

GEORGIA GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2014
 Time: 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 September 30, 2014	3
Rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Jonathan Hawkins • Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Amendments • Public Hearing on Proposed New Rules 	4
Advisory Opinion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013-03 Submitted by: Jeremy Berry of McKenna Long & Aldridge <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given the fact that a corporate political action committee is subject to a yearly “election cycle” and need not register with the Commission as a Georgia non-candidate committee in years it does not meet the contribution and expenditure threshold under the Act, should the “total contributions previously reported” line item it reports on its first CCDR at the beginning of each new registration year reflect a zero balance or should this line item reflect the “net balance on hand” carry forward from the last periodic CCDR the PAC submitted in the last year it was registered with the Commission? 2. If the appropriate amount to disclose in Question 1 is the “net balance on hand” carry forward amount from the last applicable CCDR filed with the Commission, how should a corporate PAC registered as a Georgia non-candidate committee rectify (<u>if at all</u>) the discrepancy that will be created between the “net balance on hand” amount disclosed to the public on its CCDRs and the actual amount of funds contained in its physical bank account due to expenditures made or contributions made or contributions received in the interim years in which the PAC was not required to register under the Act? 3. Is a corporate PAC registered with the Commission as a Georgia non-candidate committee required under the Act and its associated rules to disclose contributions the PAC makes to out-of-state candidates or committees as “expenditures made” on its periodic CCDRs? 	5

<p>4. Is a corporate PAC registered with the Commission as a Georgia non-candidate committee required under the Act and its associated rules to disclose small administrative expenses (less than \$100) it pays for check printing and bank fees on the “expenditures made” section of its period CCDRs?</p> <p>5. Is a corporate PAC registered with the Commission as a Georgia non-candidate committee required under the Act and its associated rules to disclose the voiding of contribution checks made to Georgia candidates or committees in previous reporting periods on its periodic CCDRs? If so, should the disclosure be made on the CCDR corresponding with the timing of the voiding or should the disclosure be made as an amendment to the CCDR corresponding with the original contribution at issue (if such a CCDR exists)?</p> <p>6. Is a corporate PAC registered with the Commission as a Georgia non-candidate committee required under the Act and its associated rules to disclose the full or partial refund of contribution checks made to Georgia candidates or committees in previous reporting period or its periodic CCDRs? If so, should the disclosure be made on the CCDR corresponding with the timing of the refund or should the disclosure be made as an amendment to the CCDR corresponding with the original contribution at issue (if such a CCDR exists)?</p> <p>7. If the GGTCFC determines that any of the items discussed in Questions 3 through 6 above are not required to be disclosed on the periodic CCDRs of a corporate PAC registered with the Commission as a Georgia non-candidate committee, show should such a PAC rectify (<u>if at all</u>) the discrepancy that will be created between the “net balance on hand” amount disclosed to the public on the PAC’s CCDRs and the actual amount of funds contained in the corporate PAC’s physical bank account due to non-disclosure of such items?</p>	
<p>Staff Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Update (RL) • Late Fee Waivers (BW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed Criteria for Granting or Denying Hardship Waivers ○ Proposed Waiver of Fees Outside the Statute of Limitations 	6
<p>Lobbyist Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order to Deny Renewal of Registration for Lobbyists with Unpaid Late Fees, Fines, or Unfiled Reports 	7
<p>BREAK FOR LUNCH – CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL</p>	
<p>Administrative Dismissals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012-0001NJ: In the Matter of SGSDFG (RL) • 25012-0054: In the Matter of South Forsyth Conservative Voters Guide(RL) • 2013-0052: In the Matter of Paul Tamaroff (RL) • 2012-0050: In the Matter of Brandon Beach (BW) • 2013-0027: In the Matter of REAL PAC, Inc. (RL) • 2014-0035: In the Matter of Better Georgia, Inc. (RL) 	8

<p>Motions for Attorney's Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014-0035: In the Matter of Better Georgia, Inc. (RL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jeremy Berry, Attorney for Respondent ○ Robert W. Guy, Jr., Attorney for Complainant • 2014-0005: In the Matter of Kay K. Allen (BW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Douglas Chalmers, Attorney for Respondent ○ Dwight Johnson, Complainant 	9
<p>Motion to Reattach Respondent Carolyn Cosby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012-0032: In the Matter of Citizen's Review and Recommendation Committee (BW) 	10
<p>Preliminary Hearings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014-0036: In the Matter of Carolyn Cosby and the Canton Tea Party (BW) • 2014-0046: In the Matter of Carolyn Cosby and Citizens Opposed to Spiraling Taxation (BW) • 2014-0045: In the Matter of Carolyn Cosby and Expose Bobo Boondoggle Now (RL) • 2013-0003: In the Matter of Larry C. Evans (RL) • 2014-0001: In the Matter of Robert L. Henderson (RL) • 2014-0064: In the Matter of Robert L. Henderson (RL) • 2012-0057: In the Matter of William Hendrix (RL) 	11
<p>Consent Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010-0044: In the Matter of Karen Handel (RL) • 2010-0045: In the Matter of Karen Handel (RL) • 2013-0055: In the Matter of Thomas Wilson (BW) • 2010-0060PC: In the Matter of Larry Chisholm (RL) • 2014-0038: In the Matter of James Orlando Sells (BW) • 2012-0063: In the Matter of H. Ford Gravitt (RL) • 2014-0024: In the Matter of Tony Crowe (BW) • 2014-0026: In the Matter of Tony Crowe (BW) • 2013-0054: In the Matter of Paul McCorkle (RL) • 2014-0050: In the Matter of Helen Goreham (BW) • 2014-0009: In the Matter of Michael E. Williams (RL) • 2013-0035: In the Matter of Richard Stanoff (BW) • 2012-0077: In the Matter of Richard Stanoff (BW) • 2013-0050: In the Matter of Clay Kissner (RL) • 2012-0076(A): In the Matter of Russell Davis (BW) • 2012-0076(B): In the Matter of Russell Davis (BW) • 2013-0045/44: In the Matter of Matthew Riedeman (RL) • 2014-0020: In the Matter of Don Clark (BW) • 2012-0071: In the Matter of Brian Walton Whiteside (RL) • 2013-0033: In the Matter of Benjamin Randy Newman (BW) • 2012-0074: In the Matter of Benjamin Randy Newman (BW) • 2014-0029: In the Matter of Darlene Taylor (RL) 	12