

**City of Atlanta Special Called Board of Ethics Meeting
Minutes of April 9, 2012**

The special called meeting of the City of Atlanta Board of Ethics was called to order by Chair Caroline Johnson Tanner at 6:09 p.m. in City Council Committee Room 2, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303. Attending the meeting were board members Brent Adams, Carol Snype Crawford, MaryAnne Gaunt, and Kate Wasch. Staff members Jabu M. Sengova and Sherry H. Dawson also attended. Board member Shukura Ingram was absent.

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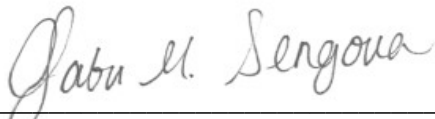
1. The Board adopted the minutes of the March 15, 2012 meeting on a motion by Mr. Adams and a second by Ms. Crawford.

BOARD OPERATIONS

2. Interview and Appointment of New Ethics Officer

The Board next considered Nina R. Hickson as the designee for the ethics officer position. Ms. Tanner reported that after receiving and reviewing more than 25 diverse and extremely well qualified applicants, the Ethics Officer Search Committee reduced the number of applicants to six most worthy of consideration. Two finalists were advanced to the Ethics Board for review, and subsequently interviewed. Ms. Hickson was present at the meeting, and described her qualifications and current experience as current City Attorney and Manager for the City of East Point and a seasoned attorney in the public and private sector. The Board asked Ms. Hickson what her priorities would be as Ethics Officer and how she would improve the existing ethics program. Ms. Hickson stated that she would seek to build on the foundation established by the former ethics officer, through increased ethics education and working collaboratively with city staff. Ms. Hickson was asked if she could remain independent from City Council, and she stated that she was committed to applying the law and had established herself as a fair adjudicator. She indicated that it was her intention to accept the appointment as the new Ethics Officer. Ms. Gaunt moved to appoint Nina R. Hickson as the new Ethics Officer for the City of Atlanta and submit her name to City Council for confirmation and approval by the Mayor. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion to appoint Ms. Hickson, and the Board approved it unanimously. Ms. Tanner delivered a written statement from board member Shukura Ingram which supported Ms. Hickson's appointment; stating that her breadth of experience made her uniquely qualified for the ethics officer position.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Jabu M. Sengova, Interim Ethics Officer
Approved May 17, 2012