

**City of Atlanta Board of Ethics Meeting  
Minutes of February 18, 2010**

The monthly meeting of the City of Atlanta Board of Ethics was called to order by MaryAnne Gaunt at 6:15 p.m. in City Council Committee Room 2, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303. Attending the meeting were board members Charles B. Crawford Jr.; Carol Snype Crawford; Caroline Johnson Tanner; and Charmaine Ward. Staff members Ginny Looney, Jabu M. Sengova, and Sherry H. Dawson also attended. Chair John Lewis Jr. and board member Cathy Daniels were absent.

**MINUTES**

1. The Board approved the minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting on a motion by Ms. Tanner and a second by Mr. Crawford.

**ADVISORY OPINIONS**

2. **Request from Chief Operating Officer for formal advisory opinion**

The Board discussed a request from Chief Operating Officer Peter Aman for a formal advisory opinion on potential conflicts of interest related to his relationship with the consulting firm from which he has taken a leave of absence for one year. The Board reached a tentative decision that it would adopt Ms. Looney's recommendation that the chief operating officer should not be involved on behalf of the City in any negotiations, discussions, or review of matters related to known clients of the consulting firm, and asked Ms. Looney to prepare a draft opinion for consideration at the March meeting.

**BOARD OPERATIONS**

3. **Annual Statement of Interest**

The Board postponed consideration of the statement of interest form until its March meeting.

4. **Ethics Pledge for City Officials**

Ms. Looney presented the ethics pledge for city officials, and board members read the pledge aloud and then signed it. The goal is to get all elected officials and the Mayor's cabinet to sign an ethics pledge prior to launching the new employee ethics pledge policy.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

5. **Report to Board on 2010 Filing Season**

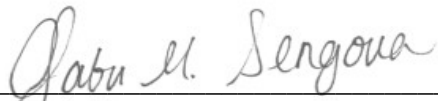
Ms. Looney reported that the number of required filers has decreased to 1500 this year, and that fifty percent of all required filers have filed their disclosure statements after 17 days.

**ETHICS OFFICER REPORT**

6. **2010-2011 Work Plan**

Ms. Looney reported on activities that support the 2010-2011 Work Plan in the following areas: operations, training, advice, public education and outreach, investigation and enforcement actions, financial disclosure, and legislation and lobbying.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jabu M. Sengova".

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Jabu M. Sengova, Associate Ethics Officer  
Approved March 18, 2010