

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

AGENDA

LOCATION: State Capitol
Room 341
Atlanta, Georgia

DATE: May 18, 2006

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION I

Interviews for Candidates for Executive Secretary

Johnnie Bright.....10:00 a.m.

Cynthia Clanton.....10:30 a.m.

Rick Thompson.....11:00 a.m.

HEARINGS

In the Matter of Ruth Barr.....A

In the Matter of Dahlberg, Pitts, et al. (Continued).....B

In the Matter of Eric L. Bailey.....C

In the Matter of Reginald Boddie.....D

In the Matter of Wilbert Gallop.....E

In the Matter of Leighton W. Lang.....F

EXECUTIVE SESSION II

Discussion of Candidates for Executive Secretary.....G

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Called to Order

Reading and Approval of the Minutes.....H

Comments from the Attorney General's Office

Report of the Interim Executive Secretary

Future Commission Meeting Date

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
Commission Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2006
State Capitol
Room 341
Atlanta, Georgia

Present:

Steve Farrow, Chairman
Jack Williams, Vice Chairman
Emmett Bowers, Member
William H. Jordan, Member
Sonny Watson, Member

The meeting commenced at approximately 10:03 a.m.

William H. Jordan was welcomed to the Commission. Jack Williams and David Moskowitz were recognized for their efforts in the sub-committee to select qualified candidates for the position of an Executive Secretary.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Jack Williams, Chairman
Steve Farrow, Member
David Moskowitz, Former Member

The sub-committee accepted 18-20 applications to review for the Executive Secretary position. Members of the sub-committee met on three occasions to discuss applicants. After thorough review of all applications, the sub-committee members narrowed their search to three candidates.

Motion was made to narrow the search for the Executive Secretary position by selecting three qualified candidates; Johnnie Bright, Cynthia Clanton, and Rick Thompson.

Motion made by Mr. Williams
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

Motion was made to go into an Executive session to ratify and to discuss the above mentioned three candidates and move to the Executive Session II following the end of Executive Session I.

Motion made by Mr. Watson
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Williams

A motion was made to end the Executive Session.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

The Executive Session ended approximately at 1:32 p.m.

Mr. Farrow thanked Commissioner Jack Williams for his exemplary work as the Chairman of the Sub-committee.

Motion was made to recommend Mr. Rick A. Thompson as the Executive Secretary of the State Ethics Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Watson

Motion was made to break for a forty five (45) minute recess and return at 2:30 pm.

Motion made by Mr. Watson
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Session was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

HEARINGS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

IN THE MATTER OF RUTH BARR

CASE NO. 2005-0026

The Commission continued this matter until the June 29, 2006 meeting by the request of the Attorney General's office.

Motion made by Mr. Williams
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Watson

IN THE MATTER OF A.W. DAHLBERG ET. AL.
0059

CASE NO. 2002-

The Commission continued this matter by request of the Attorney General's office.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

IN THE MATTER OF ERIC L. BAILEY

CASE NO. 2005-0053

The Commission adopted a Consent Order assessing a civil penalty in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty dollars (\$350.00).

Motion made by Mr. Watson
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

IN THE MATTER OF REGINALD BODDIE

CASE NO. 2005-0051

The Commission continued this matter because unable to perfect service.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Watson

IN THE MATTER OF WILBERT GALLOP

CASE NO. 2005-0059

The Commission accepted a Consent Order assessing a civil penalty in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty dollars (\$350.00) contingent upon the Respondent resigning in the appropriate place and the correction of a scrivener's error. The Consent Order would be officially adopted at June 29, 2006 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Watson
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Jordan

IN THE MATTER OF LEIGHTON LANG

CASE NO. 2005-0070

The Commission continued this matter until the June 29, 2006 meeting, while the staff agreed to work with the Respondent on setting the case by a Consent Order.

Motion made by Mr. Williams
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

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. Watson

The minutes of the March 30, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

Mr. Jordan abstained from voting in this matter due to his status as a newly appointed Commissioner and having been absent at the previous meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

- Judicial Review updates
 - George Anderson, a Complainant in several cases to appear before the Commission, withdrew his request for judicial review of several matters previously heard by the Commission.
 - James Stein, attorney for James Burnham, the original Complainant in the matter of Leah Sears, requested a judicial review that is currently awaiting hearing in Camden County. The Attorney General's office filed a motion to dismiss.
- Preliminary Hearings
 - Request of complaint procedural change
 - Recommendation of utilizing OSAH to relieve back log of pending cases
 - Recommendation of initial changes in rules
- Announcement of Kacee Mottola leaving the Attorney General's office to accept a position in Austin, Texas

A motion was made to agree on the decision of the first read rule change. The amendment or adoption of rule changes would be further discussed at the June 29, 2006 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Jordan
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Watson

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary presented the Commission with the following:

- Copy of proposed resolutions were presented
 - Appreciation of service to former commissioner David Moskowitz

A motion was made to a adopt resolution appreciating the service of former commissioner David Moskowitz. Further added was to have the resolution to sealed, framed, and presented to Mr. Moskowitz in person.

Motion made by Mr. Watson
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Williams

- Recognition of the State Ethics Commission as a separate budget unit

A motion was made to adopt a resolution acknowledging the State Ethics Commission as a separate budget unit.

Motion made by Mr. Jordan
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Williams

FUTURE MEETING DATE

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The Commission set August 24, 2006 as the next meeting date following the June 29, 2006 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.



Rick Thompson
Executive Secretary

Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the May 18, 2006 meeting for the State Ethics Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on June 29, 2006.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By:



Steve Farrow
Chairman

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

COMES NOW, Steve Farrow, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of these statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the State Ethics Commission.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all over aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On **May 18, 2006** this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed.

To conduct a meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, except for the receipt of evidence, the taking of any vote on said issue and any discussion of filling a vacancy on this entity. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6).

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

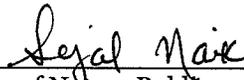
State Ethics Commission

By:



Chairman

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 30th day of ~~October~~, 2006.
November



Signature of Notary Public