



Draft
DeKalb County Board of Ethics
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2024
6:00 p.m.
178 Sams Street

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Robert Dallas, Chair
Chiquita Wright, Vice Chair
James Mathews, Secretary
George Ference

Alternate Members Present

Cathea Simelton-Treminio
Jason Cecil

Board Staff Present:

Elisa Murphy, Ethics Officer
Kristin Rodgers, Ethics Administrator

County Technology Personnel Present:

DeKalb IT/DCTV

Agenda

I. Call to Order

Ethics Board Chair Robert Dallas called the public meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Board Chair Dallas elevated alternate Board Member Jason Cecil to a voting Ethics Board member to make a quorum of 4 voting members prior to the arrival of the fourth voting member.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to adopt the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of January 16, 2025. Board Member Ference seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

III. Administrative Items

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

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 19, 2024. Board Member Ference seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Ethics Board Vice Chair Wright entered the meeting. Board Chair Dallas removed Alternate Board Member Cecil as a voting Board member.

B. Ethics Officer's Monthly Report

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

C. Proposed Changes to the DeKalb County Ethics Code

Ethics Officer Murphy presented proposed changes to the DeKalb County Ethics Code 22A(f)(2)(B) to read **the signature of the complainant shall be verified by the Ethics Officer;** and 22A(j)(3) to remove the word **verified**.

Board Chair Dallas determined no vote was needed for this item.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments.

V. Comments from the Board of Ethics

No comments from the Board of Ethics

VI. Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Issues

A. Motion to Cancel an Executive Session

Motion: Board Member Ference moved to cancel the Executive Session; Vice Chair Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

VII. Announcement of Next Regular Meeting Date of Thursday, February 20, 2025

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: Board Member Mathews moved to adjourn the January 16, 2025, Board of Ethics Regular Meeting at 6:17 p.m., Board Member Ference seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Approved:

Chair

Date