

**City of Atlanta Board of Ethics Meeting
Minutes of February 21, 2019**

The monthly meeting of the City of Atlanta Board of Ethics was called to order by Board Chair Kate Wasch at 6:08 p.m. in Committee Room 1, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Attending the meeting were board members Chris Gilmore, Todd Gray, Nichola Hines, Gerry Neumark and Wesley Tharpe. Ethics Officer Jabu M. Sengova and staff members, Sherry H. Dawson, Janet Keene and Carlos R. Santiago also attended. Vice Chair Jessica Stern was absent.

MINUTES

1. Ms. Hines moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gray and unanimously approved by the Board.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE ENFORCEMENT

2. **In the Matter of Shanta Garrett, FD-18-006, Motion to Vacate**
Mr. Santiago presented a Motion to Vacate Final Order and Public Reprimand in this case. Mr. Santiago reported that after the Final Order was issued, new facts were provided to the Ethics Office indicating that Ms. Garrett had not lived at her place of residence on record with the City since January of 2015; and therefore, did not receive the mailed notices regarding her delinquent filer status and opportunities to appeal the penalties in her case. Mr. Gray moved to adopt the Motion to Vacate Final Order and Public Reprimand as requested by Mr. Santiago. Dr. Neumark seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.
3. **Request for Subpoenas for Delinquent Late Filers**
Mr. Santiago requested that the Board issue subpoenas to appear for the following respondents who are active City Employees and who have not paid their outstanding fines:

In the Matter of Lester Kimpson, FD-18-009, \$50
In the Matter of Michael Williams, FD-18-020, \$50
In the Matter of Gabriel Yombe, FD-18-023, \$50
In the Matter of Kaskaskius Battle, FD-18-024, \$250
In the Matter of Tony Turman, FD-18-070, \$250
In the Matter of Dante Wheeler, FD-18-072, \$100.

Mr. Tharpe made a motion to issue subpoenas to appear. Ms. Hines seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

4. **Report on audit of financial disclosure statements**
Ms. Keene provided an overview of the 2018 City Financial Disclosure Statement Audit. She identified common errors and stated that letters have been sent out to people with deficient statements raising their awareness for the 2019 Financial Disclosure Statement.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

5. **Report to Board on 2019 Filing Season**

Ms. Dawson reported that the 2019 filing season begins on March 1, 2019. She reported that the number of required filers for 2019 has increased to 3125 from 2911 in 2018. Of the 3125 required to file, 2687 are employees and 438 are board members. Ms. Dawson also reported that these numbers may increase or decrease depending on changes that the Ethics Office may implement during the filing season.

ETHICS OFFICER'S REPORT

6. **Status Report on Activities Performed Under the Work Plan**

Ms. Sengova reported on activities that support the Ethics Office Work Plan in the following areas: operations, training, advice, public education and outreach, investigation and enforcement actions, and financial disclosure. She stated that the Office is continuing to monitor new legislation.

7. **FY19 Budget Report**

Ms. Sengova reported that the Ethics Office was spending as budgeted for fiscal year 2019.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Jabu M. Sengova, Ethics Officer
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