

**City of Atlanta Board of Ethics Meeting
Minutes of February 21, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the City of Atlanta Board of Ethics was called to order by Chair Caroline Johnson Tanner at 6:08 p.m. in the City Council Committee Room 2, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Attending the meeting were board members Brent Adams, DeLonn Brown, Carol Snype Crawford, Shukura Ingram Millender, Kai Williamson and Kate Wasch. Staff members Nina R. Hickson, Jabu M. Sengova, and Sherry H. Dawson also attended.

MINUTES

1. Ms. Adams moved to approve the minutes of the January 17th meeting, seconded by Ms. Crawford, and the Board unanimously adopted the minutes.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

2. CO-12-004. In the Matter of James Sack

Ms. Sengova presented a request to specially set the enforcement hearing in the matter of James Sack for April 18, 2013. Following a brief discussion, Ms. Crawford made a motion to set the hearing which was seconded by Ms. Wasch. The Board approved the request unanimously.

3. CO-12-004. In the Matter of Gregory Nash and Angela Green

Ms. Sengova next presented a request to issue subpoenas to appear for Gregory Nash and Angela Green, trustees serving on the General Employee Pension Board; pertaining to an alleged conflict of interest. Mr. Adams moved to approve the issuance of the subpoenas, seconded by Ms. Crawford, and the Board unanimously approved the request.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

4. Report to Board on 2013 Filing Season

Ms. Sengova delivered the February 2013 report to the Board on persons required to file an annual financial disclosure statement, those who complied with the filing requirements, and those who failed to file in 2013 as required by law. Ms. Sengova noted that the percentage of timely filers was 95% this year, consistent with 2008, 2011 and 2012, the best filing years. The grace period ends on March 1, 2013.

ETHICS OFFICER'S REPORT

5. 2012-2013 Work Plan

Ms. Hickson reported on activities that support the 2012-2013 Work Plan in the following areas: operations, training, activities, advice, public education and outreach, investigation and enforcement actions, financial disclosure, and legislation and lobbying. Ms. Hickson reported that she had received consent from Mayor Reed for an Executive Order mandating ethics training for city employees, and the development of the e-learning course was in progress.

6. FY13 Budget Report

Ms. Hickson presented the FY13 Budget which allocates \$285,799 in personnel

expenses and \$65,942 in operating expenses for a total budget of \$351,741, and the Ethics Office was spending as budgeted for fiscal year 2013. Ms. Hickson reported that she was still working with the Department of Finance on having funds allocated to the personnel line items in order to account for the City Council-approved salary increases.

7. Discussion of legislative initiatives

Ms. Hickson led a discussion regarding possible amendments to the Ethics Code in the near future; she discussed moving the due date for disclosure forms from January 15 to February 1.

8. Update on case referrals to the City Solicitor's Office

Ms. Hickson reported that she had met with the City Solicitor and there appeared to be a reluctance to handle financial disclosure cases referred to that office. She advised the board of her intent to seek a legal opinion regarding this issue.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Jabu M. Sengova, Associate Ethics Officer
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