

# Minutes of Commission Meeting

**Teleconference Meeting | Tuesday, January 28, 2014 | 11:30 AM**

Location: 200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1402 – West Tower  
 Atlanta, GA 30334

**PRESENT:**

Commission Members via Phone:

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  
 Lisa Dentler, Business Operations Specialist

Office of the Attorney General via Phone:

Stefan Ritter, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
 Bryan Web, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Subject	Minutes
Meeting Called to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order at 11:30 AM</li> </ul>
Opening Comments of the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair identified all persons on the call.</li> </ul>
Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters at 11:35 AM.  <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i>  <i>Seconded by: Vice Chair Stringfellow</i>  <i>Carried 3-0</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Cathey temporarily left the meeting prior to the Commission's entry into executive session and rejoined during executive session.</li> <li>Commissioner Jordan joined the meeting during executive session.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Commission moved to exit executive session at 12:12 PM  <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i>  <i>Seconded by: Commissioner Garrett</i>  <i>Carried 5-0</i> </li> </ul>

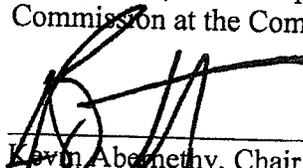
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<p>Motions made by Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Abernethy, Vice Chair Stringfellow, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Cathey and Commissioner Jordan collectively motioned, seconded and adopted the termination of Staff Attorney, Elisabeth Murray-Obertein. <i>Carried 5-0</i></li> <li>• Commission moved to reinstated day-to-day employment decision to the Executive Secretary. <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Vice Chair Stringfellow</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i></li> <li>• Commissioner Cathey had to leave the meeting.</li> <li>• Commissioner Garrett and Commissioner Jordan were appointed as a special subcommittee to assist the Executive Secretary in the hiring of a new Staff Attorney. <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Vice Chair Stringfellow</i> <i>Carried 4-0</i></li> </ul>
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:15 PM. <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Vice Chair Stringfellow</i> <i>Carried 4-0</i></li> </ul>

## Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the January 28, 2014 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.

  
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 Kevin Abernethy, Chair  
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 Date

  
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 Holly LaBerge, Executive Secretary  
 3.6.14  
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 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:

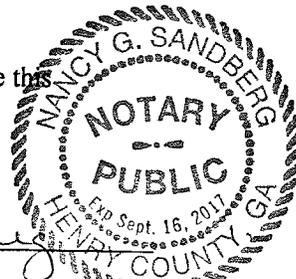
1.

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 January 28, 2014, the Commission met in an open meeting at the Floyd Building in Atlanta,  
and I presided. By a vote of 3 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  
6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.



Nancy G. Sandberg  
Notary Signature  
Nancy G. Sandberg, Notary Public  
Notary Print Name  
My Commission expires Sept 16, 2017

[Signature]  
Kevin Abernethy, Chair  
Georgia Government Transparency and  
Campaign Finance Commission