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**Future Commission Meeting Date**

**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD  
January 7, 2005**

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**Present:**

**Sam G. Nicholson, Chairman  
Steve Farrow, Vice Chairman  
Jack Williams  
Emmett Bowers  
David Moskowitz**

**HEARINGS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT**

**IN THE MATTER OF VERNON JONES**

**CASE #2004-0008**

**The complaint alleging a violation of the prohibition of agency of government contributions by means of a website link to the Respondent's re-election campaign was dismissed.**

**Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz  
*Carried Unanimously***

**Seconded by Mr. Williams**

**CASE # 2003-0019**

**The Commission adopted a Consent Order in which the Respondent admitted violations including contribution limit violations. The sanction called for remedial action including refunding contributions over the limits and the payment by the Respondent of a \$7,500.00 civil penalty from personal funds.**

**Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz  
*Carried Unanimously***

**Seconded by Mr. Farrow**

**IN THE MATTER OF BILL STEPHENS**

**CASE #2003-0021**

**The Commission heard cross-motions to enforce settlement agreement, and the Commission adopted the language of the version of the Consent Order put forth by counsel for the Respondent.**

**Motion made by Mr. Nicholson  
*In Favor: Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Farrow, Mr. Williams, Mr. Bowers  
Opposed: Mr. Moskowitz***

**Seconded by Mr. Farrow**

**This matter was continued by agreement of counsel.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**The Commission adopted the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Laws reached in the Administrative Procedure Act hearings as the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the State Ethics Commission.**

**Motion made by Mr. Farrow**  
*Carried Unanimously*

**Seconded by Mr. Bowers**

**The minutes of the November 17, 2004 meeting were approved as presented.**

**Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz**  
*Carried Unanimously*

**Seconded by Mr. Farrow**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**GEORGE ANDERSON v TOMMY IRVIN: The Commission adopted a Consent Order covering Case No. 2002-0073 and Case No. 2003-0048. The Consent Order dismissed an allegation of accepting a contribution from a regulated entity, and it found violations of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-33 by making expenditures from campaign funds for unauthorized purposes. The Respondent was ordered to file appropriate amendments, and he was required to repay his campaign from personal funds for various expenditures totaling \$7,893.53.**

**Motion made by Mr. Farrow**  
*Carried Unanimously*

**Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz**

**GEORGE ANDERSON v STAN WATSON**

**CASE #2003-0056**

**Based on a letter from counsel for the Respondent received in the afternoon of the day before the hearing, the Commission agreed to a third and final continuance of the matter.**

**Motion made by Mr. Bowers**  
*Carried Unanimously*

**Seconded by Mr. Williams**

**GEORGE ANDERSON v JOHN OXENDINE:** The Commission adopted a Consent Order in Case No. 060-98-002-02-02. The Consent Order ordered payment of \$750.00 in civil penalties for violations by accepting a contribution made on behalf of a regulated entity and for failing to disclose occupations of in-kind contributors.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz  
*Carried Unanimously*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

The following matters were continued by agreement:

- Case # 060-00-004-01-02
- Case # 2002-0074
- Case # 2002-0075
- Case # 2003-0055
- Case # 2004-0052
- Case # 2004-0053

## NEW BUSINESS

**NEILL HERRING v RANDY BROGDON** **CASE #2004-0017**

Following a contested preliminary hearing the Commission found there were not reasonable grounds to believe the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the complaint was dismissed.

Motion made by Mr. Williams  
*In favor: Mr. Williams, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Moskowitz  
Mr. Farrow recused himself*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

**BOBBY KAHN v JOHN CONGER** **CASE #2004-0022**

The Commission found no violation, but ordered the Respondent to cease and desist from any activity which would violate the prohibition of agency of government contributions to candidates.

Motion made by Mr Moskowitz  
*Carried Unanimously*

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

