

# Wayne County Ethics Board

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Hon. Kym L. Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor  
Hon. Bernard Youngblood, Wayne County Register of Deeds  
Hon. Cathy M. Garrett, Wayne County Clerk

From: Wayne County Ethics Board

Re: 2024 Year-End Report

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Dear Honorable Elected Officials:

The Wayne County Ethics Board submits, pursuant to Wayne County Ethics Ordinance, Enrolled Ordinance No. 2014-734, Section 40-7(a)(4), the Wayne County Ethics Board 2024 year-end summary of action report.

## **ADVISORY ETHICS OPINIONS.**

In the 2024 physical year, the Wayne County Ethics Board did not receive any request for or issue any Ethics Advisory opinions:

## **FORMAL ETHICS BOARD COMPLAINTS.**

In the 2024 physical year, the Wayne County Ethics Board addressed and adjudicated the following ethics board formal complaints:

Mr. Davis alleged that he began working as a legislative aid to County Commissioner Martha G. Scott District #3 on January 1, 2021. In July 2021, Commissioner Scott demanded Mr. Davis to serve as the designated record keeper for her campaign committee.

Furthermore, Mr. Davis alleged that Commissioner Scott directed him to work on a political fundraiser that was held on July 21, 2022, at the Atheneum Suites Hotel. Commissioner Scott directed Davis to organize the fundraiser and contact potential donors to contribute to it, as well as required Mr. Davis to mail out invitations for the July 21, 2022 fundraiser.

Finally, Mr. Davis alleged that Commissioner Scott also required Mr. Davis to campaign during the August 2022 primary election in which Commissioner Scott was up for re-election. Commissioner Scott required Mr. Davis to use vacation days and/or personal days allotted to campaign for her on the August 2022 Primary election day.

Mr. Davis alleges that all the political actions he took at Commissioner Scott's direction were during work hours and used county resources.

On July 17, 2024, The Wayne County Ethics Board held a hearing on the matter. After the testimony, the Wayne County Ethics Board determined that Mr. Davis's Complaint lacked sufficient evidence to establish unethical conduct in violation of the Wayne County Ethics Ordinance; however, prior to a vote dismissing the complaint, Mr. Davis moved to withdraw his complaint against Commissioner Scott.

The board dismissed the complaint on a motion to dismiss by complaint, Mr. Robert Davis.

### **In Re: Kyra Joiner**

Ms. Joiner filed a formal complaint with the Wayne County Ethics Board against Wayne County Treasurer Office Employee Jerry Hawes, alleging violation of Section 40-4(e) Confidential information.

Ms. Joyner alleged that while filing a complaint at the Wayne County Treasurer's office against a security employee, Mr. Hawes took identifying information from her without cause.

After reviewing the complaint, the Wayne County Ethics Board determined that there was no violation of the Ethics ordinance.

Ms. Joiner's complaint was dismissed for failure to state a claim for which relief could be granted.

### **In Re: Susan Dahoud**

The Orsette complaint was dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

**40-7(C)(3) CRIMINAL REFERRALS**

In the 2024 physical calendar year, the Wayne County Ethics Board made no referral pursuant to Wayne County Ethics Ordinance Section 40-7(c)(3):

**MISCELLANEOUS BOARD ACTION.**


In the 2024 physical year, the Wayne County Ethics Board received one new appointee to serve as a member of the Board—Attorney Peter Rageas, appointed by the Wayne County Register of Deed Benard Youngblood to replace outgoing board member Robert Young.


The Wayne County Prosecutor's appointment remains unfilled formally held by outgoing board member Dr. Sue C. Carnell

This report is submitted in compliance with Wayne County Ethics Ordinance, Enrolled Ordinance No. 2014-734, Section 40-7(a)(4), which states that:

By December 15 of each year, the board shall submit to all appointing elected officials a written summary of the year's actions.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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Approved By:   
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