

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Regular Meeting | Tuesday, September 30, 2014 | 10:00 AM

Location: Coverdell Legislative Office Building
 Room 606, 18 Capitol Square SW
 Atlanta, GA 30334

Meeting Called to Order	1
Welcome and Opening Comments of the Chair	2
Review and approval of commission meeting minutes for March 6, 2014, August 19, 2014, September 5, 2014/September 8, 2014 commission meetings.	3
<p>Advisory Opinions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013-004: Submitted by: Judge Mark Anthony Scott on December 10, 2013 Does a Superior Court Judge have the authority to raise funds, deposit those funds into their campaign account and expend those funds to defray legal defense costs incurred in their official capacity as a sitting Superior Court Judge? • 2014-001: Submitted by: Georgia Municipal Association on February 24, 2014 Is a State-level lobbyist required to disclose spending on local elected officials if the state lobbyist is not also registered as a local lobbyist? • 2014-002: Submitted by: Alexia M. Ryan on February 3, 2014 Clarification on usage of campaign contributions to fund private “inaugural” events that are held after the conclusion of the election for a municipal office: Does an inaugural event held more than a month after a run-off election qualify as an “ordinary and necessary” expense as set out in O.C.G.A. §21-5-33(a)? Is there an appropriate time period after the election during which campaign contributions may be used for special events, or do the guidelines for disposition as set out in O.C.G.A. §21-5-33(b)(1) apply the following the election? 	4
<p>Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Jonathan Hawkins • Discussion of Amendments 189-1.-01; 189-1.-02; 189-1.-03; 189-1.-04; 189-1.-07; 189-1.-08; 189-1.-10; 189-2.-01; 189-2.-02; 189-2.-03; 189-2.-04; 189-2.-06; 189-2.-08; 189-2.-09; 189-2.-10; 189-3.-01; 189-2.-02; 189-2.-06; 189-4.-01; 189-5.-01; 189-5.-02; 189-5.-03. 	5

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of New Rules 189-1.-11; 189-3.-08; 189-3.-10; 189-3.-11; 189-3.-12; 189-3.-13; 189-3.-14; 189-3.-15; 189-3.-16. 	
Break for Lunch 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM	6
Staff Attorney Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Penalty Fee Matrix • Criteria for Late Fee Waivers • Authority of Commission to Reconsider Preliminary Hearing Rulings 	7
Administrative Dismissals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Staff Attorneys of Administrative Dismissals since July 1, 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2014-0005: In the Matter of Kay K. Allen ○ 2014-0015: In the Matter of Barbara Jacoby ○ 2014-0030: In the Matter of Robert “Bob” Ellis • Presentation by Staff Attorneys of Pending Administrative Dismissals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013-0046: In the Matter of Andrew Bauman • Discussion and Motion to Delegate Executive Secretary’s Authority to Administratively Dismiss Complaints to Staff Attorneys 	8
Attorneys Present Preliminary Hearing for Probable Cause: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013-0015PC: In the Matter of Channing Ruskell • 2014-0042PC: In the Matter of Kay K. Allen • 2014-0023: In the of Matter Ron. C. Cross • 2013-0029: In the Matter of Athavia Senior 	9
Attorneys Presentation of Consent Orders for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010-0046: In the Matter of Karen Handel • 2012-0004: In the Matter of Spencer Price • 2013-0031: In the Matter of Cherokee Tea Party Patriots/Conrad Quagliaroli • 2013-0040: In the Matter of Tom McElwee • 2014-0016: In the Matter of Frank Petruzielo 	10
Motion for Attorney’s Fees by Douglas Chalmers, Jr. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014-0005: In the Matter of Kay K. Allen 	11
Kelly Campanella of the Attorney General’s Office – Presentation on Commissioner Appointments	12
Public Comment(s)	13
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