City of Atlanta Board of Ethics Retreat Minutes of June 13, 2009

The City of Atlanta Board of Ethics held a board retreat on Saturday, June 13, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the offices of the Southern Education Foundation, 135 Auburn Avenue, Second Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303. Attending the meeting were chair John Lewis, Jr., and board members Cathy Snype Crawford; Charles B. Crawford, Jr.; MaryAnne Gaunt; and Caroline Johnson Tanner. Board members Cathy Daniels and Charmaine Ward were absent. Staff members Ginny Looney and Jabu Sengova also attended.

The Board received a status report on Ethics Office work and projects involving advice, education, enforcement, financial disclosure, the Integrity Line, Electronic Disclosure System, and election-related issues. The Board and staff discussed how the office would conduct its operations during the next four months while Ms. Looney is working part-time from home while out on medical leave.

Ms. Sengova presented a request from Ben Howard seeking a formal advisory opinion concerning the process of removing an Atlanta Planning Advisory Board delegate. Because this matter does not fall within the Code of Ethics, she recommended that the Board dismiss the request for lack of jurisdiction. Following a discussion by the Board, Mr. Crawford made a motion to accept the recommendation and dismiss the request. Ms. Tanner seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of it.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ginny Looney Ethics Officer

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