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Special Teleconference Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 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 via Phone:

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

Commission Staff:

Stefan Ritter, Executive Secretary
Robert Lane, Staff Attorney
Bethany Whetzel, Staff Attorney
Nancy Sandberg, Legal Administrative Assistant

Office of the Attorney General:

Christian Fuller, Attorney General’s Office

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 PM.

OPENING COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR:

Chair identified all members present via phone as all of the commissioners and Christian Fuller of the Attorney General’s office. Stefan Ritter identified those present in the room as himself, attorneys Robert Lane and Bethany Whetzel, support staff Nancy Sandberg and auditor Natalie Harper and one reporter.

WHETHER LOBBYIST REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL SHOULD BE DISALLOWED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH UNPAID FEES, FINES OR PENALTIES OR UNFILED REPORTS?:

It was motioned and approved pursuant to the Executive Secretary's request under O.C.G.A. §21-5-71 for a motion to deny lobbyist registration or renewal to individual with unpaid fees, fines or penalties or unfiled reports.

*Motioned by: Commissioner Adams
Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett
Carried: 5 to 0*

CLOSING COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR:

Chair requested that Nancy put together a calendar of tentative meeting dates for the 2016 quarterly Commission meetings, sending out to each of the commissioners for availability and for approval at the December 2015 meeting.

Chair requested that the December 2015 Commission meeting be held over 2 consecutive days, as the agenda is enormous. After discussion, it was decided to hold the meeting on Tuesday, December 15th and Wednesday, December 16th, with day one devoted to rules and regulations and day two to other items needing attention on the agenda.

Noted for the record, Dennis Cathey exited the meeting at 1:48 PM to catch his plane.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was no public comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting was motioned and approved to adjourn at 1:49 PM.

*Motioned by: Chair Stringfellow
Seconded by: Commissioner Adams
Carried: 4 to 0*

Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the November 12, 2016 teleconference 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.



Hillary Stringfellow, Chair

12/16/15

Date