



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

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

Tammy Greer - Board Chair  
Robert Dallas – Board Vice Chair  
Thomas Clements  
Rosa Waymon  
Chiquita Wright

**Alternate Members Present**

Jason Cecil

**Board Staff Present:**

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

**County Technology Personnel Present:**

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**Agenda**

**I. Call to Order**

Ethics Board Chair Tammy Greer called the public meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**III. Administrative Items**

**A. *Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 16, 2024***

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 16, 2024; Board Member Wright seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and James Mathews were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by

a 5-0 vote.

B. *Ethics Officer's Monthly Report*

Ethics Officer Murphy provided a monthly summary report.

**IV. Preliminary Cases**

A. *2024-6: Darren Petty v. Aaron Kimble*

Ethics Officer Murphy provided the facts of this case and recommended dismissal of this case. Chair Greer opened the floor for discussion.

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

B. *2024-7: Darren Petty v. Shaun Harris*

Ethics Officer Murphy provided the facts of this case and recommended dismissal. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

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

**V. Probable Cause Hearing**

A. *2024-5: Michael Cooper v. Stephen Bradshaw*

Ethics Officer Murphy provided the rules for a Probable Cause Hearing and the penalties if an Ethics violation occurs. Ethics Officer Murphy presented the case and the alleged ethical laws violated, supporting exhibits, and recommended this case move forward to an Evidentiary Hearing. Jake Evans, Attorney for Commissioner Stephen Bradshaw, presented his arguments. Both the Ethics Officer and the Attorney for Stephen Bradshaw answered questions from the Board of Ethics. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to admit Ethics Officer's exhibits into evidence; Vice Chair Dallas seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and James Mathews were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Motion: Board Member Clements moved that this case proceed to an Evidentiary Hearing and a hearing officer; Board Member Wright seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and James Mathews were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to have a hearing officer present for the Evidentiary Hearing; Vice Chair Dallas seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and James Mathews were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

## **VI. Outstanding Cases**

Ethics Officer Murphy provided facts of the Sharon Barnes Sutton Consolidated cases, deferred to the Chair or General Counsel Hilliard for comments. Board Chair Greer provided a statement on behalf of the Board, to close the Sharon Barnes Sutton Consolidated cases.

- A. *Rhea Johnson v. Sharon Barnes Sutton – filed 05/27/2014*
- B. *Viola Davis v. Sharon Barnes Sutton – filed 05/30/2014 (original plus three amendments)*
- C. *William Perry v. Sharon Barnes Sutton – filed 03/21/2016*

## **VII. Public Comments**

Amos King with Justice for Vets, Stephen Binney of Clarkston, Ga. Made public comments.

## **VIII. Comments from the Board of Ethics**

Board Chair Greer welcomed new Alternate Board Member Jason Cecil.

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

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

Motion: Board Member Clements moved to convene an Executive Session; Vice Chair Dallas seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and James Mathews were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

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

Motion: Vice Chair Dallas moved to adjourn an Executive Session; Board Member Clements seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and James Mathews were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

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

Motion: Board Member Vice Chair Dallas moved to approve the Executive Session Affidavit; Board Member Wright seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and James Mathews were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

## **X. Announcement of Next Regular Meeting Date of Thursday, July 18, 2024**

## **XI. Adjournment**

Motion: Board Member Waymon moved to adjourn the June 18, 2024, Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 8:58 p.m.; Board Member Wright seconded the motion. Board Members George Ference and James Mathews were absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Approved:

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Chair

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Date