

City of Sandy Springs Board of Ethics Meeting was on Wednesday, July 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, July 12, 2023 at 9:07 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 Member Evan Barron

Members absent: Alternate Member Bill Murray

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

Guests: Councilmember Melody Kelley

III. Ruling on a Quorum

Assistant City Clerk Nathifa Cunningham confirmed there was a quorum.

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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Motion and Vote. Member Bethany Diamond made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Kim Gay, to approve the April 12, 2023 Board of Ethics meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. New Business

Gary Alexander, Chair, stated he asked Councilmember Melody Kelley of District 2, to attend the meeting today. She is my councilmember and is very knowledgeable.

Member Bethany Diamond stated Councilmember Kelley is not my councilmember but a friend.

VII. Old Business

Member Evan Barron stated he did not attend the last meeting. Have we received any updates from Council?

Chair Gary Alexander said no.

Member Heather Craytor stated I live in the section of Sandy Springs impacted by the Hammond Expansion Project and there has been some recent disruption. The City of Sandy Springs has been buying more properties in the area and a neighbor was contacted by the City Attorney's Office to purchase their property. Though the neighbor responded, eminent domain proceedings begun. This was addressed in a meeting and residents were able to say they responded to the City Attorney's Office but did not receive a response back. There is a lot of purchase activity happening now and could go badly. What is the procedure for handling this?

Chair Gary Alexander said contact Councilmember Jody Reichel. Most of the area is in her district and she can provide some guidance.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Approved: October 11, 2023

Gary Alexander, Chair

Raquel D. González, Recording Secretary