

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

Fourth Quarterly 2022, Meeting Minutes

Date: October 27, 2022

Meeting Location: Cherokee County Admin Complex, 1130 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, GA 30114
Upper Level BOC Executive Conference Room

Board Directors:

Stephen Divine, Director	Present	Carolyn Kissiah, Director	Present
Phil Dodge, Director	Absent	Larry Mrozinski, Chair	Present
Natalie Green Hosea, Vice-Chair	Present	Gil Howard, Director	Present

Others Present:

Lesley Rowe, filling in for Phillip Beggs, CCBBoE Attorney of Record
Elizabeth Madson, CCBBoE Secretary

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- **Chair Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. seconded by Director Divine.**
 - **According to our bylaws, Pledge of Allegiance**
 - **Public Hearing of Ethics Complaints**
Chair Mrozinski opened the floor for public hearing/discussion. No issues were brought forward, and no one present had been made aware of any ethics complaints. Floor closed for ethics complaints.
 - **Approval of Minutes from July 27, 2022**
Director Howard made a motion to accept the minutes as they stood, seconded by Director Kissiah. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **Discussion Item: Follow-up on Nameplate**
Chair Mrozinski reported that there was a mix-up relating to Director Rosenhaft's nameplate as his nameplate was not created. Chair Mrozinski further reported that the missing nameplate was no longer an issue because Director Rosenhaft resigned from the board by notifying Chair Mrozinski and the board's secretary via email. It is noted that the email address used for Chair Mrozinski was incorrect.

Upon officially becoming aware of Director Rosenhaft's resignation during a telephone conversation with the board's secretary, Chair Mrozinski informed County Chairman Johnston of the resignation. Chair Mrozinski reported his discussion with Chairman Johnston and it was decided that since the board's next meeting was not until January and due to the upcoming holidays, there was not an immediate rush to fill the seat. During the Commissioner's next executive meeting, the Commissioners would also be notified of the open seat and informed that names for this appointment could now be submitted.

For transparency purposes, Chair Mrozinski informed the board that the Chairman Johnston did mention that if Chair Mrozinski had anyone in mind for this seat to submit their name. Chair Mrozinski stated that he would not be submitting any potential names as he was concerned that should he recruit someone they may feel beholden to him and potentially create a conflict. Chair Mrozinski also discussed the potential issue that there is no vetting process in the county for candidates.

A question was raised whether the appointment would be by the Chairman or one of the Commissioners. Chair Mrozinski clarified that it has been opened up on record to the County so anyone can submit a name or someone can put themselves forward, but that the appointment would be the Commissioners' decision as they are the appointing authority.

A question whether the open seat would be published online was raised. It was unknown if the open seat would be published, but Chair Mrozinski stated he would follow-up with the County Clerk for an answer.

A comment of support and understanding for Chair Mrozinski's decision to not submit any names for this seat was made. Additionally, a reminder of the importance of this board as a deterrent was provided.

- **New Business: None.**
- **Next Meeting:**
The 1st Quarterly Meeting of 2023 will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:00p.m. at the Cherokee County Business Center at the Bluffs.
- Vice-Chair Green Hosea made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Divine. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.