



**DeKalb County Board of Ethics**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Thursday, April 18, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
Maloo 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 6:00 p.m.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to adopt the April 18, 2024, Board of Ethics meeting agenda; Board Member Wright seconded the motion. Vice Chair Dallas and Board Member Mathews were absent from the vote. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**III. Administrative Items**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 21, 2024

Motion: Board Member Waymon moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 21, 2024; Board Member Clements seconded the motion. Vice Chair Dallas and Board Member Mathews were absent from the vote. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**B. Ethics Officer’s Monthly Report**

Ethics Officer Elisa Murphy provided a monthly report summary.

**IV. Preliminary Cases**

**A. 2023-12: *Anonymous v. Prentiss Noland***

Ethics Officer Murphy provided the facts of this case and recommended the dismissal of this case, as the evidence does not support the allegation. The floor was open for discussion.

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to dismiss this case; Board Member Ference seconded the motion. Vice Chair Dallas and Board Member Mathews were absent from the vote. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**B. 2024-1: *Sammy Gilstrap v. Michael Parker***

Ethics Officer Murphy provided the facts of this case and recommended (3) 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 which will give the Board the option to re-open the case once Officer Parker returns in 2025; (3) Dismissal with prejudice because Mr. Gilstrap did not meet the extended extension, facts alleged are Fourth Amendment violation and other crimes, but not ethical violation. The floor was opened for discussion.

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to dismiss with prejudice; Board Member Ference seconded the motion. Board Member Mathews was absent from the vote. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

**C. 2024-3: *Deborah Jennings v. Princess Starr***

Ethics Officer Murphy provided the facts of this case and recommended the dismissal of this case due to failure to cure the defective complaint.

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to dismiss this case; Board Member Ference seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

**V. Public Comments**

Mike Cooper of Stone Mountain, GA and Stephen Binney of Clarkston, GA.

**VI. Comments from the Board of Ethics**

Board Member Clements thanked Board Chair Tammy Greer for the success of the Ethics Forum.

## **VII. Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Issues**

### **A. Motion to Convene an Executive Session**

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

### **B. Motion to Adjourn an Executive Session**

Motion: Vice Chair Dallas moved to adjourn an Executive Session; Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Member FERENCE was absent from the vote. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

### **C. Motion to Approve the Executive Session Affidavit**

Motion: Vice Chair Dallas moved to approve the Executive Session Affidavit; Board Member Wright seconded the motion. Board Member FERENCE was absent from the vote. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

## **VIII. Announcement of Next Regular Meeting Date of Thursday, May 16, 2024**

## **IX. Adjournment**

Motion: Vice Chair Dallas moved to adjourn the April 18, 2024, Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m.; Board Member Waymon seconded the motion. Board Member FERENCE was absent from the vote. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Approved:

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Chair

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Date