



ETHICS COMMITTEE SPEICAL-CALLED MEETING

700 Doug Davis Drive
Hapeville, GA 30354

October 25, 2022 12:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

Jerome Newell, Chairman
Robert Hall, Vice Chairman
Carolyn Routh
Raymond Farr

3. WELCOME:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4.I. Consideration and Action to approve the July 12, 2022, Ethics Meeting minutes.

Supporting Document(s):

1. 07122022 Ethics Meeting Minutes

4.II. Consideration and Action to approve the August 24, 2022, Ethics Meeting minutes.

Supporting Document(s):

1. 08242022 Ethics Meeting Minutes

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.I. Action and Consideration to approve the 2023 Ethics Committee Meeting Schedule.

Supporting Document(s):

1. 2023 Ethics Committee Meeting Schedule

6. ADJOURN:



ETHICS COMMITTEE

700 Doug Davis Drive
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July 12, 2022 12:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Chairman Simpson at 12:03 PM
 2. **ROLL CALL:** All Members, except for Committee member Farr were present, constituting a quorum.
 - ✓ Mike Simpson, Chairman
 - ✓ Jerome Newell, Vice Chairman
 - ✓ Carolyn Routh
 - × Raymond Farr
 - ✓ Robert Hall
 3. **WELCOME:** Chairman Mike Simpson welcomed all to the July 12th Meeting.
 4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chairman Simpson announced to his fellow Board member his resignation from the Ethics Board. Chairman Simpson stated that he would like to advocate his position as Chairperson to Mr. Jerome Newell.

 - 4.I. Chairman

MOTION: Chairman Simpson made a motion to appoint Jerome Newell as the Committee Chairman, Committee member Hall provided a second. **Motion carried 4-0.**
 - 4.II. Vice Chairman

MOTION: Committee member Routh made a motion to appoint Robert Hall as the Committee Vice-Chairman, Chairman Simpson provided a second. **Motion carried 4-0.**
 5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 5.I. Consideration and Action to approve the April 12th Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Chairman Simpson made a motion to amend the agenda adding public comments, Committee member Routh provided a second. **Motion carried 4-0.**
- AMEND AGENDA:**
- MOTION:** Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve the April 12, 2022, Ethics Meeting minutes, Committee member Routh provided a seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- PUBLIC COMMENT(S):**
1. Ellen Simpson
6. **ADJOURN:**

MOTION: Committee member Routh made a motion to adjourn at 12:20 PM, Chairman Simpson provided a seconded. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Newell, Chairman

Sharee Steed, Secretary



ETHICS COMMITTEE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

3468 N. Fulton Avenue
Hapeville, GA 30354

August 24, 2022 12:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Chairman Simpson at 12:13 PM
2. **ROLL CALL:** All Members were present, which constituted a quorum.
 - ✓ Jerome Newell, Chairman
 - ✓ Robert Hall, Vice Chairman
 - ✓ Carolyn Routh **(Via Phone)**
 - ✓ Raymond Farr
3. **WELCOME:** Chairman Jerome Newell welcomed all to the August 24th Meeting.
4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

City Attorney Andy Welch reintroduced the two complaints to the Committee. He explained that these were part of the three complaints examined and reviewed at the April 12, 2022, Ethics Meeting. Attorney Welch stated that complaints were filed improperly and needed to be refiled in occurrence with the City ordinance. The complainant resubmitted two out of three complaints for the Board's review.

Upon reviewing the two complaints, the Committee found that the complainant acknowledged that the incident involving city property occurred on or about December 17, 2021, and Mr. Young's initial intervention to resolve the incident happened on December 31, 2021, from which all subsequent actions followed.

The Board further notes that these complaints were filed as a result of that initial intervention, and to attempt to file such a complaint regarding the initial intervention at this late date would render such a complaint untimely and be beyond the jurisdiction of the Board.

Based upon the facts as presented by the complainant under oath, the Board of Ethics found that the complaints did not provide facts under which further proceedings are justified.

- 4.I. Consideration and action regarding the proper form of Ethics Complaint filed by Alexia & Erik Ryan (Beer Girl) on August 16, 2022, against Tim Young, Hapeville City Manager.

MOTION: Committee member Farr made a motion to dismiss complaint 1 based on: *Sec, 2-6-3. - Standards of conduct. "(a)No city official shall: (1) Give a reasonable basis for the impression by acts or omissions that any person can improperly influence him/her or unduly enjoy his/her favor in the performance of official acts."*, Committee member Routh provided a second. **Motion carried 3-0. Committee member Hall abstained his vote for this item.**

- 4.II. Consideration and action regarding the proper form of Ethics Complaint filed by Alexia & Erik Ryan (Beer Girl) on August 16, 2022, against Tim Young, Hapeville City Manager.

MOTION: Committee member Farr made a motion to dismiss complaint 2 based on: *Sec. 2-6-3. - Standards of conduct. (a)No city official shall: (8) Use government property of any kind for other than officially approved activities, nor shall he/she direct employees to use such property for any purposes other than those officially approved.* Committee member Routh provided a second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

5. ADJOURN:

MOTION: Committee member Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 PM, Committee member Farr provided the second. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Newell, Chairman

Sharee Steed, Secretary



2023 Ethics Committee Meeting Schedule

April 11, 2023

July 11, 2023

October 10, 2023

January 09, 2024