



## **City of Atlanta Board of Ethics 2014 Highlights by the Numbers**

### **TRAINING**

Provided ethics training to 487 full-time employees, 37 seasonal employees, 12 board and commission members, and 44 City Council members and staff; received 536 signed ethics pledges.

### **ADVICE**

Gave timely ethics advice in one informal advisory letter, 100 requests for written and/or verbal advice, and 27 requests for general information about ethics. Responded to 100 percent of all requests for advice within seven days.

### **INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT**

- Received 43 reports on Integrity Line complaints;
- Referred 36 complaints to departments for investigation;
- Dismissed 18 non-ethics complaints for lack of jurisdiction;
- Opened 19 new ethics cases;
- Closed 17 cases. Of the cases closed, the Board imposed sanctions in three cases, three were closed after reaching a settlement agreement, and 11 were investigated and closed administratively.
- Assessed \$6,150 in fines in ethics cases.
- Investigations remain pending in six open cases.

### **FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Recorded 15 financial disclosure cases involving delinquent or late filers for which enforcement was pursued. Of 20 late filers, 11 cases were closed and administrative decisions were written for the remaining 9. Of 14 non-filers, administrative decisions were written in all the cases imposing a \$500 fine for failure to comply with the City's financial disclosure laws. Conducted 10 board hearings (6 for not filing and 4 for late filing). Assessed \$3,650 in fines in financial disclosure cases.

Achieved a timely filing rate of 96 percent of the 1694 persons required to file the 2014 Financial Disclosure Statement.

Awarded the Transparent Diamond Award to 15 departments and 34 boards and commissions with exemplary financial disclosure filing records.

### **PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

Distributed 3962 wallet cards and 1905 brochures for Integrity at Work campaign.

- Completed development phase for ethics e-Learning course.
- Published two issues of the e-Newsletter, *Ethics Matters*.
- Re-launched AtlantaEthics.Org with brand new design and added functionality.

### **OPERATIONS**

Held 7 board meetings and 2 board retreats.