

**CHEROKEE COUNTY GEORGIA  
BOARD OF ETHICS  
1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2025  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025**

**Board Members Present:**

Gil Howard, Chair  
Natalie Green Hosea, Vice Chair  
Dennis Chapman, Director

Roy Taylor, Director  
Carolyn Kissiah, Director  
John Thompson, Director

**Board Members Absent:**

Ken Ball, Director

**Others Present:**

Phillip Beggs, Attorney of Record  
Cindy Pierce, Secretary

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**Call to Order:** Gil Howard, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of  
Allegiance**

**Welcome/  
Recognition  
Of Visitors:** None.

Chair Howard asked the Board of Ethics members to each tell the Board members a little bit about themselves. Chair Howard gave an overview of the purpose of the Board of Ethics.

**New Business:** Swearing in of new Directors

John Thompson and Dennis Chapman were sworn in as new Directors of the Cherokee County Board of Ethics by Chair Howard. Each new member was given the Board of Ethics book.

Phillip Beggs, Attorney of Record gave an overview of the procedures for dealing with complaints.

**Public Hearing of  
Ethics Complaints:** Letter of Motion of Recusal Submitted by Stephen Jaffe Referencing Rezoning Application PL20240000433

**Director Kissiah:** Notice should be given to the elected official and request more information from the complainant.

**Director Taylor:** Agrees there is not enough information as to whether this is a violation. There are too many things we do not know.

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- Director Chapman: Concurs with the BOE and inquired as to whether Mr. Jaffe is speaking as an individual or for a community.
- Director Taylor: More information will be needed prior to setting a Special Called Meeting. Suggest the attorney send letters as high priority to elected official. A letter to complainant requesting more information.
- Vice-Chair Hosea: Would notice be given to all CCBOC members?
- CCBOE: All agreed the CCBOE would only have to give notice to the elected official and then it would be up to that elected official if he wanted to pass the information on.
- Director Taylor: Right now, it is a perceived violation. More information would be needed.
- After much discussion between the CCBOE members and the attorney of Record. The following motion was made:
- Director Kissiah made a motion to:
1. Attorney of Record will send letter to the elected official of the complaint and time to reply to the CCBOE.
  2. Attorney of Record will send letter to Mr. Jaffe requesting more information and time to reply to the CCBOE.
- Chair Howard seconded the motion.
- Voting on the motion was unanimous.
- Old Business:** None.
- Other Business:** Approval of Minutes for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting 10/23/2024:  
Director Kissiah made a motion to approve the minutes as published. Vice Chair Green seconded the motion. Voting on the motion was unanimous.
- Next Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting will be held April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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**Adjournment:** Director Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Director Thompson seconded the motion. Voting on the motion was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.