

Minutes of Commission Meeting

Teleconference Meeting | Thursday, December 19, 2013 | 2:00 PM

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
 Elisabeth Murray-Obertein, Staff Attorney
 Lisa Dentler, Business Operations Specialist

Office of the Attorney General via Phone:
 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 2:01 PM.
Opening Comments of the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair identified all persons on the call.
Receiver Discussion	Chair Abernethy stated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No member of the Commission staff was being removed from their duties. If approved, a Receiver would report directly to the Commission's board and act as a consultant and resource to help the Commission's staff in their daily duties, assist with case files and ensure that timely and quality work product is produced. The Receiver would actively work as a consultant between the board and

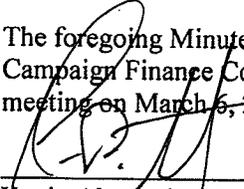
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	<p>employees and assist in ensuring employees are acting in a professional manner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O.C.G.A. 21-5-6(A) subsections 2, 4 and 8 vests the Commission with the power to retain necessary personnel. • Agency employees will continue to report to the Executive Secretary per O.C.G.A. 21-5-6. • The Receiver will not be involved with the DOAA audit. • Receiver, if approved, would be retained from January 6, 2014 through May 5, 2014 at \$4,000.00 a month. • Commissioner Lawton stated the Receiver would not change the structure of the Commission or its staff, but assist with cases and the Commission's workload. • Commissioner Garrett stated that the Commission continues to be frustrated by the legal morass in front of it.
Item voted on by Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission moved to hire of Robert Constantine, Esq. to start with the Commission January 6, 2014 at \$4,000.00 per month. <i>Motion made by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Seconded by: Vice Chair Stringfellow</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i>
Meeting Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:28 PM. <i>Motion made by: Vice Chair Stringfellow</i> <i>Seconded by: Chair Abernethy</i> <i>Carried 5-0</i>

Official Minutes Statement

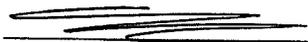
The foregoing Minutes for the December 19, 2013 meeting of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on ~~March 6, 2014.~~



 Kevin Abernethy, Chair

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 Date



 Holly LaBerge, Executive Secretary

3.6.14

 Date