

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 94

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING A THIRD-PARTY ATTORNEY TO EVALUATE THE ACTIONS OF THE CLAYTON COUNTY ETHICS BOARD REGARDING ETHICS COMPLAINT 2019-003; TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE ETHICS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that allegations of ethics violations by County employees and officials are serious matters and, for this reason, the County set forth a Code of Ethics found in Chapter 70, Article II of the Code of Clayton County, Georgia (“the County Code”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 70-79(a) of the County Code, the County established an Ethics Board whose purpose is “the interpretation and enforcement of the Clayton County Code of Ethics, processing complaints of alleged violations, conducting special inquiries and public hearings to examine possible violations of the code of ethics, and determining, recommending and monitoring effective remedial/enforcement actions;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 70-79(j) of the County Code, the Ethics Board is to, among other duties, “receive complaints, investigate, and hold hearings to determine whether violations of the county code of ethics have taken place;” and

WHEREAS, Section 70-80 of the County Code sets forth the complaint process which includes, among other things, the requirement that if a determination is made that good and sufficient cause exists for a determination that a violation has occurred, the board of ethics shall conduct a formal public hearing; and

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

Section 1: The Clayton County Board of Commissioners authorizes a third-party attorney to conduct an analysis of the Ethics Board's review of Complaint 2019-003 and make findings of fact and conclusions concerning whether the Ethics Board complied with the process outlined in Chapter 70, Article II "Code of Ethics."

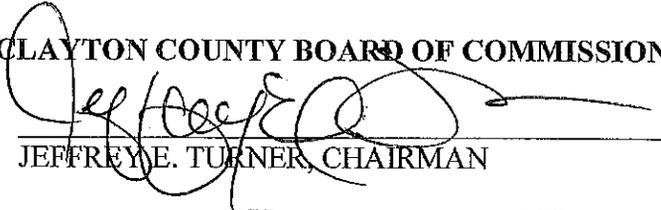
Section 2. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes the attorney to make recommendations to this Board whether any changes should be made to Chapter 70, Article II "Code of Ethics." If changes are recommended, the attorney is directed to state in detail what changes should be made, why the change should be made, the impact of the recommended change and the impact to the County if the change is not made. All recommendations shall be brought back to the Board of Commissioners for review and approval.

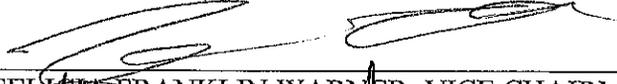
Section 3. The effective date of this Resolution shall be when approved by the Board of Commissioners of Clayton County.

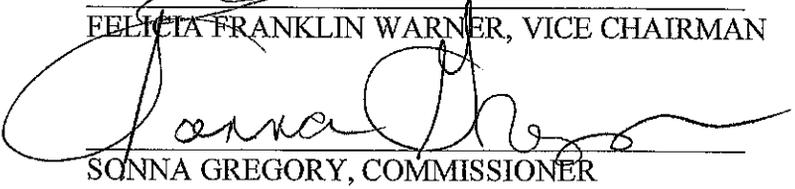
SO RESOLVED, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2019.

**{Signatures on the following page}**

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
JEFFREY E. TURNER, CHAIRMAN

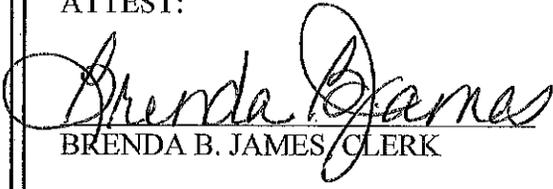
  
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