

City of Sandy Springs Board of Ethics Meeting was on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Raquel D. González, City Clerk and Nathifa Cunningham, Assistant City Clerk presiding.

## I. Call to Order

Assistant City Clerk Nathifa Cunningham called the meeting to order on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 9:01 a.m.

## II. Roll Call

**Members present:** Member Bethany Diamond; Member Heather Craytor; Member Bill Murray; and Alternate Member Ben Taube

**Members absent:** Member Evan Barron; Member Joshua Heller; Alternate Member Reneatta Austin

**Staff present:** City Clerk Raquel González, and Assistant City Clerk Nathifa Cunningham

## III. Ruling on a Quorum

Assistant City Clerk Nathifa Cunningham confirmed there was a quorum.

## IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

**Motion and Vote.** Member Heather Craytor made a motion, seconded by Member Bill Murray, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

## V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**BOE2026-04** January 28, 2026 Board of Ethics Meeting Minutes

**Motion and Vote.** Member Bill Murray made a motion, seconded by Member Heather Craytor, to approve the January 28, 2026 Board of Ethics meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

## VI. New Business

There was no new business.

City Clerk Raquel González said William Hansard, Assistant City Attorney, is here to provide more information about the responsibility of the ethics commission and answer questions.

Assistant City Attorney Hansard said the Sandy Springs Board of Ethics meets four times a year, and the powers of the board are governed by the City of Sandy Springs Charter, and the ethics ordinance. Everyone is encouraged to also review the bylaws. The link for this information can be found quickly by searching online for Sandy Springs Ethics Board. This board has quasi-judicial power and has court-like procedures. If a complaint is received, the person(s) would come before the board. The board can hold a hearing, issue an advisory opinion, and submit recommendations to mayor and council for what actions to take. The City Attorney's Office also will provide an opinion or guidance when the board requests it.

**Assistant City Attorney Hansard** asked has there been a complaint to the Board of Ethics in the history of the City?

**City Clerk Raquel González** said there may have been one a long time ago.

**Chair Bethany Diamond** asked what is the process if someone files a complaint?

**Assistant City Attorney Hansard** said they must complete a complaint form and submit it to the city clerk. The clerk then forwards it to the board and the city attorney, which initiates the process. Once the board receives the complaint, there are a variety of options to handle it. This includes holding a hearing and issuing an opinion. The board can also decide that the complaint is frivolous and deny it. If it is a criminal matter, it can be referred to an outside authority. It can also be recommended to the mayor and council for an appropriate action such as suspension or removal for example.

**Chair Bethany Diamond** asked if someone files an ethics complaint, regardless of what it is, can it be stopped prior to coming before this board?

**Assistant City Attorney Hansard** said there is no vetting of the complaint before it gets to the board. The city clerk will submit it directly to the board and City Attorney's Office once received. Please contact me for further information if needed.

**Chair Bethany Diamond** said although this board meets four times a year, it is amazing we have no ethics violations.

## **VII. Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

**Motion and vote.** A motion was made by **Member Heather Craytor**, seconded by **Member Bill Murray** to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Approved: July 15, 2026

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Bethany Diamond, Chair

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Raquel D. González, Recording Secretary