the Ethics Department.

D. Face-to-Face Meetings

The Board discussed the logistics of having the public meetings in-person.

E. Meeting Timeframes

The Board discussed the possibility of setting specific timeframes for meetings.

VI. Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Matters

A. Motion to Convene an Executive Session

Motion: Vice Chair Robert Dallas moved to convene an Executive Session; Board Member Rosa Waymon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

B. Motion to Adjourn an Executive Session

Motion: Vice Chair Robert Dallas moved to adjourn the Executive Session; Board Member Tom Clements seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

C. Motion to Approve the Executive Session Affidavit

Motion: Vice Chair Robert Dallas moved to approve the Executive Session Affidavit; Board Member James Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: Board Member Rosa Waymon moved to adjourn the December 1, 2023 Board of

Ethics Retreat at 2:17 p.m., Board Member Thomas Clements seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Approved:

Chair

Date