

**City of Atlanta Board of Ethics Meeting
Minutes of May 17, 2012**

The monthly meeting of the City of Atlanta Board of Ethics was called to order by Chair Caroline Johnson Tanner at 6:17 p.m. in the City Council Committee Room 2, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Attending the meeting were board members Brent Adams, Carol Snype Crawford, MaryAnne Gaunt, Shukura Ingram and Kate Wasch. Staff members Jabu M. Sengova and Sherry H. Dawson also attended. Ethics Officer Appointee Nina R. Hickson was present for the meeting.

MINUTES

1. The Board approved the minutes of the Special Called April 9, 2012 meeting on a motion by Ms. Gaunt and a second by Ms. Wasch.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

2. Ms. Sengova delivered a status report to the Board on enforcement efforts against the 21 delinquent filers. Of the 8 late filers, two cases have been closed and six remain open; of thirteen non-filers, one case has been closed and twelve remain open. One of the twelve cases will be closed because the Ethics Office does not have current contact information for these individuals.

FORMAL ADVISORY OPINIONS

3. **Proposed Formal Advisory Opinion 2012-1 on People TV local producer**
Ms. Ingram moved to adopt proposed Formal Advisory Opinion 2012-1 on potential conflicts of interest related to a local producer seeking to serve on the People TV Board of Directors, which Ms. Gaunt seconded. The opinion concludes that a local producer has a personal interest in People TV arising from her position as a paying member who regularly uses the facilities and equipment and seeks to have programs aired on public access channels. Based on that personal interest, she is disqualified from serving on People TV Board because a potential conflict exists and recusal is not a viable option. Local producers appeared before the Ethics Board and argued that they should be able to serve on the People TV Board and have their issues heard and addressed. Following a lengthy discussion, the Board found that the personal interest of the paying local producer could not be separated from decisions that serve the overall good of the station and all its producers, and adopted the motion unanimously.

BOARD OPERATIONS

4. **FY13 Budget and FY12 Budget Report**
Ms. Sengova presented the approved FY13 Budget which allocates \$285,799 in personnel expenses and \$65,942 in operating expenses for a total budget of \$351,741. She also reported that the Ethics Office was spending as budgeted for fiscal year 2012.

INTERIM ETHICS OFFICER'S REPORT

5. **Status report on activities performed under Work Plan**

Ms. Sengova reported on activities that support the 2012-2013 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 7:36 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jabu M. Sengova". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Jabu M. Sengova, Associate Ethics Officer
Approved July 19, 2012