

State Ethics Commission
Commission Teleconference Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2009

200 Piedmont Avenue
Suite 1416 – West Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
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Present:

William H. Jordan, Chairman
Sonny Watson, Vice Chairman
James C. Gatewood, Member
Patrick N. Millsaps, Member

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jordan at 10:04.

Mr. Jordan announced the resignation of Commissioner Jake Pollard.

The Commissioners discussed the effect of Senate Bill 168 on the Ethics in Government Act. Mr. Thompson clarified that the Ethics Commission is the only agency affected by this new legislation. 1

The Commissioners discussed the current guidelines for assessing Civil Penalties. 2

In the Matter of James Maddox 3
Case Number 2006-0008

Mr. Gatewood made a motion to modify the Civil Penalty assessed to \$5,000 and adopt the Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge.
Seconded by Mr. Jordan
Carried 4 – 0

In the Matter of Lauren “Bubba” McDonald 4
Case Number 2004-0025

Mr. Jordan made a motion to modify the Civil Penalty assessed to \$3,000 and adopt the Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge.
Seconded by Mr. Watson
Carried 4 – 0

Motion to table Advisory Opinion 2009-02. 5
Moved by Mr. Jordan
Carried 4 – 0

Seconded by Mr. Gatewood

Executive Secretary Rick Thompson reported that the agency is reducing the office space by 50% due to the massive budget cuts.

Motion for adjournment.

Moved by Mr. Gatewood


Seconded by Mr. Jordan

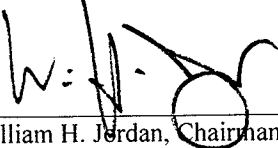
Carried 4 – 0

The meeting adjourned at 11:54.

Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the June 17, 2009 meeting of the State Ethics Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on October 15, 2009.


Rick Thompson
Rick Thompson, Executive Secretary


William H. Jordan, Chairman

10-15-09
Date