

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2023– 53

A RESOLUTION BY THE CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO DIRECT APPROPRIATE STAFF TO ISSUE A STATEMENT REGARDING THE JANUARY 31, 2023 PRESS RELEASE FROM CHAIRMAN JEFFREY E. TURNER; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2023, a press release was sent out from Clayton County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jeffrey Turner (“Chairman Turner”) responding to allegations made by a former employee (“the Press Release”); and

WHEREAS, the Press Release was sent on letterhead that contained the names of all members of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS the Press Release sent on letterhead containing the names of all members of the Board of Commissioners could give the impression that Chairman Turner’s statement was endorsed or authorized as an official action of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS there has been no clarifying statement provided by Chairman Turner concerning the potential confusion caused by the use of Board letterhead for a personal statement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds it in the best interest of the County to issue a statement clarifying the purpose of the Press Release.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Chief Operating Officer to draft correspondence on behalf of the Board of Commissioners stating that the January 31, 2023 press release issued by Chairman Jeffrey Turner on Board of Commissioners letterhead entitled “Statement Concerning GBI Investigation” was not a statement authorized, endorsed or approved as a statement by the Board of Commissioners. Said correspondence should also include a statement that the January 31, 2023 press release on Board letterhead solely represented Chairman Turner’s personal beliefs and does not reflect the beliefs of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners. The Board also authorizes and directs that the Chief Operating Officer perform all acts necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution to include sending a copy of this Resolution as an attachment to the correspondence to the same media sources that received the January 31<sup>st</sup> press release from Chairman Turner.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

 (Opposed)  
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JEFFREY E. TURNER, CHAIRMAN

  
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FELICIA FRANKLIN, VICE-CHAIR

  
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ALIEKA ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

  
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GAIL HAMBRICK, COMMISSIONER

  
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DEMONT DAVIS, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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COURTNEY RUSHIN, CLERK