City of Atlanta Board of Ethics Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2009

The monthly meeting of the City of Atlanta Board of Ethics was called to order by Chair John Lewis, Jr., at 6:10 pm in the City Council Committee Room 2, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Attending the meeting were board members Carol Snype Crawford; Charles B. Crawford, Jr.; MaryAnne Gaunt; Caroline Tanner; and Charmaine Ward. Associate Ethics Officer Jabu M. Sengova also attended. Board member Cathy Daniels and Ethics Officer Ginny Looney were absent.

MINUTES

1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 17, 2009, meeting on a motion by Ms. Tanner and a second by Mr. Crawford.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Appeals Filed - Late filers

2. <u>09FD019</u>. In the Matter of Jon Gurney

After presenting evidence, Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board deny Mr. Gurney's untimely appeal and impose a \$50 fine for his late filing of his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement. Mr. Crawford made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the associate ethics officer, which Ms. Gaunt seconded, and the Board adopted the motion unanimously.

3. 09FD028. In the Matter of Gerard Rioux

Following the presentation of evidence, Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board deny Mr. Rioux's appeal and impose the maximum fine of \$500 for failing to timely file his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement without reasonable cause. Ms. Gaunt moved to adopt the recommendation of the associate ethics officer and order a fine of \$500. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No Appeals Filed - Late filers

4. <u>09FD012</u>. In the Matter of Johnny Capers

After presenting evidence that Mr. Capers filed his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement on April 14, 2009, Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board impose a \$50 fine because Mr. Capers filed late and did not show reasonable cause for his late filing. Ms. Tanner moved to act on the associate ethics officer's recommendation, Ms. Gaunt seconded the motion, and all board members voted in favor of the motion.

No Appeals Filed – Nonfilers

5. <u>09FD009</u>. In the Matter of Shahn Battle.

After presenting evidence, Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Mr. Battle's failure to file his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose a maximum fine of \$500. Ms. Crawford moved to adopt the recommendation with a second by Ms. Ward, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. 09FD011. In the Matter of Marvin Boone

After presenting evidence, Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Mr. Boone's failure to file his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose a maximum fine of \$500. Ms. Crawford made a motion to adopt the recommendation with a second by Ms. Ward, and it passed unanimously.

7. 09FD014. In the Matter of Conchita Dillon

Following the presentation of evidence, Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Ms. Dillon's failure to file her 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose a maximum fine of \$500. Ms Gaunt moved to adopt the recommendation, Mr. Crawford seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

8. <u>09FD015</u>. In the Matter of Veronica Eagle

After presenting evidence, Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Ms. Eagle's failure to file her 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose a maximum fine of \$500. Mr. Crawford made a motion to adopt the recommendation, Ms. Ward seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

9. <u>09FD017</u>. In the Matter of Fred Freeman

After presenting evidence, Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Mr. Freeman's failure to file his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose a maximum fine of \$500. Ms. Tanner moved to accept the recommendation to find a violation of section 2-814 for the failure to file and impose a fine of \$500, with a second by Ms. Gaunt, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. 09FD023. In the Matter of Ronnie Marshall

Following the presentation of evidence, Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Mr. Marshall's failure to file his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose a maximum fine of \$500. Ms. Gaunt moved to adopt the recommendation to find a violation of section 2-814 for Mr. Marshall's failure to file and impose a fine of \$500, which Mr. Crawford seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

11. <u>09FD025</u>. In the Matter of Monte Mitchell

Following the presentation of evidence, Mr. Crawford moved to adopt Ms. Sengova's recommendation that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Mr. Mitchell's failure to file his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose the maximum fine of \$500, with a second by Ms. Ward, and the motion passed unanimously.

12. <u>09FD026</u>. In the Matter of Chavis Paulk

After presenting evidence, Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Mr. Paulk's failure to file his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose a maximum fine of \$500. Ms. Crawford moved to accept the recommendation, which Ms. Ward seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

13. 09FD027. In the Matter of Stanley Reynolds

After presenting evidence, Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Mr. Reynold's failure to file his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose a maximum fine of \$500. Ms. Tanner made a motion to adopt the recommendation, with a second by Ms. Crawford, and it passed unanimously.

14. 09FD029. In the Matter of Jerry Rucker

Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Mr. Rucker's failure to file his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose a maximum fine of \$500. Mr. Crawford moved to adopt the recommendation, Ms. Gaunt seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

15. 09FD030. In the Matter of Gloria Russell

Ms. Sengova requested that the Board hold this case until its next regularly scheduled meeting because Ms. Russell appeared at the enforcement hearing and requested a delay to discuss her case further with the Ethics Office.

16. 09FD032. In the Matter of Rodney Stinson

Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Mr. Stinson's failure to file his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose a maximum fine of \$500. Ms. Gaunt moved to accept the recommendation, which Ms. Crawford seconded, and it passed unanimously.

17. 09FD034. In the Matter of Carl Waller

Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Mr. Waller's failure to file his 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose a maximum fine of \$500. Mr. Crawford made a motion to accept the recommendation, Ms. Ward seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously

18. <u>09FD035</u>. In the Matter of Dawn Williams

Ms. Sengova recommended that the Board find a violation of section 2-814 for Ms. Williams' failure to file the 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement and impose a maximum fine of \$500. Ms. Tanner made a motion to accept the recommendation, which Ms. Gaunt seconded, and it passed unanimously

Settlement Agreements

19. 09FD016. In the Matter of Christopher Ford

Ms. Crawford moved to accept the settlement agreement recommended by the associate ethics officer with a second by Ms. Ward, and the motion passed unanimously.

20. <u>09FD018</u>. In the Matter of Sandra Griffin

Ms. Gaunt made a motion to adopt the settlement agreement recommended by Ms. Sengova. Ms. Ward seconded the motion, and all board members voted in favor of it.

Other

21. 09FD003. In the Matter of Carlton Jinks

Ms. Sengova reported that Mr. Jinks had signed the payroll deduction form to pay his \$200 sanction for his failure to timely file the 2009 City Financial Disclosure Statement.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Jabu M. Sengova, Associate Ethics Officer

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Approved November 19, 2009