

**State Ethics Commission  
Commission Meeting Minutes**

December 4, 2008  
200 Piedmont Avenue  
Suite 1416 – West Tower  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Present:**

William H. Jordan, Chairman  
Sonny Watson, Vice Chairman  
Emmett Bowers, Member  
Griffin B. Pollard, Jr., Member

**Absent:**

James C. Gatewood, Member

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William H. Jordan at approximately 9:34 a.m.

A vote of strong confidence in the Executive Secretary and Commission staff was called.

Motion by Mr. Watson

Seconded by Mr. Pollard

*Carried 4 – 0*

The minutes from August 28, 2008 were adopted.

Motion to waive reading and adopt by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Watson

*Carried 4 – 0*

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## **PRELIMINARY HEARINGS**

### **In the Matter of Lillian Houston**

**Case No. 2008-0035PC**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent made campaign expenditures on “gifts” for constituents that were not ordinary and necessary expenses in violation of O.C.G.A. §§ 21-5-3(18) and 21-5-33(a). The Respondent failed to disclose end-recipient information for expenditures made by credit card and has 30 days to correct these technical defects in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-7.1.

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Pollard

*Carried 4 – 0*

### **In the Matter of Randal Mangham**

**Case No. PC2007-0010**

The Respondent in this case waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

### **In the Matter of GA for Better Government**

**Case No. PC2007-0005**

The case was presented by Ms. Kay Baker.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent did not electronically file Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports for September 30, October 25, and December 31, 2006 in a timely manner as required by O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34.1 while making contributions and expenditures over the statutory threshold of \$25,000.

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Pollard

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 4 – 0*

**In the Matter of Pam Stephenson**

**Case No. PC2007-0013**

This case was continued at the request of the Respondent's attorney.

**In the Matter of Jeff Berry**

**Case No. 2007-0039**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent failed to register with the Commission as an independent committee in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(e) and failed to file Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports with the Commission in violation of O.C.G.A. §§ 21-5-34(a)(1)(A), (a)(1)(B), and (f).

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 4 - 0*

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

**In the Matter of William McKinney**

**Case No. PC2007-0016**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent failed to register with the Commission as an independent committee in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(e) and failed to file Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports with the Commission in violation of O.C.G.A. §§ 21-5-34(a)(1)(A), (a)(1)(B), and (f).

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 4 - 0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of South Fulton Unincorporated, Inc.**

**Case No. 2007-0019**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

In Allegation 1, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent, a campaign committee organized to bring about the rejection of a proposed Fulton County ballot question, failed to register with the Commission prior to accepting contributions and/or making expenditures pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30(b).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 4 - 0*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

In Allegation 2, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to file a Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report fifteen days prior to the date of the referendum, held September 18, 2007 in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(a)(2)(A).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 4 - 0*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

In Allegation 3, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to electronically file Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports with the Commission.

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 4 - 0*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

In Allegation 4, the Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent received a contribution from Fulton County Commissioner Edwards and/or the Fulton County government in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30.2.

Motion to dismiss.  
Moved by Mr. Bowers  
*Mr. Jordan opposed this motion.*  
*Carried 3 - 1*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of Sharon Beasley-Teague**  
**Case No. PC2007-0020**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.  
In Allegation 1, the Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent disclosed \$9,123.54 in total expenditures less than \$101 each on her September 30, 2006 Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report, an extraordinarily high amount.

Motion to set down for APA hearing.  
Moved by Mr. Bowers  
Motion withdrawn by Mr. Bowers

Motion to dismiss.  
Moved by Mr. Jordan  
*Carried 4 - 0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

In Allegation 2, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to disclose all campaign expenditures made on her September 30, 2006 CCDR.

Motion to set down for APA hearing.  
Moved by Mr. Bowers  
*Carried 4 - 0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of Elise Shore**  
**Case No. 2008-0025**

This case was continued at the request of the Respondent's attorney.

**In the Matter of Lanett Stanley-Turner**  
**Case No. PC2008-0007**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.  
The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(c)(2), failed to file Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports with the Secretary of State's Office for September 30 and October 25, 2004, failed to file a March 31, 2006 Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report with the Commission, and failed to disclose all contributions received within the reporting periods for the June 30, 2006, September 30, 2006, October 25, 2006, June 30, 2007, and December 31, 2007 Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(b). Respondent owes \$475 in late fees assessed in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.  
Moved by Mr. Bowers  
*Carried 4 - 0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of Charlie Laughinghouse**  
**Case No. 2008-0042**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.  
The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent did not disclose an in-kind contribution made on July 24, 2006 to Commissioner Jim Harrell in Respondent's Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report.

Motion to dismiss.

**In the Matter of Winston Campbell**  
**Case No. PC2008-0016**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.  
The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent filed late the June 30, 2004, September 30, 2004, October 25, 2004 and December 31, 2004 Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports with the Secretary of State and failed to file the March 30, 2004, June 30, 2004, September 30, 2004, October 25, 2004 and December 31, 2004 Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports with the election superintendent of DeKalb County.  
Respondent owes \$675 in late fees assessed in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.  
Moved by Mr. Jordan  
Carried 4 – 0

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of Aaron Robinson**  
**Case No. PC2008-0023**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.  
The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to file the required Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports with the Commission for the September 30, 2004, October 25, 2004 and December 31, 2004 reporting periods. Respondent owes \$450 in late fees assessed in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.  
Moved by Mr. Bowers  
Carried 4 – 0

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

**In the Matter of Silas (Bill) Herrin**  
**Case No. 2008-0028**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.  
The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent failed to disclose his occupation and employer on his original 2005 and 2006 Personal Financial Disclosure Statements, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(b)(5) and failed to disclose all monetary fees received, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(b)(1).

Motion to dismiss.  
Moved by Mr. Bowers  
Carried 4 – 0

Seconded by Mr. Pollard

**In the Matter of Evelyn Anderson**  
**Case No. 2008-0050PC**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.  
In Allegation 1, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to file the required Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports with the Commission for the September 30, 2006, October 25, 2006 and December 31, 2006 reporting periods.

Motion to set down for APA hearing.  
Moved by Mr. Bowers  
Carried 4 – 0

Seconded by Mr. Watson

In Allegation 2, the Commission granted the Respondent additional time to work with Commission staff towards a resolution.

Motion to table.  
Moved by Mr. Pollard

Seconded by Mr. Watson

Carried 4 – 0

In Allegation 3, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to file the required Personal Financial Disclosure Statements with the Commission for the 2005 and 2007 calendar years.

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Carried 4 – 0

In Allegation 4, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to pay \$750 in late fees assessed in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Carried 4 – 0

**In the Matter of David Richard**

**Case No. 2008-0055**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.

The Commission found no reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent handed out his taxpayer-funded business cards.

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

Carried 4 – 0

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The meeting adjourned at 11:00 for a brief recess.

The meeting reconvened at 11:10.

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**In the Matter of Yes for Public Safety**

**Case No. 2008-0058**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent reported on his Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report that he received a contribution from Tom Buck Jr. on June 12, 2008 even though Tom Buck Jr. died on March 25, 2008.

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Pollard

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Carried 4 – 0

**In the Matter of AmeriGroup**

**Case No. PC2007-0035**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

Motion to table this matter until the next Commission meeting.

Motion to table.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Watson

Carried 4 – 0

**In the Matter of Vernon Jones**

**Case No. 2008-0037**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent accepted contributions "for fulfillment of office" past the date of his last election for DeKalb County CEO even though he reported no outstanding debt from the last election.

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 4 – 0*

**In the Matter of Roberta Abdul-Salaam**

**Case No. PC2008-0011**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

In Allegation 1, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to file seven Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports with the Commission, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(c)(2).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 4 – 0*

In Allegation 2, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to file copies of six Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports with her local filing officer for the October 25, 2006, December 31, 2006, March 31, 2008, June 30, 2008, September 30, 2008 and October 25, 2008 reporting periods, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(a)(1)(A).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 4 – 0*

In Allegation 3, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to pay late fees of \$850 assessed in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 4 – 0*

In Allegation 4, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering calendar years 2004, 2005 and 2007, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(a)(1).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

Seconded by Mr. Pollard

*Carried 4 – 0*

In Allegation 5, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to disclose all fiduciary positions on her 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 Personal Financial Disclosure Statements, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(a)(b)(2) and (3).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 4 – 0*

In Allegation 6, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to disclose all direct ownership interests in business entities on her 2006 and 2007 Personal Financial Disclosure Statements, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(a)(b)(2) and (3).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 4 – 0*

**In the Matter of Steven Lee**

**Case No. 2008-0047**

This case was continued at the request of the Respondent.

**In the Matter of Herbert Adams**

**Case No. 2008-0049**

The Respondent in this case waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

**In the Matter of Elaine Boyer**

**Case No. 2008-0054**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent failed to disclose spouse's interest in known businesses on her Personal financial Disclosure Statement for the 2007 calendar year.

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 4 – 0*

Seconded by Mr. Pollard

**In the Matter of Georgia Affordable Housing Coalition**

**Case No. 2008-0061PC**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.

The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent did not register as a Committee Other Than A Candidate Committee in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 and failed to file the corresponding Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(e) and Rule 189-4-.01(c).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 4 – 0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of Willie Green**

**Case No. 2008-0036PC**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent failed to disclose a lobbyist expenditure to former State Representative Ron Sailor in the amount of \$80,000 on his original February 1st– through 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 Lobbyist Report.

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 4 – 0*

Seconded by Mr. Pollard

**In the Matter of Sharon Barnes-Sutton**

**Case No. 2008-0067**

This case was continued at the request of the Respondent's attorney.

**In the Matter of Robert Jenkins**

**Case No. 2008-0068**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent failed to timely file his June 30, 2008 nonelection year Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report. Respondent owes late fees of \$50, assessed in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l).

Motion to dismiss contingent on timely receipt of late fee.

Moved by Mr. Watson

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 4 – 0*

**In the Matter of Menyuan Smith**

**Case No. 2008-0071**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent failed to file her June 30, 2008 Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report.

Motion to dismiss contingent on timely receipt of late fee.

Moved by Mr. Watson

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 4 – 0*

**In the Matter of Jill Chambers**

**Case No. 2008-0074**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent accepted contributions from affiliated corporations that exceeded the campaign contribution limits set forth in O.C.G.A. § 21-5-41(b).

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 4 – 0*

**in the Matter of Kathy Cox**

**Case No. 2008-0079**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent caused the Department of Education to contribute to a ballot committee in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30.2(c) by telling parents, teachers and others at the table that they should support passage of a county SPLOST ballot question.

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

Seconded by Mr. Watson

*Carried 4 – 0*

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Mr. Pollard excused himself from the meeting at 12:37 for a prior engagement.

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**In the Matter of Richard Colclough**

**Case No. 2008-0081PC**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.

The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to file the required Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports with the Commission for the September 30, 2006, August 2, 2006, which is six days before a run-off primary in which Respondent was listed on the ballot, and December 31, 2006 reporting periods. Respondent owes \$370 in late fees assessed in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 3 – 0*

**In the Matter of Benjamin Crawford**

**Case No. 2008-0082PC**

The Respondent in this case waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

**In the Matter of Chambers, Aholt & Rickard, LLP**

**Case No. 2008-0084PC**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent failed to register with the Secretary of State in 2004 and failed to file Campaign Contribution Reports in 2004. Respondent owes \$300 in late fees assessed in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l).

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 3 – 0*

Seconded by General Bowers

**In the Matter of Basset Law Firm**

**Case No. 2008-0085PC**

The case was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent failed to register with the Commission in 2004 and failed to file Campaign Contribution Reports in 2004. Respondent owes \$300 in late fees assessed in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l).

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 3 – 0*

Seconded by General Bowers

**In the Matter of Theida Salazar**

**Case No. 2008-0088PC**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.

The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Respondent may have violated the Ethics in Government Act when the Respondent failed to pay \$475 in late fees assessed in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l).

Motion to set down for APA hearing.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 3 – 0*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

**In the Matter of Mike Dawson**

**Case No. 2008-0091**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent provided campaign materials to voters and employees that were stored in his personal vehicle.

Motion to dismiss.

Moved by Mr. Watson

*Carried 3 – 0*

Seconded by General Bowers

**In the Matter of Pat Dooley**

**Case No. 2008-0092**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent received contributions in excess of the contribution limit by designating a contribution for the primary election after it had taken place.

Motion to dismiss.  
Moved by General Bowers  
*Carried 3 – 0*

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

**In the Matter of Elizabeth Hurst**  
**Case No. 2008-0094A**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.  
The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent worked on her campaign for city council of the City of Fairburn while an employee of the City of Fairburn.

Motion to dismiss.  
Moved by General Bowers  
*Carried 3 – 0*

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

**In the Matter of L. Rae Watford**  
**Case No. 2008-0094B**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.  
The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent worked on Elizabeth Hurst's campaign for city council of the city of Fairburn while an employee of the city of Fairburn.

Motion to dismiss.  
Moved by Mr. Watson  
*Carried 3 – 0*

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

**In the Matter of Ellen Samuels**  
**Case No. 2008-0094C**

The case was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.  
The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated when the Respondent worked on Elizabeth Hurst's campaign for city council of the city of Fairburn while an employee of the City of Fairburn.

Motion to dismiss.  
Moved by Mr. Watson  
*Carried 3 – 0*

Seconded by General Bowers

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**WAIVERS OF PRELIMINARY HEARING**

The Respondent in each of the following matters waived his/her right to a preliminary hearing.

In the Matter of Jay Neal  
PC2007-0011

In the Matter of Griffin Lotson  
2007-0029

In the Matter of Regina Thomas  
PC2008-0034

In the Matter of David Barrett  
2008-0039

In the Matter of Milton Scott Pruitt

2008-0040

In the Matter of Donald Broussard  
2008-0044

In the Matter of Stan Watson  
2008-0045

In the Matter of Mike D. Crotts  
2008-0053

In the Matter of Charles Bannister  
2008-0057

In the Matter of Bill Thrower  
2008-0063

In the Matter of Evan Stapler  
2008-0064

In the Matter of Joe Heckstall  
2008-0066

In the Matter of Helen Blocker-Adams  
2008-0080PC

In the Matter of Childers, Buck & Schlueter LLP  
2008-0083PC

In the Matter of Health Care South, Inc.  
2008-0087PC

In the Matter of SunTrust Banks Good Government Group  
2008-0090PC

In the Matter of Ben Elliott  
2008-0093PC

In the Matter of John Lunsford  
PC2008-0006

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In the Matter of D.A. King  
2008-0069

In the Matter of Deray Fincher  
2008-0065A

In the Matter of Amber Chastain  
2008-0065B

In the Matter of J.W. Payne  
2008-0073

In the Matter of Graham Brothers Construction Co.  
2008-0076

In the Matter of Derrick Dickey  
2008-0077

In the Matter of Lisa Borders  
2008-0078

In the Matter of Brooks Law Firm  
2008-0089PC

In the Matter of Michelle Conlon  
008-0095

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## CONSENT ORDERS

**In the Matter of Corey Wimberly**  
**Case No. PC 2008-0002**

This Consent Order was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$2,500.

Motion to accept.  
Moved by Mr. Bowers  
*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

**In the Matter of Michele Henson**  
**Case No. PC 2008-0009**

The Consent Order was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$250.

Motion to accept.  
Moved by Mr. Bowers  
*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

**In the Matter of Nadine Thomas**  
**Case No. PC 2008-0014**

This Consent Order was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$6,000.

Motion to accept.  
Moved by Mr. Bowers  
*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of Felix Lawson**  
**Case No. PC 2008-0019**

This Consent Order was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$1,250.

Motion to accept.  
Moved by Mr. Watson  
*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

**In the Matter of Steven Perry**  
**Case No. PC 2008-0021**

This Consent Order was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$250 and a late fee was assessed in the amount of \$525.

Motion to accept.  
Moved by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Watson

Carried 3-0

**In the Matter of Dexter Porter**

**Case No. PC 2008-0022**

This Consent Order was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$3,750.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

Carried 3-0

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

**In the Matter of Sandy White**

**Case No. PC 2008-0026**

This Consent Order was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$1,750.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

Carried 3-0

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of David Graves**

**Case No. PC 2008-0029**

This Consent Order was presented by Mr. Tom Plank.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$3,250.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

Carried 3-0

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of Jewel Scott**

**Case No. 2008-0048**

This Consent Order was presented by Mr. Yasha Heidari.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$3,250.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Watson

Carried 3-0

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

**In the Matter of Pamela Stanley**

**Case No. 2004-0019**

This Consent Order was presented by Ms. Meron Dagnew.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$26,250 and a late fee was assessed in the amount of \$450.00.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

Carried 3-0

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of Carl Rogers**

**Case No. 2004-0047**

This Consent Order was presented by Ms. Meron Dagnew.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$500.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

Carried 3-0

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of Shirley Franklin**

**Case No. 2005-0087**

This Consent Order was presented by Ms. Kay Baker.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$5,750.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of James Maddox**

**Case No. 2006-0008**

This Consent Order was presented by Ms. Penny Hannah.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

*Motion failed due to lack of a second.*

**In the Matter of Derrick Tyrone Boazman**

**Case No. 2006-0020**

This Consent Order was presented by Ms. Kay Baker.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$3,900. Respondent will remit \$591.40 from personal funds to cover questionable expenditures.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

**In the Matter of Yes for Columbus**

**Case No. 2006-0024**

This Consent Order was presented by Ms. Kay Baker.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$250.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of Total System Services**

**Case No. 2006-0024**

A dismissal order was presented by Ms. Kay Baker.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**In the Matter of Joe Williams**

**Case No. PC 2008-0005**

This Consent Order was presented by Ms. Kay Baker.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$250.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Watson

*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

**In the Matter of Larry Blackshear**

**Case No. PC 2008-0015**

This Consent Order was presented by Ms. Kay Baker.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$250.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Watson

*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

**In the Matter of Bob Hartley**

**Case No. 2007-0034**

This Consent Order was presented by Ms. Kay Baker.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$2,500 and a late fee was assessed in the amount of \$650.

Motion to accept contingent on receipt of original Consent Order.

Moved by Mr. Watson

*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

**In the Matter of Citizens Against Alcohol**

**Case No. PC 2008-0027**

This Consent Order was presented by Ms. Kay Baker.  
A civil penalty was assessed in the amount of \$6,775.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

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**COMPLIANCE ORDERS**

**In the Matter of Southwest Georgia Alliance**

**Case No. 2005-0031**

This Compliance Order was presented by Ms. Meron Dagnew.  
The Respondent was ordered to cease and desist from any and all actions which violate the Ethics in Government Act.

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Bowers

*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

**The Commission adopted Advisory Opinion 2008-06.**

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Jordan

*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**The Commission adopted the following Rules:**

189-7-.01	Reporting of Qualifying Information
189-7-.02	Reporting of Election Results

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Watson

*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

**The Commission adopted the following Rules to be effective January 1, 2009:**

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|-----------|---|
| 189-3-.06 | Flight on Noncommercial Aircraft by a Candidate, Public Officer, or Person Traveling on Behalf of a Candidate or Committee, for Campaign Purposes |
| 189-3-.07 | Provision of Aircraft to a Public Officer by a Lobbyist   |

Motion to accept.

Moved by Mr. Jordan  
*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**The Commission tabled the following Rules:**

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|-----------|---|
| 189-3-.01 | Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports  |
| 189-3-.08 | Deadline for Filing Affidavits for Electronically Filed Campaign Contribution Reports |
| 189-4-.02 | Campaign Depository Accounts  |
| 189-5-.06 | Reporting of Assets   |
| 189-8-.01 | Verification of Lobbyist Applications Through Electronic Signature                    |
| 189-8-.02 | Verification of Lobbyist Reports Through Electronic Signature                         |

Motion to table.

Moved by Mr. Bowers  
*Carried 3-0*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**Public Comment**

Mr. Josh McKoon submitted a written inquiry regarding the status of the case against Mr. Ed Harbison.  
Mr. Michael Bryant requested a waiver of late fees he incurred for a failure to file Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports.

**Comments from the Attorney General's Office**

Mr. Stefan Ritter, Assistant Attorney General, updated the Commission on the status of the APA cases.

**Report of the Executive Secretary**

Nothing to report.

The Commission elected to postpone determining the next meeting and will determine it at a later date via teleconference.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by Mr. Jordan  
*Carried 3-0*

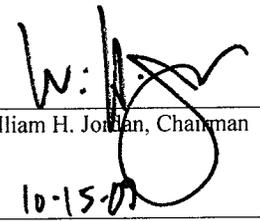
Seconded by Mr. Bowers

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:49 p.m.

**Official Minutes Statement**

*The foregoing Minutes for the December 4, 2008 meeting of the State Ethics Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on October 15, 2009.*

  
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Rick Thompson, Executive Secretary

  
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William H. Jordan, Chairman  
  
  
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Date

County of Fulton,  
State of Georgia



Affidavit of Presiding Officer  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, William H. Jordan, Chairperson of the State Ethics Commission, (the "Commission"), who, being sworn, states the following under oath :

Post Mark Date  
Dec. 7, 2009

1.

I am the Chairman 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 October 15, 2009, the Commission met in an open meeting at the Floyd Building in Atlanta, and I presided. 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 the hiring of an Executive Secretary. 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 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of November 2009.

Kali Schlieder  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:

W. H. Jordan  
WILLIAM H. JORDAN  
Chairman  
State Ethics Commission

(Notary Seal Here)  
**Kali Schlieder**  
Notary Public

**My Commission Expires May 5, 2012**