



Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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

Summary 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, Attorney
Bethany Whetzel, Attorney
Nancy Sandberg, Legal Administrative Assistant
Joel Perkins, IT
Andrew Booth, Videographer

Office of the Attorney General:

Christian Fuller, Attorney General’s Office

SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED UPON:

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Meeting Called to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM
Opening Comments of the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 15th 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.

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Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motioned and approved to adopt the Commission Meeting minutes of June 25, 2015 as prepared with no corrections or revisions.
Probable Cause Hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probable Cause: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2012-0047 Michael R. James (RL) Motioned and approved finding for reason of probable cause violation.
Consent Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following Consent Orders were motioned and accepted as presented:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2012-0055 Melynee Leftridge (RL) ○ 2012-0017 Ronald K. Dalton (RL) ○ 2012-0016 Chris Smith (RL) ○ 2014-0064 Phillip Craig Dow (BW) ○ 2015-0003 Brian R. Tam (RL) ○ 2012-0073 Adam Dido (f.k.a. Hussein K. Dido) (RL) ○ 2015-0017 David Bates Mattison (RL) ○ 2012-0042 Evita Paschall (BW) ○ 2014-0065 Susan Parker Banks (RL) ○ 2015-0038 Taylor Bennett (BW) ○ 2014-0063 Brian Ferrell (RL) ○ 2015-0028 Hugh "Trip" Tollison (BW) ○ 2015-0033 Albert "Al" Hodge (BW) ○ 2015-0032 Carolyn Crayton (BW) ○ 2015-0035 Howard Clifford Sheppard (BW) ○ 2015-0030 David Gibbs (BW) ○ 2015-0031 Allen Kibler (BW) ○ 2015-0039 Larry Hanson (BW) ○ 2015-0034 Gilbert Barrett (BW) ○ 2012-0052 Cynthia Rozzo (BW) ○ 2012-0015 John C. Leggett (RL) ○ 2012-0051 David s. Doss (RL)
Dismissals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dismissal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2015-0023 Chatham County Democratic Committee Motioned and approved the finding of no probable cause and moved to dismiss
Exit of Commissioner Cathey from the meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Cathey exited the meeting via phone at 10:58 AM.
Comments by the Executive Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Secretary, Stefan Ritter gave the following presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administrative Dismissals for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2012-0011PC Eugene McCord

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Comments by the Executive Secretary (<i>continued</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Late fee issues regarding:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Unpaid Late Fees and Collection▪ Attorney General Opinion Request○ Update on Rules and Regulations○ Update on Staffing and Space Issues
Attorney General's Office Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Christian Fuller of the Attorney General's Office introduced himself as the new attorney assigned to work with the Commission.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Comments were heard by Ryan Splitlog, Vice Chair of Common Cause.
Meeting Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Motioned and approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 AM.