

**City of Atlanta Board of Ethics Meeting
Minutes of May 15, 2008**

The monthly meeting of the City of Atlanta Board of Ethics was called to order by John Lewis, Jr., at 6:05 p.m. in City Council Committee Room 2, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303. Attending the meeting were board members Carol Snype Crawford, Charles Crawford (arriving at 6:40 p.m.), MaryAnne Gaunt, Susan Housen, and Charmaine Ward, and staff members Ginny Looney and Nasceas Timms. Board member Cathy Daniels was absent.

MINUTES

1. The board approved the minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting on a motion by Ms. Gaunt and a second by Ms. Housen.
2. Ms. Looney delivered a report on the April 24, 2008, meeting of the Advice Committee, and Ms. Housen reported on the April 17, 2008 Enforcement Committee meeting.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

3. After Ms. Looney explained the changes proposed in the 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement, Ms. Gaunt recommended the deletion of the words "while performing your public or civic obligations or on behalf of constituents" at the end of the instruction for Question 15a and the substitution of the phrase "A spouse of a parent, sibling, or child" for the word "In-laws" in the answer to Question 17c. There was a consensus among board members to adopt those recommendations. With those changes, Ms. Crawford made a motion to adopt the 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement, Ms. Gaunt seconded the motion, and the Board adopted it unanimously.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

4. CO-07-026. In the Matter of Clarence T. Martin.

Ms. Looney presented and recommended approval of a settlement agreement with Council member C.T. Martin concerning the waiver of rental fees for use of the Atrium and Historic City Council Chambers for private events. After hearing from Mr. Martin's attorney, Ms. Housen moved the adoption of the settlement agreement, with a second by Ms. Gaunt. The Board approved the agreement unanimously.

Mr. Crawford joined the meeting at this point.

FORMAL ADVISORY OPINIONS

5. Ms. Looney brought two issues for the board's consideration under Board Rule 2.3. The Board reached a tentative decision that it would issue a formal advisory opinion disapproving of significant financial transactions between supervisors and subordinates and a second opinion concluding that city employees may not use city uniforms, badges, and vehicles in political advertisements endorsing candidates. Ms. Looney is to present draft opinions on each issue at the next meeting.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Ginny Looney
Ginny Looney, Ethics Officer
Approved July 17, 2008