Regular Meeting | Thursday, March 26, 2015 | 10:00 AM

Minutes of Commission Meeting

Location: James "Sloppy" Floyd Building
200 Piedmont Ave. SE, Suite 512,
5th Floor, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

PRESENT:

Commission Members:
Dennis Cathey, Commission Member (Presiding for Chair)
Heath Garrett, Commission Member
Mary Paige Adams, Commission Member

Commission Members via Phone:
Hillary Stringfellow, Chair

Commission Members Absent:
R. Lawton Jordan III, Vice-Chair (In court)

Commission Staff:
Robert Lane, Staff Attorney
Bethany Whetzel, Staff Attorney
Nancy Sandberg, Legal Administrative Assistant
Andrew Booth, IT Specialist/Videographer
Erwin Yap, Office Administrator

Office of the Attorney General:
Kelly Campanella, Assistant Attorney General

SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED UPON:

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<td>Meeting Called to Order</td>
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| Welcome and Opening Comments of the Chair | • Commissioner Dennis Cathey presided over the meeting as the Vice Chair R. Lawton Jordan III, was excused from the meeting for last minute court appearance and Chair, Hillary Stringfellow while attending via phone would need to leave after Executive Session for an appointment.  
• Commissioner Cathey welcomed everyone and stated that there is a full agenda of items to cover and encouraged the public to provide comments and feedback at the appropriate times.  
• Agenda amended to move Hattie Holmes-Sullivan 2012-049 from Preliminary Hearings to Consent Orders. |

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| Approval of December 10, 2014 Commission Meeting Minutes | • Motioned and approved the December 10, 2014 Commission meeting minutes as presented with no corrections.  
  *Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
  *Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett*  
  *Carried: 4 to 0* |
| Advisory Opinion 2014-03 | • Jonathan Hawkins gave a brief explanation of his role as outside legal counsel for the Commission in drafting the Advisory Opinions informing the Commission as to the request for an Advisory Opinion. The Commission received a request from Judge Stephen Schuster posing the following question:
  - Whether campaign contributions deposited into a campaign account may be expended by an elected official (e.g. a Superior Court Judge) for the purpose of acquiring a home security system?
  • Mr. Hawkins made the following analysis: Short answer is no, the campaign finance Act allows contributions to be used only to defray ordinary and necessary expenses occurring in the campaign or in fulfillment or retention of their office. The Act defines “ordinary and necessary” as a list of things that include within that definition and there is some leeway in terms of interpretation of what that might be. The concern he has is that using campaign funds to install permanent improvements to one’s home, if allowed in this instance, would set precedent with a slippery slope going forward which could be expanded and campaign funds could be used to acquire and purchase more and more personal type items. He doesn’t think that campaign contributions are a correct source for these types of items. He feels that counties or other local sources can provided for allowances for this type of capital improvements.
  • Chair Stringfellow wanted to point out that when she and in-house counsel (Robert and Bethany) had talked over this request for an advisory opinion, one point that they shared with Mr. Hawkins is that now the Campaign Finance Act does allow candidates or officials to rent or lease equipment/materials, such as computers in the fulfillment of their office, but not to purchase an item that is then owned by the candidate after the purchase. With that analogy this would be a permanent improvement that would become the property of the judge or official after their term expires, whereby there would be a financial benefit to the judge or official. It is a distinction that has not been raised before and she doesn’t feel that campaign funds should not be allowed to be used for that purpose. |
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<td>Advisory Opinion 2014-03 (continued)</td>
<td>But that if security could be provided on a lease or rental (it is not the nature of the security, it is that the equipment is not to be a permanent improvement) in a less permanent way than it could be allowed.</td>
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| | • Commissioner Cathey stated that in the short our answer should be stated that “no campaign finances can be used to buy, but can be used to rent or lease”.
| | • Commissioner Garrett commented that he does have a little bit of sympathy for the judges in our modern era that those threats arise in their candidacy. Unfortunately it is the reality of our politics that physical threats arise out of their public status which are security-based and this is something that needs to be addressed with the Legislature and the local entities.
| | • Commissioner Cathey commented that he thinks that in the electronic world that leasing has become more common than owning.
| | • Chair Stringfellow commented that what Commissioner Garrett stated would be authorized under the Act even with this advisory opinion, saying that if threats arose that campaign funds could be used for security bars, extra police or some sort of presence that the candidate or official chose that it is clearly not a permanent improvement. It doesn’t rule out having security in another form provided to the candidate or officials. Even though it was a specific question about a security system.
| | • The Commissioners motioned and approved the Advisory Opinion with the provision that the advisory opinion as it is drafted now needs to be refined/revised in the interest of answering the Judge’s question and recirculated to the Commission for one final review and be republished again before the next quarterly meeting.

_Motioned by: Chair Stringfellow
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams
Carried: 4 to 0_
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<td>Presentation of Rules:</td>
<td>- Chair Stringfellow stated that an in-house analysis was made of the rules and comments from the public were incorporated</td>
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<td>- Attorneys Robert Lane and Bethany Whetzel gave a brief overview of the changes to the Rules.</td>
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<td>Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments, New and Repealed Rules:</td>
<td>- After the brief overview from the Staff Attorneys of changes to the Rules, those rules that public comment was to be made were identified and set aside for comment and voting separately.</td>
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<td>- Commissioners motioned and approved to adopt the proposed, new and repealed rules with no comments as presented.</td>
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<td>- The following rules were heard for public comment:</td>
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<td><strong>Proposed Rules:</strong></td>
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<td>- 189-1-.07 Adjustment of Contribution Limits Based Upon Inflation</td>
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<td>Motioned and voted to table this rule for further refinement.</td>
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<td>- 189-1-.08 Retention Schedule</td>
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<td>- 189-2-.07 Investigations and Hearings</td>
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<td>Comments were received from Jim Walls.</td>
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| Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments, New and Repealed Rules: *(continued)* | 189-2-.08 Disposition of Cases  
Comments were received from Doug Chalmers, Jim Walls, Stefan Passantino and Commissioner Cathey.  
Motion and voted to table this rule for further written public comment in redrafting of this rule.  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams  
Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett  
Carried: 4 to 0* |
|         | 189-3-.06 Flight on Noncommercial Aircraft by Candidate, Public Officer, or Person Traveling on Behalf of Candidate or Committee for Campaign Purposes.  
Comments were received from Doug Chalmers and Commissioner Garrett  
Motioned and approved to table this rule for further research in finding a simplified way of figuring Fair Market Value.  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams  
Seconded by: Chair Stringfellow  
Carried: 4 to 0* |
|         | 189-5-.01 Disposition of Contributions Without Limitation.  
Motioned and approved to adopt rule, as there was no comments made.  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams  
Seconded by: Chair Stringfellow  
Carried: 4 to 0* |
|         | 189-5-.02 Contributions Remaining Unspent After the Election for Which They Were Received  
Comment was received from Jeremy Berry, Doug Chalmers, Stefan Passantino, Robert Lane and Commissioner Garrett |
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Motioned and approved to table for further staff review.  
Motioned by: Commissioner Adams  
Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett  
Carried: 3 to 0 (Chair Stringfellow abstaining)  

189-5-.03 Contributions Which Must Be Returned to Contributors.  
Comments were received from Jeremy Berry, Doug Chalmers, Jim Walls, Bethany Whetzel and Commissioner Cathey.  
Motioned and approved to table for further staff review.  
Motioned by: Commissioner Adams  
Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett  
Carried: 3 to 0 (Chair Stringfellow abstaining)  

New Rules:  
189-3-.11 Lobbying Expenditures on Legislative Families  
Comments were received from Doug Chalmers, Stefan Passantino, Robert Lane, Commissioner Garrett and Chair Stringfellow.  
Motioned and approved to table for further review and presentation at the next meeting.  
Motioned by: Chair Stringfellow  
Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett  
Carried: 4 to 0  

189-3-.12 Lobbying Expenditure Cap  
Comments were received from Doug Chalmers, Jim Walls, and Attorneys Lane and Whetzel.  
Motioned and approved to table until the next meeting  
Motioned by: Chair Stringfellow  
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams  
Carried: 4 to 0
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<td>Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments, New and Repealed Rules: (continued)</td>
<td>○ 189-6-.10 Declaration of Intention to Accept Campaign Contributions Must Be Filed Before Accepting Campaign Contributions</td>
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|                                                                        | Motioned and approved to table this rule for future meeting.  
  *Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
  *Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett*  
  *Carried: 4 to 0*                                                                 |
|                                                                        | ○ 189-6-.11 When Campaign contributions Made via Check or Negotiable Instrument are Deemed Received                                |
|                                                                        | Comments were received from Doug Chalmers, Stefan Passantino, Robert Lane and Commissioners Garrett, and Adams.                   |
|                                                                        | Motioned and approved to table this rule for future meeting.  
  *Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
  *Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett*  
  *Carried: 4 to 0*                                                                 |
|                                                                        | **Repealed Rules:**  
  ○ 189-6-.03 Maximum Allowable Contribution by Corporation                                                            |
|                                                                        | Comments were received from William Perry and Robert Lane.  
  Motion and approved to adopt all rule repeals.  
  *Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
  *Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett*  
  *Carried: 3 to 0 (phone connection was lost with Chair Stringfellow)*                                             |
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<td>- Meeting took a break at 12:31 PM and reconvened at 12:45 PM</td>
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| Hardship Waiver Request Appeals *(Heard before Lunch)*                  | - Late Fee Hardship Waiver Request Appeals:  
  - Lobbyist Gregory Michael Griffin – Late fees were previously reduced to the $275 level, he is seeking to have $275 reduced to $0. He stated that he just forgot to file, receives no salary and that there are no funds for late fees and seeks to reduce the late fee amount based on services. Chair Stringfellow clarified, at the December meeting that the Commission would grant waivers on the two criteria of financial hardship or undue burden. Mr. Griffin was asked to resubmit his Late Fee Hardship Waiver to fit into one of the two categories and provide documentation as required by the criteria. The commissioners consented to let him comeback once he has properly submitted his Late Fee Hardship Waiver Request. |
| Meeting Broke for 30 Minute Lunch and Closed Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters: | - Motioned and approved to break for lunch and enter into closed Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters at 12:59 PM  
  *Motioned by: Commissioner Cathey  
  *Seconded by: Commissioner Adams  
  *Carried: 4 to 0*  
  - Motion and approved to exit Executive Session and return from lunch and reconvene the meeting at 1:38 PM  
  *Motioned by: Commissioner Adams  
  *Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett  
  *Carried: 3 to 0*  
  - Commissioner Cathey noted for the record that Chair Stringfellow has been excused for the remainder of today’s meeting to attend her appointment.  
  - Commissioner Cathey requested to move the Staff Presentations to the end of the Agenda to allow for those persons here for cases to be heard, not to have to wait. |
| Hardship Waiver Request Appeals *(Heard after Lunch)*                   | - Hardship Waiver Request Appeals:  
  - Lobbyist Anna Bullard  
  Motioned and approved to Deny Hardship  
  *Motioned by: Commissioner Adams  
  *Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett  
  *Carried: 3 to 0 to Deny* |
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| Hardship Waiver Request Appeals *(Hear after Lunch Continued)*:         | - Lobbyist Kenneth Joe  
  Commission decided not to hear the appeal until he has completed his filings.                                                 |
|                                                                        | - Subrenna Weathers  
  Motioned and approved to Deny Hardship  
  Motioned by: Commissioner Adams  
  Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett  
  Carried: 3 to 0 to Deny                                                   |
|                                                                        | - Lobbyist Robert P. Houghton  
  Motioned and approved to table for next meeting.  
  Motioned by: Commissioner Adams  
  Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett  
  Carried: 3 to 0 to Table                                                   |
| Administrative Dismissal:                                              | - Administrative Dismissal:                                                                                                              |
|                                                                        |  - 2012-0023 Mike Beaudreau:  
    Commissioners moved and approved to accept,  
    Motioned and approved to Deny Hardship  
    Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett  
    Seconded by: Commissioner Adams  
    Carried: 3 to 0                                                             |
| Preliminary Hearings:                                                  | - Preliminary Hearings:                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                        |  - 2012-0055 Melynee Leftridge:  
    Commissioners moved to continue based on Continuance letter by Counsel of Record – A. Lee Parks.  
    Motioned by: Commissioner Adams  
    Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett  
    Carried: 3 to 0                                                             |
|                                                                        |  - 2014-0037 Carolyn Cosby (Georgians for Healthcare Freedom):  
    Counsel of Record has not responded to any correspondence and is said to be out of the country at present. Commissioners moved to entertain continuance at this time.  
    Motioned by: Commissioner Adams  
    Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett  
    Carried: 3 to 0                                                             |
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| Preliminary Hearings (continued): | • 2013-0036 Vera L. Jones: Commissioners moved and approved to continue based on Conflict Letter by Counsel of Record – Steve Scheer.  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Cathey  
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams  
Carried: 3 to 0* |
| | • 2013-0023 – Kimberly James: After the presentation of the case by Staff Attorney Robert Lane, Ms. James presented the commissioners with her side of the case, requesting that they dismiss the case as she felt she was not in violation, had not been educated in a timely manner, that there had been errors in the system and in an abundance of caution had paid her late fees, so that when her case was finally heard that they would not have escalated to the maximum amounts. Mr. Lane pointed out that the qualifying officer had entered wrong information, and after auditing, four of the late fees had been deemed to be valid.  
The commissioners motioned and approved to enter into a Consent Order to accept the $500 Late Fees and Civil Penalty fines, but waive the monetary Civil Penalty fee of $300 because of her diligence and working with the staff. They also commended her on running for office for three different elections and for bringing her children to observe and gain an education of the process.  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams  
Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett  
Carried: 3 to 0* |
| Consent Orders voted on by the Commission: | • Consent Orders:  
| | • 2015-0049 Hattie Holmes-Sullivan: Motioned and approved to assess $250 Late Fees and $500 Civil Penalty.  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett  
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams  
Carried: 3 to 0* |
| | • 2015-0004 Ralph Amos: Motioned and approved to assess $125 Late Fees and $100 Civil Penalty.  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett  
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams  
Carried: 3 to 0* |
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<td>Consent Orders voted on by the Commission (continued):</td>
<td>o 2012-0029 Dale Rutledge, Represented by Robert Highsmith: Motioned and approved to assess $975 Civil Penalty and require filing updates of the three 2 Day Business Reports in question within thirty days. &lt;br&gt; Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett&lt;br&gt; Seconded by: Commissioner Adams&lt;br&gt; Carried: 3 to 0</td>
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<td>o 2014-0058 Vernon Thomas: Motioned and approved to assess $250 Late Fee and $100 Civil Penalty. &lt;br&gt; Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett&lt;br&gt; Seconded by: Commissioner Adams&lt;br&gt; Carried: 3 to 0</td>
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<td>o 2012-0075 William Hendrix: Motioned and approved to assess $375 Late Fee and $500 Civil Penalty. &lt;br&gt; Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett&lt;br&gt; Seconded by: Commissioner Adams&lt;br&gt; Carried: 3 to 0</td>
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<td>o 2014-0052 Jalaludin K. Douglas: Motioned and approved to assess $625 Late Fee and $1,200 Civil Penalty in accordance with the terms of payment plan as outlined in the Consent Order. &lt;br&gt; Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett&lt;br&gt; Seconded by: Commissioner Adams&lt;br&gt; Carried: 3 to 0</td>
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<td>o 2012-0045 Cindy Jones Mills: Motioned and approved to assess $350 Civil Penalty. &lt;br&gt; Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett&lt;br&gt; Seconded by: Commissioner Adams&lt;br&gt; Carried: 3 to 0</td>
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<td>o 2014-0017 David Pennington III Motioned and approved to assess $400 Civil Penalty. &lt;br&gt; Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett&lt;br&gt; Seconded by: Commissioner Adams&lt;br&gt; Carried: 3 to 0</td>
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| | o 2012-0064 & 2014-0001 Robert L. Henderson: Motioned and approved to assess $250 Late Fee and $1,400 Civil Penalty (deviation from Matrix due to financial hardship) paid in monthly installments as outlined in the Consent Order.  
  Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett  
  Seconded by: Commissioner Adams  
  Carried: 3 to 0 |
| | o 2013-0041 Ari Durham: Motioned and approved to assess $100 Civil Penalty.  
  Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett  
  Seconded by: Commissioner Adams  
  Carried: 3 to 0 |
| | o 2012-0041 Willie Mendel Saunders: Motioned and approved to assess $250 Late Fee and $1,000 Civil Penalty.  
  Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett  
  Seconded by: Commissioner Adams  
  Carried: 3 to 0 |
| | o 2014-0056 Lee Chase Benedict, Jr.: Motioned and approved to assess $125 Late Fee and $100 Civil Penalty.  
  Motioned by: Commissioner Garrett  
  Seconded by: Commissioner Adams  
  Carried: 3 to 0 |
| Comments by Presiding Officer Commissioner Cathey: | • Commissioner Cathey requested that it be noted for the record that since Commissioner Garrett was to be excused from the remainder of the meeting that there is no quorum, leaving just himself and Commissioner Adams in attendance. |
| Staff Presentations: | • Erwin Yap, Office Administrator gave a presentation as to the state of the Budget. |
| | • Andrew Booth, IT Specialist gave a presentation as to the state of the IT systems, improvements, and projects that are being worked on. |
| | • Attorney Robert Lane gave a presentation on Case Counts, Cases with the Attorney General’s Office, progress on active cases and future case management and audits. |
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<td>Staff Presentations (continued):</td>
<td>• Attorney Bethany Whetzel gave a presentation on Late Fee Hardship Waiver Requests stating that there were 230 in 2014 with only 14 pending (Locals) and to date 45 in 2015 with 15 requests pending. She also gave a presentation about Lobbyist Registration for the 2015 Legislative session in which the staff registered 1,086 Lobbyist.</td>
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<td>Public Comment:</td>
<td>• There was no public comments made.</td>
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<td>Meeting Adjourned:</td>
<td>• Meeting was Adjourned at 3:39 PM. (No Quorum)</td>
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**Official Minutes Statement**

The foregoing Minutes for the March 26, 2015 meeting of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission’s meeting on June 25, 2015.

[Signature]

Hillary Stringfellow, Chair

[Date]

July 10, 2015
County of Fulton,  
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,  
Hillary Stringfellow, Chair of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance  
Commission (the “Commission”), who, being sworn, states the following under oath:

1. 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 a part of a meeting of the Commission. I have  
personal knowledge of the fact stated in this Affidavit.

2. On March 26, 2015, the Commission met in an open meeting in room 512, 5th floor, West  
Tower at the James “Sloppy” Floyd Building in Atlanta and I presided. By a vote of 3 to 0, the  
Commission closed a portion of its meeting to the public in order to discuss 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  
16th day of July, 2015.

[Signature]
Notary Signature

[Print Name]
Notary Public

[Date Commission expires]