

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Regular Meeting | Friday, November 16, 2012 | 9:30 AM

Summary of Commission Meeting

Location: Paul D. Coverdell Legislation Office Building, Room 515, 18 Capitol Square SW, Atlanta, GA 30334

PRESENT:

Commission Members:

Kevin Abernethy, Chair
Hillary Stringfellow, Vice Chair (via telephone)
Kent Alexander, Commission Member
Heath Garrett, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent:

Dennis Cathey, Commission Member

Commission Staff Present:

Holly LaBerge, Executive Secretary
Elisabeth Murray-Obertein, Staff Attorney

Office of the Attorney General Staff Present:

Stefan Ritter, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Kelly Campanella, Assistant Attorney General

SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED UPON:

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| Meeting Called to Order | Meeting called to order at 9:15 AM. |
| Commission Meeting Minutes | Commission moved and approved Commission Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2012. |
| Commission Elections | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kevin Abernethy was elected Chair for the term of December 16, 2012 to December 15, 2013.Hillary Stringfellow was elected Vice Chair for the term of December 16, 2012 to December 15, 2013. |
| Advisory Opinions | The following Advisory Opinions were adopted by the Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none">2012-01 was amended and approved2012-02 was amended and approved2012-03 and 2012-04 were amended and approved2012-04 and 2012-05 were approved |
| Late Fee Appeals | The following late fee appeals were heard by the Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Josh BelinfanteLee A. FleckThomas LowerMelanie S. McNeil |

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| Late Fee Appeals continued | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jean C. McRae• Cheryl A. Tucker• Brenda J. McNair |
| Order Request | Commission accepted the motion to deny 2013 renewal of registration for lobbyists with unpaid fees, fines and/or unfiled reports. |
| Award of Attorney Fees Request | Commission voted to dismiss the request for attorney fees by the Respondent in case numbers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2011-0008• 2011-0009• 2011-0011 |
| Report of the Executive Secretary | The Executive Secretary report to the Commission on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• System upgrades to be conducted from midnight December 21, 2012 through 6:00 AM December 26, 2012.• Budget Update |
| Report of the System Administrator | System Administrator discussed the agency's upgrade to virtual servers that will take place between midnight December 21, 2012 through 6:00 AM December 26, 2012. |
| Meeting Adjourned | Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM. |