

**City of Atlanta Governing Board of the
Office of the Inspector General and the Ethics Office
February 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

The meeting of the City of Atlanta Governing Board of the Office of the Inspector General and the Ethics Office was called to order by Board Chair Nichola Hines at 6:10 p.m.

Attending the meeting were:

- Governing Board members: Nichola Hines (Chair), Rebecca Brubaker, Natalie Lewis, Lisa Liang, Richard Taylor, Terri Simmons, and Cecily Welch; and
- OIG staff member: Shannon Manigault (Inspector General); and
- Ethics Office staff members: Carlos Santiago (Deputy Ethics Officer), and other staff members

Governing Board member Todd Gray (Vice Chair), and Ethics Office Staff member Jabu Sengova (Ethics Officer) were absent.

BOARD OPERATIONS

1. Introduction of new board member

Ms. Hines introduced new Board Member Richard Taylor, nominated by the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board.

2. Amendment of January 18, 2024 Governing Board meeting minutes

Ms. Lewis moved to amend a motion made during the January 18, 2024, board meeting which was made to approve the Inspector General's request to hire outside counsel for a legal matter. Ms. Lewis amended the motion to approve specifically the Inspector General's request to hire outside counsel for a legal matter due to a conflict. The motion to amend the former motion was seconded by Ms. Brubaker and approved by the Board with one abstention.

ENFORCEMENT MATTERS – APPEALS HEARING

3. In the Matter of Tracy Harrison (CO-23-003)

Mr. Santiago presented the Administrative Decision in the case of Tracy Harrison, case number: CO-23-003. The Ethics Office issued its final decision in this matter on October 31, 2023. Ms. Harrison filed an appeal on November 4, 2023. The hearing on this matter is governed by City Charter Section 8-103 and Governing Board Rule #6.

Ms. Harrison was present at the meeting and addressed the Governing Board. Counsel from the City of Atlanta Department of Law, Calvin Blackburn, was also in attendance.

For a detailed transcript of the hearing, please see <https://play.champds.com/atlantaga/event/414>.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Governing Board of the Office of the Inspector General and the Ethics Office