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DeKalb County Board of Ethics
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 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
Maiysha Rashad, Assistant to General Counsel

County Technology Personnel Present:

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Agenda

I. Call to Order

Ethics Board Chair Tammy Greer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Vice Chair Robert Dallas moved to adopt the March 21, 2024, Board of Ethics meeting agenda; Board Member Thomas Clements seconded the motion. Board Member James Scott Mathews was absent from the vote. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

III. Administrative Items

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 15, 2024

Motion: Board Member Chiquita Wright moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular

Board Meeting of February 15, 2024; Board Member Rosa Waymon seconded the motion. Vice Chair Robert Dallas abstained from the vote. Board Member James Scott Mathews was absent from the vote. The motion passed by 5-0 vote with one abstention.

B. Ethics Officer's Monthly Report

Ethics Officer Elisa Murphy provided a monthly report summary.

IV. Preliminary Cases

A. 2024-1: Sammy Gilstrap v. Michael Parker

Ethics Officer Murphy provided the facts of this case and recommended (2) options to the Board: (1) Hold in abeyance and wait until Officer Parker returns from military deployment in 2025 (2) Dismiss this case without prejudice. Board Member Rosa Waymon telephoned Sammy Gilstrap during the Board meeting. Sammy Gilstrap stated that he did not receive any correspondence from the Ethics Office. Board Member Waymon advised him that the Ethics Office will reach out to him for more information on this complaint. Ethics Officer Murphy refuted his claim and added that the Ethics Office called him, sent multiple emails and a notice to Sammy Gilstrap, but he did not respond.

Motion: Board Member Rosa Waymon moved to contact Mr. Gilstrap again to cure his complaint; Vice Chair Robert Dallas seconded the motion. Board Members Thomas Clements, George Ference, and James Scott Mathews opposed. The motion passed by a 4-3 vote.

B. 2024-2: Nicole Doe v. Althea Mack

Ethics Officer Murphy provided the facts of this case and recommended dismissal due to lack of jurisdiction.

Motion: Vice Chair Robert Dallas moved to dismiss this complaint due to lack of jurisdiction; Board Member George Ference seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Comments from the Board of Ethics

Board Chair Tammy Greer announced the Ethics Forum on April 11, 2024. Board Member Rosa Waymon also made comments.

VII. Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Issues

A. Motion to Convene an Executive Session

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

B. Motion to Adjourn an Executive Session

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

C. Motion to Approve the Executive Session Affidavit

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

VIII. Announcement of Next Regular Meeting Date of Thursday, April 18, 2024

IX. Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chair Robert Dallas moved to adjourn the March 21, 2024, Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m.; Board Member James Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

Approved:

Chair

Date