

**STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

AGENDA

PLACE: State Capitol
Room 341
Atlanta, Georgia

DATE: June 17, 2005

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

HEARINGS

In the Matter of W. E. Bozeman.....A

In the Matter of Dottie Crews.....B

In the Matter of Rob Smith (Continued).....C

In the Matter of Charles Scheid.....D

In the Matter of Citizens for a Better Georgia.....E

In the Matter of Sonny Perdue.....F

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order

**Reading & approval of the Minutes of April 15, 2005
MeetingG**

New Business:

Kevin Morris v Tom Knox.....H

George Anderson v Bob Hanner.....I

P. Richard Scott v Carl Rogers.....J

Robert Shaw v Lauren "Bubba" McDonald.....K

Ronnie Parker v Connie Stokes.....L

Bernard White v Jerry Shearin.....M

Roger A. Dozier v Robert B. "Bobby" Baker, Jr.....N

Richard Welch v Andy Brantley (Washington County Firefighters Association).....O

Richard Welch v. Joy Norris and David Brooker (Washington County SPLOST Supporters).....P

Washington County SPLOST Supporters v. Richard Welch.....Q

Ruth Barr (Late/Non-filer).....R

Olivia Jones (Late/Non-filer).....S

Joan Davis (Late/Non-filer).....T

Lester Jackson (Late/Non-filer).....U

Felix Moring (Late/Non-filer).....V

Comments from the Attorney General's Office

Report of the Executive Secretary

Future Commission Meeting Date

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

**June 17, 2005
State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia**

Present:

**Steve Farrow, Chairman
Emmett Bowers
David Moskowitz
Sonny Watson**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:02 a.m.

HEARINGS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

IN THE MATTER OF W.E. BOZEMAN

CASE #2004-0056

The Commission adopted a Consent Order finding violations and assessing civil penalties in the amount of \$500.00.

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

Seconded by Mr. Watson

IN THE MATTER OF DOTTIE CREWS

CASE # 2003-0041

The matter was dismissed at the request of the Attorney General.

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

Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

IN THE MATTER OF ROB SMITH

CASE# 2004-0014

The matter was continued at the request of the Attorney General.

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

Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

IN THE MATTER OF CHARLES SCHEID

CASE #2004-0069

The Commission found violations of the Ethics in Government Act, ordering the Respondent to pay late fees in the amount of \$1,450.00 as well as an additional civil penalty of \$1,000.00. The Commission ordered payment of all late fees and civil

penalties as well as filing of all required reports to occur within 30 days of the date of the meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

IN THE MATTER OF SONNY PERDUE

CASE #2004-0002

The Commission adopted a Consent Order finding violations and assessing civil penalties in the amount of \$1,900.00. The Respondent was also ordered to repay Perdue, Inc. \$12,155.00 from his campaign and to refund contributions in the amounts of \$1,000.00 and \$5,000.00 to Citizens for Jackson and Robert Chaudoin.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Watson

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZENS FOR A BETTER GEORGIA CASE #2004-0048

The matter was continued by request of Respondent's counsel.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers
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. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

The minutes of the April 15, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

NEW BUSINESS

KEVIN MORRIS V. TOM KNOX

CASE #2004-0029

The matter was continued by request of the Respondent.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

GEORGE ANDERSON V. BOB HANNER

CASE #2002-0072

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. The allegation that the Respondent had improperly used campaign funds to fund a golf tournament was dismissed.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz
In favor: Farrow, Moskowitz, Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Mr. Watson abstained from voting in the matter.

P. RICHARD SCOTT V. CARL ROGERS

CASE #2004-0047

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
In favor: Bowers, Moskowitz
Opposed: Farrow

Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

Mr. Watson abstained from voting in the matter.

ROBERT J. SHAW V. LAUREN "BUBBA" MCDONALD

CASE #2004-0025

Following the Respondent's waiver of a preliminary hearing, 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. Watson
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

RONALD PARKER V. CONNIE STOKES

CASE #2004-0026

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was dismissed.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

BERNARD WHITE V. JERRY SHEARIN

CASE #2004-0028

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. Watson

ROGER A. DOZIER V. BOBBY BAKER

CASE #2004-0044

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. The law firms of Troutman Sanders, McKenna Long & Aldridge, Powell Goldstein Frazer & Murphy, and Strickland Brockington Lewis were also added as Respondents in the matter.

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

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

RICHARD WELCH V. WASHINGTON COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

CASE #2005-0006

The Commission reached no consensus as to whether the Ethics in Government Act had been violated.

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

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

RICHARD WELCH V. WASHINGTON COUNTY SPLOST SUPPORTERS
CASE #2004-0007

The Commission found no reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was dismissed.

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

Seconded by Mr. Watson

WASHINGTON COUNTY SPLOST SUPPORTERS V. RICHARD WELCH
CASE #2005-0024

The Commission found no reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was dismissed.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Watson

RICHARD WELCH V. WASHINGTON COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS
ASSOCIATION

CASE #2005-0006

The Commission voted on a motion to reconsider this case in which they had deadlocked earlier in the meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Farrow
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

The Commission found no reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act had been violated, and the matter was dismissed.

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

Seconded by Mr. Watson

IN THE MATTER OF JOAN DAVIS (LATE/NON-FILER)

CASE #2005-0028

The Commission dismissed the case after learning that the Respondent had come into compliance with the Ethics in Government Act.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

IN THE MATTER OF FELIX MORING

CASE #2005-0030

The matter was continued at the request of the Respondent. The staff informed the Commission that the Respondent had paid all late filing fees, and the Respondent agreed to work with staff to amend and file his reports in order to put him into full compliance with the Ethics in Government Act.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

IN THE MATTER OF RUTH BARR

CASE #2005-0026

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. Watson

IN THE MATTER OF OLIVIA JONES

CASE #2005-0027

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. Farrow

IN THE MATTER OF LESTER JACKSON

CASE #2005-0029

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. Watson
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

The Commission found probable cause to open an investigation of Southwest Georgia Alliance for Progress regarding possible violations of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30.2.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz
Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Commission provisionally set July 29, 2005, as the date for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m.

C. Theodore Lee, Executive Secretary

Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the June 17, 2005 meeting for the State Ethics Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on July 29, 2005.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By:


Steve Farrow, Chairman