

**CHEROKEE COUNTY GEORGIA  
BOARD OF ETHICS  
SPECIAL CALLED  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**Board Members Present:**

Gil Howard, Chair	Roy Taylor, Director	Ken Ball, Director
Natalie Green Hosea, Vice Chair	Carolyn Kissiah, Director	
Dennis Chapman, Director	John Thompson, Director	

**Others Present:**

Lesley Rowe for Phillip Beggs, Attorney of Record  
Cindy Pierce, Secretary

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**Call to Order:** Gil Howard, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Pledge of  
Allegiance**

**Welcome/  
Recognition  
Of Visitors:**

Eric Johnson, Attorney, Commissioner Weatherby and Mrs. Weatherby.

Chair Howard asked Leslie Rowe to give an overview of the Cherokee County Board of Ethics General Rules of Procedure Section E Complaints.

**Ethics Complaints  
Received:**

**1. Complaint Submitted by Tomasz Papciak**

Chair Howard asked each Board member if on the surface of information received; could this be a possible violation? The Board voted as follows:  
Yea: 5. Abstain: 1 Nae: 1

Chair Howard asked for a motion to having an informal preliminary hearing; as per BOE General Rules of Procedure, Section E (b) "the parties or their representatives may present orally their respective positions regarding the complaint and summarize to the Board evidence they would present in a formal hearing to support those positions."

Vice-Chair Green-Hosea made the motion to have an informal preliminary hearing. Chair Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Taylor made a motion to have the informal preliminary hearing on September 25th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Chair Howard seconded the motion.  
Yea: 5. Abstain: 1 Nae: 1

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**2. Complaint Submitted by Travis Shepard**

Per Leslie Rowe, letters were sent to Travis Shepard and Brice Futch stating the Boards stance on said complaint.

Director Taylor made a motion to dismiss the complaint. Director Chapman seconded the motion. Voting on the motion was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Director Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter meeting of July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Vice-Chair Green-Hosea seconded the motion. Voting on the motion was unanimous.

**Other Business:**

Directors Dennis Chapman and John Thompson stated that they would recuse themselves from the complaint received by Tomasz Papciak.

Director Taylor suggested in the future the Board at the General Rules of Procedure and possibly make updates to clarify sections.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**Next Quarterly Meeting:** October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Director Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Director Thompson seconded the motion. Voting on the motion was unanimous.