

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission
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Regular Meeting | Wednesday, November 13, 2013 | 9:30 AM

Minutes of Commission Meeting

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

PRESENT:

Commission Members:

Kevin Abernethy, Chair
 Hillary Stringfellow, Vice Chair
 Heath Garrett, Commission Member
 Dennis Cathey, Commission Member
 R. Lawton Jordan III, Commission Member

Commission Staff:

Holly LaBerge, Executive Director
 Elisabeth Murray-Obertein, Staff Attorney
 Lisa Dentler, Confidential Secretary

Office of the Attorney General:

Nels Peterson, Solicitor General
 Stefan Ritter, Senior Assistant Attorney General
 Bryan Web, Senior Assistant Attorney General
 Kelly Campanella, Assistant Attorney General

MINUTES OF SUBJECTS ACTED UPON:

Subject	Minutes
Meeting Called to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM.
Opening Comments of the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair identified and thanks all the Commissioners for their pro bono work for the Commission. Chair introduced Commissioner R. Lawton Jordan III.
Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation at 9:38 AM. <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Vice Chair Stringfellow</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i> <p>Commission moved to exit executive session at 11:14 AM <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Vice Chair Stringfellow</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i></p>

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<p>Motions made by Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission motioned to approved Department of Audits and Accounts to conduct performance audit. <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Vice Chair Stringfellow</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i> • Commission motioned to approved meeting minutes of April 24, 2013, August 8, 2013 and September 30, 2013. <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Vice Chair Stringfellow</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i> • Commission motioned to set lobbyist identification badge fee at \$20.00 effective January 1, 2014. <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Commissioner Cathey</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i> • Commission motioned to set lobbyist supplemental registration fee at \$10.00 effective January 1, 2014. <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Commissioner Cathey</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i> • Commission motioned to table the adjustment of contributions limits. <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan III</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i> <p>Commissioned asked that the Executive Secretary redo the calculations based on the upcoming December 31, 2013 Consumer Price Index.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission motioned to approved request for order to deny renewal registration for lobbyists with unpaid fee, fines and/or unfiled reports – effective January 1, 2014 <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Vice Chair Stringfellow</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i>

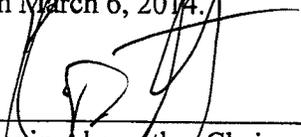
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Motions made by Commission <i>Continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission motioned to elected Kevin Abernethy as Chair <i>Motion made by: Vice Chair Stringfellow</i> <i>Seconded by: Commissioner Jordan III</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i> • Commission motioned to elect Hillary Stringfellow for Vice Chair for 12/16/13 to 12/15/14 term. <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i>
Report of Executive Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed budget numbers from FY2013 and FY2014. • Commission office will have expanded office hours during the first few weeks of session to accommodate lobbyist registration. Hours will be 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment was made.
Meeting Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:18 PM. <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i>

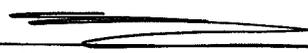
Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the November 13, 2013 meeting of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on March 6, 2014.



 Kevin Abernethy, Chair
 3/6/14

 Date



 Holly LaBerge, Executive Secretary
 3.6.14

 Date

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,
Kevin Abernethy, Chairperson of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, (the
"Commission"), who, being sworn, states the following under oath:

1.

I am the Chairman 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 of a part of a meeting of the Commission. I have personal knowledge of
the facts stated in this Affidavit.

2.

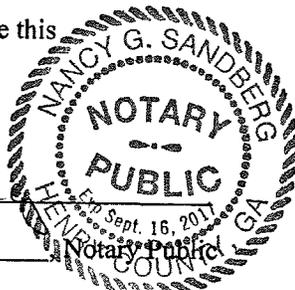
On November 13, 2013, the Commission met in an open meeting at the Paul D. Coverdell Legislative Office
Building in Atlanta, and I presided. By a vote of 5 to 0, the Commission closed a portion of its meeting to the public in
order to discuss and deliberate upon pending litigation. No other topic was 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
6th day of March, 2014.

Nancy G. Sandberg
Notary Signature

Nancy G. Sandberg
Notary Print Name

My Commission expires Sept. 16, 2017



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Abernethy".

Kevin Abernethy, Chair
Georgia Government Transparency and
Campaign Finance Commission