



**DeKalb County Board of Ethics**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Thursday January 18, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
Maloof Auditorium

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Alternate Members Present:**

Cathea Simelton-Treminio

**Board Staff Present:**

Elisa Murphy, Ethics Officer  
Kristin Rodgers, Ethics Administrator  
Hakim Hilliard, General Counsel  
LaTasha Bethel, Court Reporter

**County Technology Personnel Present:**

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**Attendees (names as designated on Zoom platform)**

Mary Hinkel  
Commissioner Robert Patrick  
Stephen Binney

**Agenda**

**I. Call to Order**

Board of Ethics Chair Tammy Greer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: Board Member James Mathews moved to adopt the January 18, 2024 Board of Ethics meeting agenda; Board Member Robert Dallas seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

### III. Administrative Items

#### A. *Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 21, 2023*

Motion: Board Member Thomas Clements moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 21, 2023; Board Member Rosa Waymon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

#### B. *2021-5: Atlanta Air Tours, LLC v. Mario Evans*

Vice Chair Robert Dallas recused himself from the discussion of this case due to a personal conflict. Eugenia Cowan was not present to give her statement regarding this case.

#### C. *2018-2: Loretta Washington v. Thurmond, Towler, Clark and Rhinehart*

Ethics Officer Murphy provided an update to this case.

### IV. Preliminary Cases

#### A. *2023-11: Musa Ghanayem et al. v. Commissioner Robert Patrick*

Ethics Officer Murphy provided an overview of the complaint process. Ethics Officer Murphy stated there are defects in all complaints associated with case 2023-11 Musa Ghanayem et al. v. Commissioner Robert Patrick and recommended to the Board to agree to send a letter to each complainant to cure the defects of their complaint.

Motion: Board Member George Ference made a motion to direct the Ethics Officer to contact complainants in the case of 2023-11 Musa Ghanayem et. al. v. Commissioner Robert Patrick to cure any defects of their complaints within 10 business days; Board Member Thomas Clements seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

#### B. *2023-12: Anonymous v. Prentiss Noland, Lou Walker Senior Center*

Motion: Board member James Mathews made a motion to direct the Ethics Officer to contact complainants in the case of 2023-12 Anonymous v. Prentiss Noland, Lou Walker Senior Center to cure any defects of their complaints within 10 business days; Board member Rosa Waymon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

#### C. *2023-08: Anonymous v. Tamara Dillard, Little Creek Farm Conservancy*

Ethics Officer Murphy provided the facts of this case and recommended dismissal due to the limited amount of information listed on the complaint suggesting an ethics violation and has forwarded the complaint to the Georgia Department of Wildlife and Department of Agriculture.

Motion: Board Member James Mathews made a motion to dismiss this case; Board Member Rosa Waymon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

**V. Public Comment**

Mary Hinkel and Stephen Binney of DeKalb County made public comments.

**VI. Comments from the Board**

Board Member Thomas Clements asked if cases 2021-5 Atlanta Air Tours, LLC v. Mario Evans and 2018-2 Loretta Washington v. Thurmond, Towler, Clark and Rhinehart were already closed. Board Chair Tammy Greer stated that each case has been dismissed previously.

**VII. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters and Pending and/or Threatened Litigation**

*A. Motion to Convene an Executive Session*

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

*C. Motion to Approve the Executive Session Affidavit*

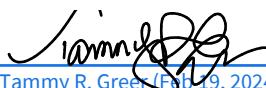
Motion: Vice Chair Robert Dallas moved to approve the Executive Session Affidavit; Board Member Thomas Clements seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

**VIII. Announcement of Next Regular Meeting Date of Thursday, February 15, 2024**

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion: Vice Chair Robert Dallas moved to adjourn the January 18, 2024 Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 7:33 p.m.; Board Member Thomas Clements seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Approved:

  
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Tammy R. Greer (Feb 19, 2024 14:26 EST)

Chair

**Feb 19, 2024**  
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Date







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