

City of Atlanta Board of Ethics Meeting Minutes of March 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 DeLonn Brown, Carol Snype Crawford, Shukura Ingram Millender and Kate Wasch. Board members Brent Adams and Kai Williamson were absent. Staff members Nina R. Hickson, Jabu M. Sengova, and Sherry H. Dawson also attended.

MINUTES

1. Ms. Wasch moved to approve the minutes of the February 21st meeting, seconded by Ms. Millender, and the Board unanimously adopted the minutes.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

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

The matter of James Sack was reset to the April 18th special called meeting on a motion by Ms. Crawford which was seconded by Ms. Wasch. The Board unanimously approved the motion to reset the matter.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

3. Roll of Delinquent Filers

The Board next considered the Roll of Delinquent Filers that lists 20 persons who have not filed a 2013 City Financial Disclosure Statement and six persons who filed after the March 1 grace period without reasonable cause. Ms. Millender moved to adopt the Roll of Delinquent Filers, which was seconded by Ms. Wasch, and the Board unanimously adopted the motion.

ETHICS OFFICER'S REPORT

4. 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 would present a recommendation on a formal advisory opinion concerning tickets and the new stadium proposal at the April 18th board meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Resolution honoring MaryAnne Gaunt, former Vice-Chair Board of Ethics

Ms. Tanner presented a resolution honoring Ms. Gaunt for her years of service to the City as the appointee for the Atlanta Fulton County League of Women Voters. Ms. Gaunt was present to accept the award.

6. Transparent Diamond Awards Ceremony

The Board held the Seventh Annual Financial Disclosure Awards Ceremony to honor city departments and boards or commissions with the best filing records. Ms. Tanner reported that the compliance rate was excellent this year, with 95% of 1,650 filers meeting the February 15th deadline; and 31 boards or commissions had a 100% compliance filing rate, a record for the Ethics Office. Ms. Millender moved to adopt a resolution recognizing the Transparent Diamond Award winners with a second by Ms. Wasch, and the Board adopted it unanimously.

The Board recognized the following city boards or commissions: Atlanta Beltline, Atlanta Development Authority better known as INVEST Atlanta, Atlanta Judicial Commission, Atlanta Sister Cities Commission, Atlanta Urban Design Commission, Atlanta Fulton-County Recreation Authority, Atlanta Fulton County Library System Board, Atlanta Workforce Development, Audit Committee, Board of Ethics, Board of Zoning Adjustment, Buckhead Community Improvement District Board, Civil Service Board, Commission on Aging, Downtown Atlanta Community Improvement District, Elected Officials Compensation Commission, Fire Fighters Pension Fund Board, Fulton County/City of Atlanta Land Bank Authority, General Employees Pension Fund Board, Human Relations Commission, In Rem Review Board, License Review Board, Lindbergh SPI-15 Development Review Committee, People TV Board, Piedmont Park Conservancy, Police Officers Pension Fund Board, Procurement Appeals Hearing Officer, SPI-9 Buckhead Village District Development Review, Taxicabs & Vehicles for Hire Hearing Officer, University Community Development Corporation, and Water and Sewer Appeals Board.

The Board next recognized the following city departments: Atlanta City Council, Atlanta Police Department, Department of Watershed Management, Department of Law, Department of Procurement, Department of Information Technology, Municipal Court of Atlanta, Department of Human Resources, City Auditor's Office, Public Defender's Office, Department of Corrections, Department of Finance, Department of Planning, and Solicitor's Office.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7.01 p.m.



Jabu M. Sengova, Associate Ethics Officer
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