

**ETHICS COMMISSION  
MARCH 16, 2021  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Ethics Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Childs on March 16, 2021.

**ATTENDANCE**

Commission Members: Bishop Anthony Alfred, Ms. Bridgett Childs, Ms. Suzamme Marsh, Mr. Mark Rassas, Mr. Patrick Young

Also present: Paige Lyle and Saul Solomon

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Ethics Commission approved the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF NEW COMPLAINTS**

Ms. Lyle presented a new Ethics Complaint to the Commission. This Complaint was brought by Bruce Griffey against Richard Garrett on March 3, 2021. She advised the Commission that this Complaint makes the same allegations as a complaint already before the Commission (Complaint No. 6 brought by James Lewis against Richard Garrett)

**EVALUATION OF COMPLAINTS**

The Commission discussed 5 of the pending Ethics Complaints to determine whether they state a violation of the Ethics Code. The Commission then voted on whether each complaint should move forward to a hearing.

1. Evaluation of January 26, 2021 Complaint brought by Margaret Anne Thompson against Wallace Redd. After determining that this Complaint did not state a violation of the Ethics Code, the Commission voted 5-0 to dismiss the Complaint.
2. Evaluation of January 26, 2021 Complaint brought by Orlandes Stegall against Wallace Redd. After determining that this Complaint did not state a violation of the Ethics Code, the Commission voted 5-0 to dismiss the Complaint.
3. Evaluation of February 4, 2021 Complaint brought by James Lewis against Richard Garrett. After determining that this Complaint, if the allegations were true, could state a violation of the Ethics Code, the Commission voted 5-0 to move the Complaint forward to a hearing.
4. Evaluation of February 22, 2021 Complaint brought by Janice Crews against Vondell Richmond. After determining that this Complaint did not state a violation of the Ethics Code, the Commission voted 5-0 to dismiss the Complaint.
5. Evaluation of February 26, 2021 Complaint brought by Sara Anderson against Vondell Richmond. After determining that this Complaint did not state a violation of the Ethics Code, the Commission voted 5-0 to dismiss the Complaint.
6. The Commission decided to take up the newly filed Ethics Complaint brought by Bruce Griffey against Richard Garrett since it mirrored the allegations contained in a Complaint already reviewed by the Commission. After determining that this Complaint, if the

allegations were true, could state a violation of the Ethics Code, voted 5-0 to move the Complaint forward to a hearing.

#### NEXT STEPS

The Commission discussed postponing the scheduling of a hearing date for the Complaint against Richard Garrett pending the conclusion of an ongoing investigation.

Written decisions related to all the dismissed Complaints will be reviewed and adopted at the next meeting in accordance with the Ethics Code.

#### SCHEDULING OF SUBSEQUENT MEETING

Ms. Lyle informed the Commission that the most agreeable date for the parties involved in the remaining Ethics Complaints was April 7. The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. They will focus on Complaints 6 – 10 and will evaluate whether any warrant a hearing.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Lyle informed Mr. Rassas that she and Mr. Solomon had reviewed Mr. Rassas' conflict of interest request and the related legal pleadings signed by him. She reported that they found no conflict of interest that would render him unable to serve on the Ethics Commission.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn and was seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Adopted: April 7, 2021