

Clayton County Board of Ethics
Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024

6:30 PM

Meeting Facilitator: Marla Thompson-Kendall

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT - CCBOE members Marla Thompson-Kendall (Interim Chair), Walter Nix, Robert Bell, Trinelle Gillespie, Karen Sullivan, Marcus Thorpe. PRESENT - Ryan Shaw (Clayton County Human Services). REMOVAL TBD/ABSENT – Tiffany Jones.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The March 2024 meeting minutes were read and approved.

Motion to approve: Sullivan **Second:** Thompson-Kendall

PENDING BUSINESS: Attorney Jim Elliott has not responded to any communications from Dr. Thompson-Kendall and she has expressed her concern. Will write a formal letter seeking his whereabouts and will possibly request a replacement. Board member Marcus Thorpe is still pending training and will work with Ryan for scheduling. No other additional trainings (at the county's expense) are pending at this time. All other members have been formally trained.

Dr. Thompson-Kendall recommended to move forward with the Chair/Vice Chair vote, per a verbal from Commissioner Turner of Tiffany Jones's removal from the Ethics Board. We have not received a formal letter of dismissal, or any communication that has been sent to Jones. Replacement of Member Jones will be recommended to NAACP when official notice of removal is received.

NEW BUSINESS: Elections for Chair and Vice Chair via recommendation of Interim Chair Thompson-Kendall were conducted.

Motion to elect 2024 Chair and Vice Chair while Member Jones' residence is still unconfirmed:

Sullivan **Second:** Nix

Motion to install Dr. Marla Thompson-Kendall as Chair: Nix **Second:** Sullivan. Other members in favor.

Motion to install Karen Sullivan as Vice Chair: Nix **Second:** Thorpe. Other members in favor.

Ethics Complaint sent via email by Avantia Green on 3/20/24 (no Complaint number assigned) was discussed and it has been determined that the complaint is related to the Clayton County Water Authority and is out of the jurisdiction of the Ethics Board. Sullivan has attempted to personally provide assistance to Ms. Farr, and Brenda Harrison (public meeting attendee) will obtain the complaint via open records and assist where she can. **Motion to dismiss complaint as not an Ethics Board matter:** Gillespie **Second:** Nix

PUBLIC COMMENT: Three Clayton County citizens attended the meeting and made comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting date is May 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn: Thorpe **Second:** Nix

Approved and adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trinelle Gillespie, Secretary