

4. Clela Winslow is a city elected official and has represented Council District 4 since 1994. She has been reelected to office five times; in 1997, 2001, 2005, 2009, and recently in 2013.
5. In 2013, the Ethics Office distributed ethical guidelines on Use of City Property during Political Campaigns to elected City officials and candidates for municipal office in April, July, August, and September. The guidelines state that: "City funds may not be used for campaign purposes."
6. Ms. Winslow violated the Code of Ethics in a prior 2009 case and was assessed sanctions of \$1,500 for the violations. At that time, the Board believed that this fine would be a deterrent to future violations of the Ethics Code.
7. On November 12, 2013, the Ethics Office sent a notice to Ms. Winslow of its intent to present the matter to the Ethics Board to seek a finding of probable cause. Further, if Ms. Winslow did not intend to dispute the finding of probable cause, the matter could be presented at the next board meeting to impose sanctions.
8. Ms. Winslow responded and agreed to the matter being presented to the Board at its November 21, 2013 meeting for the imposition of sanctions.
9. She has reimbursed the City \$390 for the funds paid to the vendor, Proview Tours LLC.

Based on these findings of facts and a lengthy discussion on the matter, the Board makes the following conclusions of law:

Conclusions of Law

10. Ms. Winslow is a city official subject to the Code of Ethics found in sections 2-801 to 2-824 in the City's Code of Ordinances.
11. Section 2-811 of the Code of Ethics states: "No official or employee shall request, use or permit the use of any publicly owned or publicly supported property, vehicle, equipment, labor or service for the private advantage of such official or employee or any other person or private entity."
12. Formal Advisory Opinion 2004-1 states that official city business "does not include an activity or event done solely for the personal benefit of an individual official or employee, such as a political campaign activity, a private business transaction, or an event sponsored by a private or non-city group."
13. The use of city funds to pay for transportation of senior citizens to attend a campaign event involves the personal use of city funds.
14. Ms. Winslow violated section 2-811 when she requested, used, and permitted the use of city funds to pay for expenses she incurred as a candidate in connection with the transportation of senior citizens to her official kick-off event held during her 2013 campaign for reelection on August 24, 2013.

15. The Board finds that Ms. Winslow is responsible for all payments that are disbursed from her council office.

Based on these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Board of Ethics concludes:

16. Ms. Winslow is ordered to pay an administrative sanction of \$2,000 to the City of Atlanta from her personal funds on or before December 31, 2013.

17. Ms. Winslow is ordered to cease and desist from any and all violations of the City of Atlanta Code of Ethics and to comply with all its provisions.

If the Respondent, Clela Winslow, fails to comply with this opinion and order, she may be subject to prosecution in Municipal Court for a violation of the Code of Ethics.

So ordered, this 21st day of November, 2013.

For the City of Atlanta Board of Ethics



Caroline Johnson Tanner
Board Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Nina R. Hickson, certify that on this ____ day of November, 2013, I served a copy of the

Final Opinion and Order on the following party by way of email and hand delivery:

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