

**CITY OF RIVERDALE, GEORGIA
ETHICS BOARD ACTION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019 | 6:00 P.M.**

<u>Ethic Board members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mary LaSonde Chairman	X	
Sharon Kellam	X	
Rodney Lawrence	X (EXCUSED)	
Lucina Sagers – Secretary	X	
Walter Denson	X	

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mary LaSonde at 6:00 p.m. Five members of the Board were present which constituted a quorum.
2. **Rules of Conduct:** The Rules of Conduct were read by the attending officer.
3. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes:** Ms. Denson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24 and July 31, 2020 Ethics Board meetings. Respectively, Ms. Sagers and Ms. Kellam seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approval of Agenda Items:** Ms. Denson made a motion to accept the resignation of Rodney Lawrence and to accept the appointment of Alice Haynes Hardaway. Ms. Sagers provided a second and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **Executive Session:** A motion to end the work session to discuss certain legal matters on the agenda was made by Mr. Denson. Ms. Kellam provided a second. Mr. Denson made a motion to return to the work session from the Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.
6. **Approval of Discussion of Complaints filed by Michelle Bruce:** Results of the complaints were as follows: 1) Result of Complaints (7/9 and 7/31/2019) are being referred to City Council for further action due to the Board’s conflict of interest; 2) Complaint against Councilman Ruffin (7/9/2019) will be referred to the City Council for further action due to the Board’s conflict of interest; 3) The complaint against Mayor Wynn-Dixon (7/9/2019) – Madam Chairman and Mr. Denson will recuse themselves due to a conflict of interest – Ms. Sagers will serve as the presiding office for the complaint; 4) No action taken due to the fact that we do not have enough voting members on the Board.
7. **Adjournment** – Ms. Kellam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. with Mr. Denson providing the second. The motion carried.

Mary LaSonde, Chairman

Lucina Sagers, Secretary

