



**Draft**  
**DeKalb County Board of Ethics**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Thursday, September 19, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
Zoom

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

Robert Dallas, Board Chair  
James Scott Mathews, Board Secretary  
Rosa Waymon  
Simelton Treminio  
George Ference

**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:**

DeKalb IT

**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**

Board Chair Robert Dallas appointed alternate Board member Cathea Simelton-Treminio as a voting Board member for this meeting.

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to adopt the September 19, 2024, Board of Ethics Agenda; Board Member Waymon seconded the motion. Board Member Ference was absent from the vote. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 4 -0 vote.

**III. Administrative Items**

*A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 19, 2024*

Motion: Board Member Simelton-Treminio moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 19, 2024; Board Member Mathews seconded the motion. Board Member Ference was absent from the vote. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 4 -0 vote.

*B. Board of Ethics' Committees*

Board Chair Dallas listed the Ethics Board Committees and called for any member to become the chair of any of those committees. The floor was open for discussion.

*C. Ethics Officer's Monthly Report*

Ethics Officer Murphy provided a monthly report of the Ethics Office.

**IV. Preliminary Cases**

*A. 2024-10: Denise "Shawn" Alexander v. Pat D. Spencer*

The Ethics Officer provided details of the complaint. The Ethics Officer requested the dismissal of this complaint.

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to dismiss the complaint; Board Member Waymon seconded the motion. Board Member Ference was absent from the vote. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 4 -0 vote.

*B. 2024-11: Jessica Carr v. Tracy Mohammed*

The Ethics Officer provided details of the complaint. The Ethics Officer requested the dismissal of this complaint due to lack of jurisdiction.

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to dismiss the complaint; Board Member Simelton-Treminio seconded the motion. Board Member Ference was absent from the vote. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

**V. Public Comments**

Stephen Binney, Clarkston, GA

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

Ethics Board Member Jason Cecil gave public comments.

## **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 Simelton-Treminio seconded the motion. Board Member Ference was absent from the vote. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

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

Motion: Board Member Waymon moved to adjourn 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.

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

Motion: Board Member Simelton-Treminio moved to approve the Executive Session Affidavit; Board Member Waymon 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, October 17, 2024**

## **IX. Adjournment**

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to adjourn the July 18, 2024, Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 7:09 p.m.; Board Member Waymon seconded the motion. Board Member Ference was absent from the vote. Board Member Clements was absent from the meeting. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Approved:

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Chair

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Date