

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Minutes of Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting | Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM

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

PRESENT:

Commission Members:

Jake Evans – Chair
James D. Kreyenbuhl, Vice-Chair
Eric L. Barnum, Commission Member
Allen Yee, Commission Member

Office of the Attorney General:

Christian Fuller, Attorney

Commission Staff:

Stefan Ritter, Executive Secretary
Robert Lane, Deputy Executive Secretary
Bethany Whetzel, Deputy Executive Secretary
Kim Crowell, Legal Secretary
DeAngelo Hall, Videographer
Holly Smith, Videographer
Erwin Yap, Office Administrator
Natalie Harper, Auditor
Kim Greene, Court Reporter
Chris Phelps, Paralegal

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M. by Commissioner Evans due to Acting-Chair Dennis Cathey resigning from the commission.

ELECTION OF NEW COMMISSION OFFICERS:

A motion was made and approved to nominate a new Chairman

Motioned by: Commissioner Evans

Seconded by: Commissioner Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

A motion was made and approved that Commissioner Evans act as new Chairman

Motioned by: Commissioner Kreyenbuhl

Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum

Motion to close nominations by: Commissioner Kreyenbuhl

Seconded by: Commissioner Yee

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

A motion was made and approved to nominate a new Vice Chairman

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Commissioner Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

A motion was made and approved that Commissioner Kreyenbuhl act as new Vice Chairman

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum

Motion to close nominations by: Commissioner Barnum

Seconded by: Commissioner Evans

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

A motion was made and approved to appointment of Commissioner Kreyenbuhl as Vice Chairman

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA:

A motion was made and approved to amend the agenda to move the Executive Session to the end of the Regular meeting.

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum

An Amended motion was made and approved to amend the agenda to add Executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made and approved to adopt the minutes of the Regular June 21, 2018 Commission Meeting.

Motioned by: Commissioner Barnum

Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

A motion was made and approved to adopt the minutes of the Regular September 20, 2018, 2018 Commission Meeting.

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

LOBBYIST APPEAL:

- John Haliburton- Appeal withdrawn; Removed from the agenda.

PRELIMINARY HEARINGS:

The following cases were heard and motioned as follows:

- 2018-0065PC: In the Matter of Edith Marie Ladipo (RL)

A motion was made and approved to table the matter to the next meeting to allow for further discussions for possible resolution.

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum

Vote: 3 to 1 motion carried as approved

- 2018-0022PC: In the Matter of Carl Scott Evans (BW)

A motion was made and approved to find reasonable grounds that a violation of the Act occurred.

Motioned by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

Seconded by: Chair Evans

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

- 2018-0018PC: In the Matter of Christopher Brown (BW)

A motion was made and approved to find reasonable grounds that a violation of the Act occurred.

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

- 2018-0062PC: In the Matter of Jeriene Grimes (BW)

A motion was made and approved to find reasonable grounds that a violation of the Act occurred.

Motioned by: Commissioner Barnum

Seconded by: Chair Evans

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

- 2018-0066PC: In the Matter of Cory Ruth (BW)

A motion was made and approved to find reasonable grounds that a violation of the Act occurred.

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

- 2017-0212PC: In the Matter of Erica Woodford (BW)

No Action Required.

- 2015-0050PC: In the Matter of Sharon Barnes Sutton

Removed

- 2018-0021PC: In the Matter of David Lockhart (RL):

A motion was made and approved to find reasonable grounds that a violation of the Act occurred.

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

- 2018-0025PC: In the Matter of Raynard Johnson (RL):

A motion was made and approved to find reasonable grounds that a violation of the Act occurred.

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

CONSENT ORDERS:

The following Consent Orders and Preliminary Hearings, which are now Consent Orders were motioned and approved to accept all as presented:

- 2017-0211PC: In the Matter of Charles K. Shaheen (RL)

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

- 2014-0069: In the Matter of Mike Beaudreau (RL)

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

- 2015-0056PC: In the Matter of James Marcus "Mark" Cantrell (RL)

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

- 2018-0063PC: In the Matter of Sandra Sidhom (RL)

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

- 2018-0050: In the Matter of OneForsyth (BW)

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

- 2018-0040: In the Matter of Jere Wood (BW)

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

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- 2018-0118: In the Matter of Gerald Greene (BW)
Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl
Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved
- 2012-0038: In the Matter of Wole Ralph (BW)
Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl
Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved
- 2017-0117PC: In the Matter of Kenton Wainwright (RL)
Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl
Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved
- 2018-0046: In the Matter of Elizabeth Clark Price (BW)
Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl
Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved
- 2018-0020PC: In the Matter of Jason Esteves (BW)
Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl
Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved
- 2018-0105PC: In the Matter of Benjamin Watson (RL)
Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl
Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved
- 2018-0055PC: In the Matter of Dawn Hawkins Johnson (RL)
Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum
Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S UPDATES:

- No updates to give at this time.

SCHEDULING OF DATES FOR 2019 QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETINGS:

- The Commission discussed and approved the following dates for the Quarterly Commission Meetings for 2019:
 Thursday, March 28, 2019
 Thursday, June 27, 2019
 Thursday, September 26, 2019
 Wednesday, December 4, 2019

1. Introduction

The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of various factors on the performance of a system. The study is divided into two main parts: a theoretical analysis and an experimental investigation. The theoretical analysis is based on the principles of system theory and the experimental investigation is based on the results of a series of experiments. The results of the experiments are presented in the form of a table and a graph. The table shows the values of the various factors and the results of the experiments. The graph shows the relationship between the various factors and the results of the experiments. The results of the experiments show that the performance of the system is affected by the various factors in a complex manner. The results of the theoretical analysis show that the performance of the system is affected by the various factors in a similar manner. The results of the theoretical analysis and the experimental investigation are in good agreement.

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COMMENTS OF THE PUBLIC:

- No public comments to be given at this time.

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA:

A motion was made and approved to amend the agenda to move the Executive Session to the end of the Regular meeting.

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum

An Amended motion was made and approved to amend the agenda to add Executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Chair Evans

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

CONSIDERATION OF ADJUSTMENT TO MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION LIMITS:

- Executive Secretary Stefan Ritter discussed with the Commissioners Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 189-1-.07 and the upcoming yearly meeting to review and consider the Maximum Contribution Limits.
- Executive Secretary Stefan Ritter to provide the Commission with a report on the CPI at the next meeting.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Executive Secretary Stefan Ritter provided his report to the Commissioners:

- Duties of the Campaign Finance Commission include receiving complaints, filings, systems management, investigations, audits, public training and a lot of behind the scene's work.
- The Campaign Finance Commission is in need of a better software system to address some of the issues that are currently taking place. Executive Secretary Stefan Ritter is currently working with an outside company that is completing a project to improve the computer system as to late fees and certain filing issues.
- Hardship Waivers: Currently there are 7 Hardship Waivers that are being considered, 93 cases have been addressed this year so far.
- Case Counts: Currently there are 143 filed/pending cases. Close to 190 cases have been closed, 28 since the last meeting and quite a lot of cases in collections.
- Employee Update: Currently there are 17 employees in the Campaign Finance Commission Office. Executive Secretary Stefan Ritter introduced the 2 newest employees to the office; Holly Smith who will be the new Filing Director and Kim Crowell who will be the new Legal Secretary/Executive Assistant

CONFIRMATION OF DATES FOR 2019 QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Commission confirmed the following dates for the Quarterly Regular Commission Meetings for the remainder of 2109, worked for everyone:

Thursday, June 27, 2109

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

COMMENTS OF THE PUBLIC:

Doug Chalmers made comment on the review of the Maximum Contribution Limits. He proposed that instead of waiting until the March 2019 meeting, because candidates are trying to raise money now, that either the Commission address the limits at today's meeting or when the Commission does address it in March 2019, that they make it retroactive.

A motion was made and approved to direct Executive Secretary Stefan Ritter to submit a formal request to the Attorney General's Office to request an opinion on the matter of contribution change issue subject to the Commissioners review.

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

An amended motion was made and approved that if a Special Meeting is needed for this specifically then the Commission will have that.

Motioned by: Commissioner Barnum

Seconded by: Chair Evans

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made and approved to exit Regular Session and to enter in to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 1:28 p.m.

Motioned by: Commissioner Barnum

Seconded by: Chair Evans

Vote: 4 to 0 motion carried as approved

Regular Session was called back to order at 1:50 p.m. by Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

MEETING ADJOURNED:

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

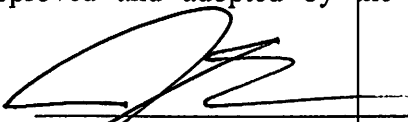
Motioned by: Commissioner Barnum

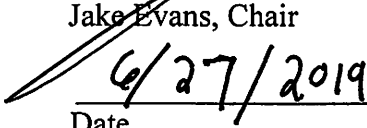
Seconded by: Commissioner Yee

Vote: 3 to 0 motion carried as approved

Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the December 19, 2018 meeting of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on June 27, 2019.



Jake Evans, Chair

Date

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State of Georgia

Affidavit of Presiding Officer

**GEORGIA GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY
AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMISSION**

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized to administer oaths,
Jake Evans, Chair of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance
Commission (the "Commission"), who, being sworn, states the following under oath:

1.

I am the Chair of the Commission. I am giving this Affidavit as required by O.C.G.A. §
50-14-4(b) to explain the closing to the public a part of a meeting of the Commission. I have
personal knowledge of the fact stated in this Affidavit.

2.

On December 19, 2018 the Commission met in an open meeting at Coverdell Legislative
Office Building Room 606, 18 Capitol Square SW Atlanta, Ga. 30334 and I presided. By a vote
of 4 to 0, the Commission closed a portion of its meeting to the public in order to discuss and
deliberate upon personnel issues. No other topic was discussed during the closed portion, over
which I presided. The meeting was closed in accord with the specific exception to open
meetings under O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2) ("Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the
appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic
evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee...").

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

27 day of June, 2019.



Notary Signature

Katie Easterwood, Notary Public
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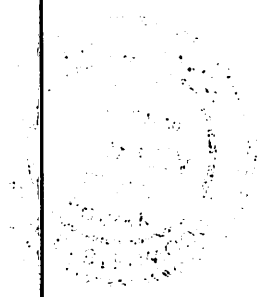
My commission expires

May 19, 2020



Jake Evans, Chair
Georgia Government Transparency and
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