



Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Regular Meeting | Thursday, June 21, 2018 | 10:00 AM

Summary of Commission Meeting

Location: Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 606, 18 Capitol Square, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334

PRESENT:

Commission Members:

Mary Paige Adams, Chair
Dennis Cathey, Vice-Chair
Jake Evans, Commission Member

Via Telephone:

James D. Kreyenbuhl, Commission Member

Office of the Attorney-General:

Christian Fuller, Assistant Attorney-General

Commission Staff:

Stefan Ritter, Executive Secretary
Robert Lane, Deputy Executive Secretary
Bethany Whetzel, Deputy Executive Secretary
Nancy Sandberg, Legal Secretary
Chris Phelps, Paralegal
Maria Bazile, IT
DeAngelo Hall, Videographer
Erwin Yap, Office Administrator
Patrick Stephens, Court Reporter

SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED UPON:

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Meeting Called to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM
Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commission Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2018 Regular meeting and the April 12, 2018 Special Call Telephonic meeting were approved.
Preliminary Hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe the Campaign Finance Act may have been violated in the following cases:<ul style="list-style-type: none">2017-0213PC: In the Matter of Gloria Thompson (RL)2017-0211PC: In the Matter of Charles K. Shaheen III (RL)2017-0221PC: In the Matter of Gregory Cecil Clifton (RL)2017-0180PC: In the Matter of Shawn Bullock (BW)2017-0230PC: In the Matter of John Eaves (BW)2017-0224PC: In the Matter of Nicky Paul Starling (BW)The Commission found no reasonable grounds to believe the Campaign Finance Act may have been violated for the imposition of penalties (with the issue of late fees to be addressed by notice) in the following case:<ul style="list-style-type: none">2016-0039: In the Matter of Catherine Bernard (RL)The following Preliminary Hearings were continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting in September 2018:<ul style="list-style-type: none">2015-0050PC: In the Matter of Sharon Barnes-Sutton (RL)2017-0212PC: In the Matter of Erica Woodford (BW)

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Consent Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After hearing Consent Orders were granted in the following cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 2016-0029: In the Matter Evita Arnedo Paschall (RL) o 2016-0063: In the Matter of Steven Miller (RL) o 2017-0223PC: In the Matter of Kamali Varner (RL) o 2017-0239PC: In the Matter of John Charles Turner (RL) o 2017-0241PC: In the Matter of Jason Winters (RL) o 2018-0029: In the Matter of Chris Erwin (RL) o 2016-0011: In the Matter of William “Bill” Johnson (RL) o 2016-0045: In the Matter of Akhtar Sadiq (RL) o 2017-0225PC: In the Matter of Gary Bechtel (RL) o 2017-0235PC: In the Matter of Doug Ireland (RL) o 2017-0243PC: In the Matter of Brittany D. Pittman (RL) o 2017-0183PC: In the Matter of Shanan Eugene Jones (RL) o 2016-0047PC: In the Matter of Marvin Arrington Jr. (RL) o 2018-0023PC: In the Matter of Kathie Buchanan (RL) o 2015-0056PC: In the Matter of James Marcus Cantrell (RL) o 2018-0019PC: In the Matter of Eshé Collins (RL) o 2018-0042: In the Matter of Lisa Lott (BW) o 2017-0178PC: In the Matter of William Ervin Breazeale (BW) o 2017-0186: In the Matter of Robert Troy Brumbalow (BW) o 2017-0204: In the Matter of Natalyn M. Archibong (BW) • Commissioner Evans recused himself in consideration of case: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 2018-0029: In the Matter of Chris Erwin. • Please see the Consent Order for the terms and penalties imposed.
Report of the Executive Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Secretary Stefan Ritter gave the following reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Summary of cases Administratively Dismissed since the last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 2016-0013: In the Matter of Augustus Skeen (BW) ♦ 2017-0238PC: In the Matter of Christopher Lowe Mills (BW) ♦ 2017-0240PC: In the Matter of Mark Schrader (BW) ♦ 2018-0002: In the Matter of Robert Trammell (BW) o Summary of two Initial Decisions by the Administrative Law Judges that have become Final Decisions of the Commission by operation of law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 2012-0010PC: In the Matter of Irby Allen Meadors (BW) ♦ 2016-0030: In the Matter of Christopher G. Nicholson (BW) o Report on Waivers and Case Counts o Update on Collections o Employee Update o Budget Update
Attorney-General’s Office Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Fuller gave an update on the status of cases pending in their office.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no public comments.
Meeting Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 11:31 AM.