

City of Sandy Springs Board of Ethics Meeting was on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Chair Gary Alexander presiding.

I. Call to Order

Chair Gary Alexander called the meeting to order on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 9:03 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Chair Gary Alexander; Vice Chair Kim Gay; Member Jeremy Becker; Alternate Member Heather Craytor; Member Bethany Diamond; and Alternate Member Bill Murray

Members absent: Member Evan Barron

Staff present: City Clerk Raquel Gonzalez and Assistant City Clerk Nathifa Cunningham

Guests: Mayor Rusty Paul

III. Ruling on a Quorum

Assistant City Clerk Nathifa Cunningham confirmed there was a quorum.

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and Vote. Member Bethany Diamond made a motion, seconded by Member Kim Gay, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

BOE2023-03 January 11, 2023 Board of Ethics Meeting Minutes

Motion and Vote. Member Bethany Diamond made a motion, seconded by Member Kim Gay, to approve the January 11, 2023 Board of Ethics meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. New Business

Mayor Rusty Paul said from inception of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia law requires complaints of ethics violations be reviewed and the information made available. We have a good record with one or two complaints. But, I hope it is because everybody here is behaving appropriately. We also have a designation through the Georgia Municipal Association which requires we have certain standards we adhere to for those elected or in other positions of responsibility. It is part of the process. As a judiciary body, the Board of Ethics reviews evidence, listens to witnesses, and adjudicates whether there has been an actual violation of the City's ethics ordinances or other ordinances. Your responsibility if we have a case is significant and academic knowledge on ethics is beneficial. You are here because you are citizens of the community and represent like a jury of our peers. If you have an ethics hearing, lives and careers are at stake because unethical behavior follows you forever. We have always had good people on the City Council and we have avoided many problems that other communities have. There has been a bit of a turmoil in the last few weeks that is unusual. For the first time there has been some issues among

Council, but we are discussing them and the importance of collegiality to avoid you having to do work. Whatever happens, you vote, make decisions and everyone moves forward. This is a very important role and if you are called into service, it is very heavy and very significant.

Gary Alexander, Chair, stated the five basics of ethical behavior in a city.

1. Serve others, not yourselves.
2. Use resources with efficiency and economy.
3. Treat all people fairly.
4. Use the power of our positions for the well-being of our constituents.
5. Create an environment of honesty, openness, and integrity.

VII. Old Business

There was no other business.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Member Bethany Diamond, seconded by Member Kim Gay, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Approved: July 12, 2023

Gary Alexander, Chair

Raquel D. González, Recording Secretary