

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DAWSONVILLE ETHICS BOARD**  
**G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers**  
**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**  
**11:30 A.M.**

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Attorney Joseph Homans called the meeting to order at 11:47 am.  
**ROLL CALL:** Present were members Calvin Byrd, Shelly Martin and Marcus Sewell.  
Also in attendance were Mark French, Attorney Stephen Liebel and Attorney Abbott Hayes.
- II. **APPROVE DECEMBER 20, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by S. Martin; second by C. Byrd. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

III. **HEARING – INFORMATION GATHERING ONLY:**

Attorney Homans stated the Board received a subsequent complaint filed on 12/30/2019 due to procedural objections and will hear from Mr. Liebel, Mark French's attorney and then a response by Attorney Hayes.

Attorney Liebel presented his statements to the Board surrounding the complaint.

Attorney Hayes requested thirteen (13) days to provide a written response. Attorney Liebel requested three (3) days to provide a rebuttal to Mr. Hayes' response; the Board consented to these requests. The dates to receive the responses are February 3, 2020 and February 7, 2020, respectively.

The Board asked Mr. Hayes if the complaint was a City complaint or an individual complaint; he stated he needed time to consider Mr. Liebel's statements.

At 12:04 pm a motion to enter an executive session was made by M. Sewell; second by C. Byrd. Motion carried unanimously in favor.

At 12:21 pm, the Board returned from the executive session.

Attorney Homans stated the Ethics Board will reconvene on February 19, 2020 at 9:00 am in the Dawsonville City Council Chambers for the limited and sole purpose of addressing and issuing rulings regarding the motions heard today; this will not be a final hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 12:23 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Byrd; second by M. Sewell. Motion carried unanimously in favor.

  
Joseph A. Homans

Attest:

  
Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk



STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DAWSON

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE ETHICS BOARD

Shelly Martin, Calvin Byrd and Marcus Sewell; being duly sworn, state under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief:

1. The City of Dawsonville Ethics Board met in a duly advertised meeting on January 21, 2020.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at 12:04 p.m.
4. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law: (check all that apply)

Consultation with the City Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City or any officer or employee or in which the City or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and \_\_\_\_\_;

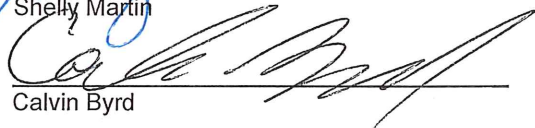
Discussion of future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1);


Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a City officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2);

Other \_\_\_\_\_ as provided in: \_\_\_\_\_.


This 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2020; By the City of Dawsonville Ethics Board:

  
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Shelly Martin

  
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Calvin Byrd

  
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Marcus Sewell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2020.

  
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Signature  
Notary Public

My Commission expires

