

**STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE  
Suite 478 – East Tower  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

**AGENDA**

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**PLACE:** State Capitol  
Room 341  
Atlanta, Georgia

**DATE:** April 15, 2005

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

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**HEARINGS**

- In the Matter of Minnie Ruthe Lewis.....A**
- In the Matter of Gregg Howze.....B**
- In the Matter of Dottie Crews  
(continued by request of Attorney General).....C**
- In the Matter of Liane Levetan.....CC**
- In the Matter of Patrick Gartland.....D**
- In the Matter of Tom Scott.....E**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting called to order**

**Reading & approval of the Minutes of February 25, 2004  
Meeting .....F**

**New Business:**

**Joyce Mitchum and Burch Horton v Greg Stone.....G-H**

**John Cole Vodicka and Stanley Evans v Rob Smith .....I**

**Gary Freedman v Citizens League of Henry County.....J**

**George Anderson v Jacqueline Barrett.....K**

**Steven Wagner v Harvey Glen Cooper.....L**

**Robert Griggs v John Dunn.....M**

**Mark Grams v George Wade Thorndyke, Jr.....N**

**Dee Ann Harper v Lawton G. Taylor, Sr.....O**

**Lisa Forrester v W. E. Bozeman.....P**

**Donald E. Smith v Johnson County Board of Commissioners  
(continued).....Q**

**Carole Scott, George Anderson, and Cheryl Nowetner v Daniel  
Lee.....R**

**George Anderson v Stan Watson.....S**

**Comments from the Attorney General's Office**

**Report of the Executive Secretary**

**Future Commission Meeting Date**

**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD**

**April 15, 2005  
State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia**

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**Present:**

**Steve Farrow, Chairman  
Jack Williams, Vice-Chairman  
Emmett Bowers  
David Moskowitz  
Sonny Watson**

**The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:06 a.m.**

**Mr. Sonny Watson was officially welcomed as a member to the State Ethics Commission.**

**The Commission elected Steve Farrow as Chairman of the State Ethics Commission.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Williams**

**The Commission elected Jack Williams as Vice-Chairman of the State Ethics Commission.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Farrow**

**HEARINGS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT**

**IN THE MATTER OF MINNIE RUTHE LEWIS**

**CASE #2003-0016**

**The Commission adopted a Consent Order finding violations and assessing civil penalties in the amount of \$250.00.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Bowers**

**IN THE MATTER OF W. GREGG HOWZE**

**CASE # 2003-0023**

**The Commission adopted a Consent Order finding violations and assessing civil penalties in the amount of \$20,000.00.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Bowers**

**IN THE MATTER OF DOTTIE CREWS**

**CASE# 2003-0041**

**The matter was continued by request of the Attorney General.**

**IN THE MATTER OF LIANE LEVETAN**

**CASE #2004-0045, 2004-0046**

**The Commission rejected the proposed Consent Order finding a violation and assessing a civil penalty of \$750.00. The Commission entered an order finding a violation and assessing a civil penalty of \$100.00.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz**

**IN THE MATTER OF PATRICK GARTLAND**

**CASE #2004-0006**

**Following advice from the Department of Law, the Commission adopted an Order dismissing the case.**

**Motion made by Mr. Bowers**  
*In favor: Mr. Farrow*  
*Opposed: Mr. Moskowitz*

**Seconded by Mr. Williams**

*Mr. Watson abstained from voting in the matter.*

**IN THE MATTER OF TOM SCOTT**

**CASE #2004-0010**

**The Commission adopted a Consent Order finding a violation and assessing a civil penalty in the amount of \$100.00.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**The Commission adopted the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law 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. Williams**  
*Carried Unanimously*

**Seconded by Mr. Bowers**

**The minutes of the February 25, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.**

**Motion made by Mr. Bowers**  
*In favor: Mr. Farrow, Mr. Williams*

**Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz**

*Mr. Watson abstained from voting in the matter.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **JOYCE MITCHUM AND BURCH HORTON V. GREG STONE** **CASE #2004-0041, 2004-0042**

**The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matters were set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Farrow**

### **JOHN COLE VODICKA AND STANLEY EVANS V. ROB SMITH** **CASE #2004-0014**

**The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz**

### **GARY FREEDMAN V. CITIZENS LEAGUE OF HENRY COUNTY** **CASE #2004-0010**

**The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Farrow**

### **GEORGE ANDERSON V. JACQUELYN BARRETT** **CASE #2004-0021**

**The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Williams**

**STEVEN R. WAGNER V. H. GLEN COOPER**

**CASE #2004-0027**

**The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Watson**

**ROBERT GRIGGS V. JOHN DUNN**

**CASE #2004-0030**

**The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz**

**MARK GRAMS V. GEORGE THORNDYKE**

**CASE #2004-0039**

**The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Bowers**

**DEE ANN HARPER V. LAWTON G. TAYLOR, SR.**

**CASE #2004-0043**

**The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz**

**LISA FORRESTER V. W.E. BOZEMAN**

**CASE #2004-0056**

**The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz**

**DONALD SMITH V. JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**CASE #2004-0062**

The matter was continued upon request of counsel.

**CAROL SCOTT, GEORGE ANDERSON, AND CHERYL NOWETNER V.**  
**DANIEL LEE** **CASE #2004-0067**

The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Williams  
*Carried Unanimously*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

**GEORGE ANDERSON V. STAN WATSON** **CASE #2003-0056**

The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was set down for an Administrative Procedure Act hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers  
*Carried Unanimously*

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

The Commission found probable cause to open an investigation of Horace Bond regarding possible violations of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34 and O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50.

Motion made by Mr. Williams  
*Carried Unanimously*

Seconded by Mr. Watson

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

The Executive Secretary briefed the Commission on fiscal challenges resulting from the failure to appropriate funds to implement H.B. 48, and he discussed the continuation budget for the State Ethics Commission as enacted in H.B. 85.

Also presented was a proposed draft of Commission Rule 189.6-.05, which related to contributions by partnerships.

The Executive Secretary formally introduced Corban Reese, the newest State Ethics Commission staff member, to the Commission.

The Executive Secretary gave an overview of developments since the last meeting, and the future months, including the recent visit with Dr. Carlos Botero, Governor of the Department of Risaralda in Columbia.

He also advised of some upcoming commitments, including requested presentations to the Georgia Election Officials Association in May and to the Georgia Chamber of Commerce in June, concerning changes made by House Bill 48.

The Commission set June 17, 2005, as the next meeting date.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:32 p.m.

  
C. Theodore Lee, Executive Secretary

**Official Minutes Statement**

The foregoing Minutes for the April 15, 2005 meeting for the State Ethics Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on June 17, 2005.

**STATE ETHICS COMMISSION**

By:   
Steve Parrow, Chairman