

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Minutes of Commission Meeting

Special Teleconference Meeting

Friday, September 5, 2014 | 4:30 PM

Monday, September 8, 2014 | 8:30 AM

Location: 200 Piedmont Ave. SE Suite 1402,
14th Floor, West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

PRESENT:

Commission Members via phone:

Hillary Stringfellow, Chair
Dennis Cathey, Commission Member
R. Lawson Jordan III, Vice Chair
Mary Paige Adams, Commission Member

Commission Staff:

Robert Lane, Staff Attorney
Bethany Whetzel, Staff Attorney
Nancy Sandberg, Legal Administrative Assistant

Commission Members Absent:

Heath Garrett, Commission Member

Legal Counsel:

Alisa Pittman Cleek, Elarbee Thompson
R. Read Gignilliat, Elarbee Thompson

Office of the Attorney General via phone:

Kelly Campanella, Assistant Attorney General

SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED UPON:

Subject	Summary
Meeting Called to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM on Friday, September 5, 2014, by Hillary Stringfellow, Chair.
Opening Comments of the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chair identified all members present via phone and welcomed all the commissioners and staff.Chair had Staff Attorney, Robert Lane, identify staff and members of the public attendingChair stated that Commissioner Heath Garrett was recusing himself from all matters pending the issues being addressed during Executive Session

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Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A motion was made and approved to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and a personnel matter. <i>Motion was Made by Commissioner Jordan Seconded by Commissioner Cathey Carried: 4 to 0</i>• Executive session was entered into at 4:37 PM.• Executive session was closed at 5:59 PM.• A motion was made and approved to move back into open session of the Commission meeting at 5:59 PM. <i>Motion was Made by Commissioner Jordan Seconded by Commissioner Adams Carried: 4 to 0</i>
Meeting Recessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to scheduled closure of offices at 6:00 PM, a motion was made and approved (1) to recess the meeting until Monday, September 8, 2014, at 8:30 AM and (2) to maintain Holly LaBerge on administrative leave with pay until further notice. <i>Motion was Made by Commissioner Cathey Seconded by Commissioner Jordan Carried: 4 to 0</i>• Meeting recessed at 6:04 PM.
Meeting Resumed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting of September 5, 2014 was reconvened when called back to order at 8:32 AM on Monday, September 8, 2014, by Hillary Stringfellow, Chair.
Opening Comments of the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair identified all members present for resumed meeting via phone and identified all who attended Executive Session on Friday, September 5, 2014• Chair acknowledged attending public.• Chair stated that Commissioner Heath Garrett was recusing himself from all matters pending the issues being addressed during Executive Session

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<p>Executive Session Resumed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A motion was made and approved to resume executive session to discuss pending litigation and a personnel matter. <i>Motion was Made by Commissioner Adams Seconded by Commissioner Jordan Carried: 4 to 0</i>• Executive session was resumed at 8:33 AM.• Executive session was closed at 9:20 AM.• A motion was made and approved to move back into open session of the Commission meeting at 9:20 AM. <i>Motion was Made by Commissioner Jordan Seconded by Commissioner Adams Carried: 4 to 0</i>
<p>Comments and Motion by the Chair as a Result of Executive Session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff Attorney Robert Lane identified the commission staff and guests in attendance at the September 8, 2014 resumed meeting.• Chair identified all who attended the resumed Executive Session• A motion was made and approved to terminate the employment of Holly LaBerge as Executive Secretary to the Commission. <i>Motion was Made by Chair Stringfellow Seconded by Commissioner Jordan Carried: 4 to 0</i>
<p>Meeting Adjourned.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A motion was made and approved to adjourn at at 9:26 AM on Monday, September 8, 2014. <i>Motion was Made by Commissioner Jordan Seconded by Commissioner Adams Carried: 4 to 0</i>



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Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the September 5-8, 2014 meeting of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on September 30, 2014.



Hillary Stringfellow, Chair

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

1.

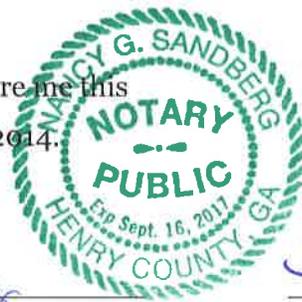
I am the Chairman of the Commission. I am giving this Affidavit as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) to explain the closing to the public a part of a meeting of the Commission. I have personal knowledge of the fact stated in this Affidavit.

2.

On September 5 & 8, 2014, the Commission met in an open meeting via teleconference at the Floyd Building in Atlanta and I presided. By a vote of 4 to 0, the Commission closed a portion of its meeting to the public in order to discuss and deliberate upon pending litigation and personnel. 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

30th day of September, 2014.



Nancy G. Sandberg
Notary Signature

Nancy G. Sandberg, Notary Public
Notary Print Name

My Commission expires Sept. 16, 2017

Hillary Stringfellow
Hillary Stringfellow, Chair
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