City of Atlanta Board of Ethics and Independent Compliance Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2019

The monthly meeting of the City of Atlanta Board of Ethics and Independent Compliance was called to order by Board Chair Kate Wasch at 6:13 p.m. in Committee Room 1, 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Attending the meeting were Board Members Chris Gilmore, Todd Gray, Nichola Hines, Lisa Liang, Gerry Neumark and Wesley Tharpe. Ethics Officer, Jabu M. Sengova, and Staff Members, Carlos R. Santiago, Sherry H. Dawson, Janet R. Keene and Ibi Onabanjo also attended. Staff Member Larry Mason was absent.

MINUTES

1. Dr. Neumark moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2019 board meeting. Mr. Gilmore seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

BOARD OPERATIONS

2. Introduction and welcome of new board member, Lisa Liang
Ms. Wasch introduced Lisa Liang, a staff attorney with the State Court of Fulton
County, nominated to the Board of Ethics and Independent Compliance by the
Atlanta Bar Association. Ms. Liang replaces Jessica Stern.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

3. 2019 Amended Roll of Delinquent Filers

Mr. Santiago recommended the removal of 17 individuals from the existing 2019 Roll of Delinquent Filers for reasonable cause. Ms. Sengova noted that the heading on the official roll should be amended to reflect the correct name of the Board of Ethics and Independent Compliance. Mr. Gray made a motion to amend the 2019 Roll of Delinquent Filers with the removal of 17 individuals and with the correction to the name of the Board in the heading as recommended. Mr. Gilmore seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

4. Update on Enforcement Efforts

Mr. Santiago reported that the Ethics Office is preparing enforcement cases for persons currently listed on the Roll of Delinquent Filers.

ETHICS OFFICER'S REPORT

5. Status report on activities performed under the Work Plan

Ms. Sengova reported on activities that support the Ethics Office Work Plan in the following areas: operations, training, advice, public education and outreach, investigations and enforcement actions, financial disclosure and electronic disclosure system. Regarding operations, Ms. Sengova highlighted both her presentation at the June meeting of the Task Force for the Promotion of Public Trust and the training conducted by the Associate Ethics Officer and the Investigator at the ATL R.E.V.I.V.E. Business Expo for City Contractors and

Vendors held at the Georgia World Congress Center. Regarding investigations and enforcement actions, Ms. Sengova reported that there has been an increase in the number of complaints received through the Integrity Line Hotline.

6. FY19 Budget Report

Ms. Sengova reported that the FY 2019 budget year has come to an end and spending during the year was as budgeted.

7. FY20 Budget Report

Ms. Sengova reported that the FY 2020 budget has been approved and adopted by the Mayor and City Council.

BOARD OPERATIONS

8. Personnel Matter (Executive Session)

At 6:30 p.m., Ms. Hines moved that the Board Members go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gray and unanimously approved by the Board. At 7:12 p.m. Dr. Neumark moved that the Board Members come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hines and unanimously approved by the Board. After the Executive Session adjourned, Ms. Wasch executed an affidavit stating the topic discussed included qualifications of an independent compliance officer.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Jabu M. Sengova, Ethics Officer Approved September 19, 2019

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