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**DeKalb County Board of Ethics**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Thursday, August 15, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
Maloof Auditorium

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

Robert Dallas, Board Chair  
Chiquita Wright, Board Vice Chair  
James Scott Mathews, Board Secretary  
George Ference  
Rosa Waymon

**Alternate Members Present**

Jason Cecil  
Cathea Simelton-Treminio

**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 Robert Dallas called the public meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to add the July 18, 2024, Board of Ethics Regular Meeting minutes to the agenda for a vote; Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**III. Administrative Items**

*A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of August 8, 2024*

Motion: Vice Chair Wright moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 8, 2024; Board Member Ference seconded the motion. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

*B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 18, 2024*

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 18, 2024; Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

*C. Announcement of New Officers*

Robert Dallas former Vice Chair is now the Board of Ethics Chair and Chiquita Wright is now the Vice Chair of the Board of Ethics.

*Ethics Officer's Monthly Report*

Ethics Officer Murphy provided a monthly summary report.

**IV. Enforcement (Evidentiary) Hearing**

*A. 2024-7: Michael Cooper v. Stephen Bradshaw*

Ethics Officer Murphy stated that an agreement has been reached in this matter. Ethics Officer Murphy read the settlement of a Public Reprimand into the record.

Motion: Vice Chair Wright approved the proposed settlement of a Public Reprimand; seconded by Board Member Waymon. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**V. Public Comments**

Mary Hinkle and Stephen Binney of DeKalb County, GA, gave public comments.

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

Board Member Cecil and Chair Dallas gave brief comments.

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

*A. Motion to Convene an Executive Session*

Motion: Vice Chair Wright moved to convene an Executive Session; Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

*B. Motion to Adjourn an Executive Session*

Motion: Board Member Waymon moved to adjourn an Executive Session; Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

*C. Motion to Approve the Executive Session Affidavit*

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to approve the Executive Session Affidavit; Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. Board Member Clements was absent from the

meeting. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**VIII. Announcement of Next Regular Meeting Date of Thursday, September 19, 2024**

**IX. Adjournment**

Board Chair Dallas adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Approved:

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Chair

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Date