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## Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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**Regular Meeting | Thursday, September 24, 2015 | 10:00 AM**

# Minutes of Commission Meeting

Location: Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Room 606, 18 Capitol Square SW  
Atlanta, GA 30334

### **PRESENT:**

#### Commission Members:

Hillary Stringfellow, Chair  
R. Lawton Jordan III, Vice-Chair  
Mary Paige Adams, Commission Member

#### Commission Members via Phone:

Dennis Cathey, Commission Member

#### Commission Staff:

Stefan Ritter, Executive Secretary  
Robert Lane, Staff Attorney  
Bethany Whetzel, Staff Attorney  
Nancy Sandberg, Legal Administrative Assistant  
Joel Perkins, IT Specialist  
Andrew Booth, IT Specialist/Videographer

#### Office of the Attorney General:

Christian Fuller, Attorney General's Office

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM

### **OPENING COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR:**

Chair Stringfellow welcomed the public and identified all members present as Vice Chair Jordan, Commissioner Adams and via phone Commissioner Cathey.

Chair Stringfellow stated the following changes to the Agenda:

- ◆ Probable Cause Hearings – Items A: 2012-0043 Martin Hawley, C: 2013-0049 Daniel Scott Chastain, E: 2012-0010PC Irby Allen Meadors are to be removed and will be moved to the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Items D: 2012-0015 John Leggett will move to Item V of the Consent Orders and Item F: 2012-0051 David S. Doss will move to Item W of Consent Orders.

- ◆ Consent Orders – Since Items B, H, J, and P thru T, all involve members of the Board of Community Affairs, they will be heard between Consent Order items O & P. Item D: 2015-0040 Robert James will be removed, since Commissioners Adams and Cathey have to recuse themselves as they serve on the same Judicial Board as Robert James, therefore leaving no Quorum with two remaining commissioners.

#### **APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes of the June 25, 2015 Commission Meeting were motioned and approved as prepared with no corrections or revisions.

*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*

*Carried: 4 to 0*

#### **PROBABLE CAUSE HEARINGS:**

The following case was motioned and approved as follows:

- 2012-0047 Michael R. James (RL): finding for reason of probable cause violation.

*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*

*Carried: 4 to 0*

#### **CONSENT ORDERS:**

The following Consent Orders were motioned and approved as presented:

2012-0055 Melynn Leftridge (RL)

*Motioned by: Commissioner Jordan*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Adams*

*Carried: 4 to 0*

2012-0017 Ronald K. Dalton (RL)

*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*

*Carried: 4 to 0*

2012-0016 Chris Smith (RL)

*Motioned by: Commissioner Jordan*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Adams*

*Carried: 4 to 0*

2014-0064 Phillip Craig Dow (BW)

*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*

*Carried: 4 to 0*

2015-0003 Brian R. Tam (RL)

*Motioned by: Commissioner Jordan*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Adams*

*Carried: 4 to 0*

2012-0073 Hussein K. (Adam) Dido(RL)

*Motioned by: Commissioner Jordan*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Adams*

*Carried: 4 to 0*

2015-00017 David Bates Mattison (RL)

*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*

*Carried: 4 to 0*

2012-0042 Evita Paschall(BW)

*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*

*Carried: 4 to 0*

2014-0065 Susan Parker Banks (RL)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2015-0038 Taylor Bennett (BW)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2014-0063 Brian Ferrell (RL)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2015-0028 Hugh "Trip" Tollison (BW)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2015-0033 Albert "Al" Hodge (BW)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2015-0032 Carolyn Crayton (BW)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2015-0035 Howard Clifford Sheppard (BW)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2015-0030 David Gibbs (BW)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2015-0031 Allen Kibler (BW)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2015-0039 Larry Hanson (BW)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2015-0034 Gilbert Barrett (BW)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2012-0052 Cynthia Rozzo (BW)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2012-0015 John C. Leggett (RL )  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

2015-0030 David S. Doss (RL)  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

## **DISMISSALS:**

The following case was motioned and approved as follows:

- 2015-0023 Chatham County Democratic Committee (RL): finding of no probable cause violation and moved to dismiss.  
*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams*  
*Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan*  
*Carried: 4 to 0*

**EXIT OF COMMISSIONER CATHEY FROM THE MEETING:**

Commissioner Cathey exited the meeting via phone at 10:58 AM

**COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:**

Executive Secretary, Stefan Ritter gave the following presentations:

- o Administrative Dismissals for:
  - 2012-0011PC Eugene McCord
- o Late fee issues regarding:
  - Unpaid Late Fees and Collection
  - Attorney General Opinion Request
- o Update on Rules and Regulations
- o Update on Staffing and Space Issues

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S COMMENTS:**

Christian Fuller of the Attorney General's Office introduced himself as the new attorney assigned to work with the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Public comments were heard by Ryan Splitlog, Vice Chair of Common Cause.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting was motioned and approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 AM.

*Motioned by: Commissioner Jordan*

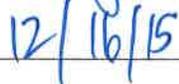
*Seconded by: Commissioner Adams*

*Carried: 3 to 0*

**Official Minutes Statement**

The foregoing Minutes for the September 24, 2015 meeting of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on December 15, 2015.

  
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Hillary Stringfellow, Chair

  
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Date