

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Regular Meeting | Friday, August 26, 2011 | 11:00 AM

Commission Meeting Minutes

Location: 200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1514B – West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

PRESENT:

Commission Members:

Patrick Millsaps, Chairman

Kevin Abernethy, Commission Member

Hillary Stringfellow, Commission Member (via conference call)

Kent Alexander, Commission Member

Office of the Attorney General Staff Present:

Meron Dagnew, Assistant Attorney General

OPENING COMMENTS:

Chairman Millsaps opened the meeting at approximately 11:01 AM.

Chairman Millsaps announced that Vice Chairman Belinfante has resigned his position from the Commission effective August 15, 2011, in order to run for public office.

Chairman Millsaps stated that this Commission meeting was to interview and hopefully hire the Commission's Executive Secretary. The Chairman stated that once the Commission finished questioning the candidates it would enter into an Executive Session to deliberate and then return to the public meeting.

INTERVIEW OF FINALISTS FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY POSITION:

The Commission held a panel interview of the two finalists for the Executive Secretary position. The individuals interviewed were: Holly LaBerge and Jerry Presley.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter into executive session made by Chairman Millsaps

Seconded by Commissioner Abernethy

Carried 4-0

The Commission went into executive session at 12:16 PM

Motion to end executive session made by Chairman Millsaps

Seconded by Commissioner Stringfellow

Carried 4-0

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The Commission exited executive session at 12:43 PM

VOTE OF COMMISSION TO ELECT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Upon return from executive session Chairman Millsaps addressed the meeting by stating the Commission has reviewed the resumes of the finalist and took into account their experience, interviews and references, which were checked. The Commission took the hiring of this very important person seriously and believes the Commission has come to a decision.

Commissioner Stringfellow motioned to hire Holly LaBerge as Executive Secretary

Seconded by: Seconded by Commissioner Alexander

Carried 4-0

Chairman Millsaps congratulated Holly LaBerge on her new position.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Millsaps opened the floor for public comment. No comments were made.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Chairman Millsaps

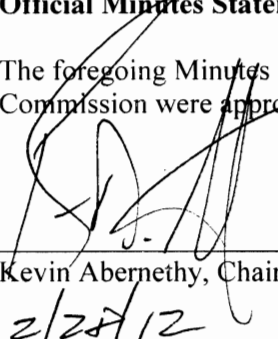
Seconded by: Commissioner Abernethy

Carried 4-0

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:35 PM

Official Minutes Statement


The foregoing Minutes for the August 28, 2011 meeting of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on February 28, 2012.



Kevin Abernethy, Chair

2/28/12

Date



Holly LaBerge, Executive Secretary

2.28.12

Date

County of Cobb,
State of Georgia

Affidavit of Presiding Officer

GEORGIA GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMISSION

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Kevin Abernethy, Chair of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, (the "Commission"), who, being sworn, states the following under oath:

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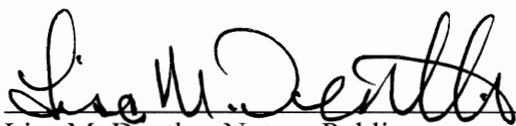
I am the Chair of the Commission. I am giving this Affidavit as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) to explain the closing to the public of a part of a meeting of the Commission. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this Affidavit.

2.

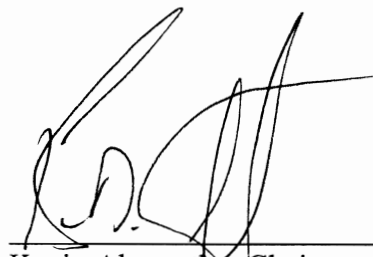
On August 26, 2011, the Commission met in an open meeting at the Floyd Building in Atlanta where I was present and acting in the capacity of Commissioner. By a vote of 4 to 0, the Commission closed a portion of its meeting to the public in order to discuss and deliberate upon personnel matters. No other topic was discussed during the closed portion, over which I presided. The meeting was closed in accord with the specific exception to open meetings under O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6) ("Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee ...").

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

28th Day of February 2012.



Lisa M. Dentler, Notary Public
My Commission expires April 8, 2014



Kevin Abernethy, Chair
Georgia Government Transparency and
Campaign Finance Commission