# City of Atlanta Board of Ethics Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2013

The monthly meeting of the City of Atlanta Board of Ethics was called to order by Chair Caroline Johnson Tanner at 6:05 p.m. in the City Council Committee Room 2, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Attending the meeting were board members Brent Adams, De'Lonn Brown, Carol Snype Crawford, Shukura Ingram Millender, and Kai Williamson. Board member Kate Wasch was absent. Staff members Nina R. Hickson, Jabu M. Sengova and Sherry H. Dawson also attended.

#### **MINUTES**

1. The Board approved the minutes of the September 19, 2013 meeting on a motion by Mr. Adams seconded by Ms. Crawford.

### **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

# 2. CO-13-001. In the Matter of Gregory Nash and Angela Green

Ms. Hickson presented a brief status update concerning this matter. She advised the Board that the investigation was still pending and the matter was not concluded.

#### ETHICS OFFICER'S REPORT

## 3. FY14 Budget Report

Ms. Hickson presented the approved FY14 Budget which allocates \$344,729 in personnel expenses and \$58,832 in operating expenses for a total budget of \$403,561; and spending was as budgeted. She also reported that the budget discussions for FY2015 were ongoing.

#### 4. 2013-2014 Work Plan

Ms. Hickson reported on activities that support the 2013-2014 Work Plan in the following areas: operations, training, activities, advice, public education and outreach, investigation and enforcement actions, financial disclosure, and legislation. She advised the Board that financial disclosure filing deadline was moving to April 1; pending approval of the legislation enacting the change.

# 5. Request for Formal Advisory Opinion on upcoming annual General Employees Pension Plan Trustee Elections

Ms. Hickson presented a request for a formal advisory opinion from city employee Doug Strachen on the upcoming annual General Employees Pension Trustees elections. Mr. Strachen requested that the Ethics Board opine as to whether candidates for the elections may campaign on city property and be allowed to accept campaign contributions. Ms. Hickson recommended that no opinion be issued or any prior opinions amended regarding this issue. Further, 0she advised the Board not to get involved in the collection of campaign contributions.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6.38 p.m.

Jabu M. Sengova, Associate Ethics Officer

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