

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Teleconference Meeting | December 16, 2011 | 11:00 AM

Commission Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Commission Members:

Kevin Abernethy, Commission Member (phone)
Hillary Stringfellow, Commission Member (phone)
Kent Alexander, Commission Member (phone)
Heath Garrett, Commission Member (phone)

Commission Staff Present:

Holly LaBerge

OPENING COMMENTS:

Commissioner Abernethy opened the meeting at 11:01 AM.

Commissioner Abernethy welcomed the newest members of the commission, Commissioner Garrett and recently appointed Commissioner Cathey. Commissioner Abernethy also gave thanks to those parting, Chairman Millsaps and Commissioner Caudell, for their work with the Commission.

SELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR:

Commissioner Abernethy stated that the Commission is currently without a Chair or Vice Chair and opened the floor for a motion.

Motion to elect Commissioner Abernethy as Chair of the Commission:

Motion made by Kent Alexander

Seconded by: Hillary Stringfellow

Carried 4-0

Chair Abernethy indicated he was humbled by the Commission placing their faith in him and welcomes the opportunity to service in this capacity.

Commissioner Alexander expressed his support of Chair Abernethy stating that his qualifications are excellent for the position and he looks forward to Chair Abernethy's leadership and working with him.

SELECTION OF COMMISSION VICE CHAIR:

Chair Abernethy opened the floor for a motion.

Motion to elect Commissioner Stringfellow as Vice Chair of the Commission:

Motion made by Chair Abernethy

Seconded by Kent Alexander

Carried 4-0

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments were made.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS:

Scheduling of the next in person Commission meeting:

- Vice Chair Stringfellow questioned whether Chair Abernethy wished to schedule the next in person Commission meeting at this time.
- Chair Abernethy requested that the Commission staff outline the items to be covered at the next in person meeting and present such to the Commission so a meeting date for some time in February, 2012 can be set.

Outstanding Advisory Opinions:

- Commissioner Alexander questioned the status of any outstanding advisory opinions.
- It was indicated that the Commission's outside legal counsel for advisory opinions has obtained a response time extension from the requestor.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Kent Alexander

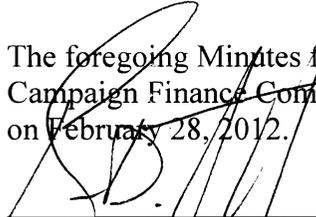
Seconded by: Hillary Stringfellow

Carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:09 AM.

Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the December 16, 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.



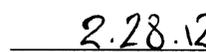
Kevin Abernethy, Chair



Date



Holly LaBerge, Executive Secretary



Date