

**DeKalb County Board of Ethics**

Thursday, October 19, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Central DeKalb Senior Center, Second Floor Meeting Room

1346 McConnell Drive

Decatur, Georgia 30033

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Robert Tatum  
Dan DeWoskin  
Brian Deutsch  
Edward Queen

**Members Absent:**

Shermanetta Carter

**Board Affiliates Present:**

Stacey Kalberman, Ethics Officer  
LaTonya Nix Wiley, Deputy Ethics Officer  
Gene Chapman, Board Counsel  
Suzanne Amato, Administrative Assistant

**Attendees:**

Mark Niese  
Shaheen Williams  
Terrell Davis

I. Call to order

Dan DeWoskin called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The members reviewed the agenda. Edward Queen made a motion to adopt the agenda and Brian Deutsch seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

III. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2017

The members reviewed the minutes from the meeting held on September 28, 2017. Robert Tatum made a motion to approve the minutes and Brian Deutsch seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Probable Cause Hearing

1. LaTonya Wiley informed the Board that attorney Dwight Thomas wrote the Board and asked it to defer acting on the complaints against Terrell Davis and Vaughn Irons in light of the Superior Court's Order in the Sutton litigation. Ms. Wiley presented the probable cause report and information regarding Terrell Davis. After Ms. Wiley made her presentation, Dan DeWoskin made a motion to find probable cause and direct the Ethics Office to schedule a final hearing. Edward Queen seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
2. LaTonya Wiley presented the probable cause report and information regarding Vaughn Irons. After Ms. Wiley made her presentation, Edward Queen made a motion to find probable cause and direct the Ethics Office to schedule a final hearing. Brian Deutsch seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

B. New business

1. Advisory Opinion 2017-2. Stacey Kalberman presented the draft of proposed Advisory Opinion 2017-2 for the Board's consideration. After discussion, Robert Tatum made a motion to adopt Advisory Opinion 2017-2 and Edward Queen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

C. Reports

1. LaTonya Wiley related a request from Justice Sears for a resolution which sets forth the powers, duties, and authority the Board is granting her in asking her to act as hearing officer for the complaints of: (1) Rhea Johnson against Stacey Kalberman and Dan DeWoskin; (2) Amos King against Stacey Kalberman and the Board of Ethics; (3) Vernon Jones against Stacey Kalberman; and (4) Rhea Johnson against Shermanetta Carter, Brian Deutsch, Robert Tatum, Stacey Kalberman, and Darren Summerville. After discussion, Dan DeWoskin made a motion to pass a resolution which formally memorializes the Board's decision to (1) retain Justice Sears per Board Rule of Procedure 6.2; (2) give her all of the powers, duties, and discretion set forth therein to conduct investigations and any hearings; (3) make final determinations as to the allegations in the complaints, and to authorize the Chair to sign such resolution. Brian Deutsch seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

V. Administrative

- A. Public Comment. Dan DeWoskin asked if anyone wished to make remarks. No one responded.

VI. Adjournment

Robert Tatum made a motion to adjourn and Edward Queen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved:



Chair

12/14/2017

Date