

Board of Ethics Members

District 1 – Ethel O. McCornell

District 2 – Craig Simmons, Vice Chair

District 3 – Laurin Smith

District 4 - Vacant

District 5 - Desmond McLain, Vice-Chair

Tax Commissioner's Appointees:

Cynthia Cornog

Antonio Taylor

Clerk of Superior Court's Selected Alternate

Members:

Felicia Harrell



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HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS MEETING

6:00 PM, Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Meeting held **Board of Ethics Conference Room**

I. In Attendance:

- **Craig Simmons**
- **Antonio Taylor**
- **Ethel O. McCornell**
- **Felicia Harrell (alternate)**
- **Cynthia Cornog**
- **Laurin B. Smith**
- **Maiysha Rashad (general counsel)**
- **Gloria Banister, Ethics Administrator (virtually)**
- **Obreziah Bullard, Ethics Officer**

II. Call to Order: 6:09pm, by Vice-Chair Craig Simmons

III. Agenda

A. Call to Order and Roll Call by Interim Chair Desmond McLain

B. Board Vote for Approval of meeting minutes for 3/12/24.

- **Laurin Smith made the motion to approve minutes for 3/12/24. Antonio Taylor second the motion. Vote was unanimous.**
- **Laurin Smith made the motion to Amend the Agenda to add New Business after agenda item B, general updates by ethics officer. Ethel O. McCornell second the motion. Vote was unanimous.**
- **Laurin Smith made a motion to Amend Agenda to add executive session. Antonio Taylor second the motion. Vote was unanimous.**

C. General Updates by Ethics Administrator

- D. Presentation by Ethics Officer of Disclosure 2024DC1 Andy Welch as general counsel for Lindsey McGarity
- E. Board Discussion and Vote on Disclosure 2024DC1 Andy Welch as general counsel for Lindsey McGarity
- **Antonio Taylor made the motion to find no conflict of interest in case 2024DC1 Andy Welch as general counsel for Lindsey McGarity. Laurin Smith second the motion. Vote was unanimous.**
- F. Presentation by Ethics Officer of probable cause on case 2024EB4 John Doe v. Vivian Thomas.
- **Laurin Smith made the motion to table probable cause hearing until after the primary election on case 2024EB4 John Doe v. Vivian Thomas. Cynthia Cornog second the motion. Vote was unanimous.**
- G. Executive Session (added via vote to amend agenda)
- **Laurin Smith made the motion to enter executive session. Cynthia Cornog second the motion. Vote was unanimous.**
 - **Cynthia Cornog made the motion to approve the personnel matter regarding general counsel. Ethel McCornell second the motion. Vote was unanimous.**
 - **Laurin Smith made the motion to end the executive session. Cynthia Cornog seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.**
- H. Adjourn meeting

IV. Adjournment at 7:05pm- Laurin Smith motion, Second by Antonio Taylor

V. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14th, 6:00 pm