City of Atlanta Governing Board of the Office of the Inspector General and the Ethics Office June 15, 2023, 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 6:30 p.m.

Attending the meeting were:

- Governing Board members Nichola Hines (Chair), Rebecca Brubaker, Gerry Neumark, Terri Simmons, and Cecily Welch;
- OIG staff members: Shannon Manigault (Inspector General), Bradford Garvey (Deputy Inspector General), and other staff members; and
- Ethics Office staff members: Carlos Santiago (Deputy Ethics Officer), and other staff members.

Board members Todd Gray (Vice Chair), Natalie Lewis, Lisa Liang and Bing Wang were absent.

1. Ms. Hines moved to dismiss the Office of the Inspector General for the remainder of the meeting due to the OIG having no business on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brubaker and unanimously approved by the Board.

ETHICS OFFICE

2. 2023 City Financial Disclosure Filing Process, Enforcement Efforts to Date, and Public Reprimands Issued

Mr. Santiago provided a summary of the 2023 City Financial Disclosure Season, the timely filing period, the notifications sent to late filers and non-filers, and a review of appeal forms received.

Mr. Santiago read into the record the 2023 List of Current City Employees Receiving Public Reprimands for failure to fulfill legal and ethical obligations under city law:

First Name	Last Name	Department
Thalmus	Duffy	Watershed
Ronald	Geer	Watershed
Donnery	Glover	Watershed
Cassaundra	Govan	Human Resources
Cartez	Harris	Watershed
Landen	Harrison	Fire
Flaniando	Hill	Watershed
Tracey	Jones	Public Works
Nathaniel	Leverette	Public Works
Darrell	McClendon	Public Works
Frederick	Mitchell	Watershed

Tracey	Nelson	Human Resources
Tavaris	Nixon	Parks and Rec
Terry	Patterson	Watershed
Michael	Pearson	Watershed
Jermaine	Roberts	Transportation
Charles	Tiller	Watershed
George	Wheeler	Public Works
Michael	Williams	Watershed

PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. Gina Pagnotta, President of Professional Association of City Employees' Union (PACE)

Speaking on behalf of some members of PACE, Ms. Pagnotta stated there may be communication lapses between the employees she represents and the Ethics Office, and she further stated that there may be some ways to resolve these lapses without issuing fines and/or public reprimands. Ms. Pagnotta further requested that fines be waived for the persons that she represents.

4. Stephanie Stinson

Ms. Stinson presented a personal situation involving the City of Atlanta Department of Fire. Ms. Hines referred Ms. Stinson to the Office of the Inspector General.

5. Landon Harrison

Mr. Harrison is the recipient of a public reprimand issued June 15, 2023, and stated that he had not been able to complete his financial disclosure form due to inability to use his city email account. Ms. Hines recommended that Mr. Harrison contact the Ethics Office to resolve his concern.

6. Daniel Marria

Mr. Marria presented a personal situation involving the City of Atlanta and his disability. Ms. Hines referred Mr. Marria to the City's Labor Relations Department.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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