

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Minutes of Commission Meeting **Regular Meeting | Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM**

Location: Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 606, 18 Capitol Square
Atlanta, Ga. 30334

PRESENT:

Commission Members:

Jake Evans, Chairman
James D. Kreyenbuhl, Vice Chairman
Eric L. Barnum, Commission Member
Robert A. Watts, Commission Member
Rick Thompson, Commission Member

Commission Staff:

David Emadi, Executive Secretary
Robert Lane, Deputy Executive Secretary
Joseph Cusack, Staff Attorney
Janene Browder, Staff Attorney
Jeff Morris, Legislative Liaison
Katie Easterwood, Legal Secretary
Erwin Yap, Office Administrator
Joel Perkins, IT
Aron Giorgis, IT
Cathy Cox, Court Reporter

Office of the Attorney General:

Christian Fuller, Assistant Attorney General

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01a.m. by Chair Evans.

A motion was made to modify the agenda, adding the mask donation to the beginning of the agenda, to move case 2018-0116 In the Matter of Joshua McLaurin to follow 3A and to add a brief announcement.

Motioned by: Chair Evans

Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl

Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved

MASK DONATION FROM THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN ATLANTA

Director - General Daniel Hung of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta presented the Commission with a donation of 3,500 medical masks.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINTUES:

After reviewing the proposed minutes, a motion was made to adopt the minutes from the December 14, 2019 Regular meeting and the April 14, 2020 Special meeting.

*Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved*

CONSENT ORDERS:

The following Consent Orders were motioned and approved to accept all as presented.

- a) 2018-0097 In the Matter of Mijente d/b/a Gente4Abrams

*Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl
Vote: 4 to 1 carried as approved; with Commissioner Barnum being the opposition*

- b) 2019-0024PC In the Matter of Neil Warren

*Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Vice Chair Kreyenbuhl
Vote: 4 to 1 carried as approved; with Commissioner Barnum being the opposition*

- c) 20-0001-C In the Matter of Gregory Alan Wacaser

*Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Commissioner Watts
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved*

MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES:

- a) 2018-0116 In the Matter of Joshua McLaurin

After having presented the case to the Commission, a motion was made to dismiss the complaint against the respondent.

*Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Commissioner Thompson
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved*

After further discussion, a motion was made to find the complaint frivolous and award attorney's fees in the amount of \$1000.

An amended motion was made to find the complaint frivolous and award attorney's fees in the amount of \$1000 subject to an affidavit being filed within seven business days.

After continued discussion, Commissioner Barnum withdrew his previous motion and motioned to table frivolity and fees with the understanding that no argument will be heard from the complainant on the underlying issue.

An amended motion was made to table the motion for attorney's fees.

Motioned by: Commissioner Watts
Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved

A motion was made to take a brief recess.

Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Commissioner Watts
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved

The Commission recessed at 11:44 a.m. and returned at 11:53 a.m.

EXTRAORDINARY MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION:

- a) 2009-0012 In the Matter of Michael Julian Bond

After much discussion, a motion was made to table the matter until the August 2020 meeting.

Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Commissioner Watts
Vote: 4 to 1 carried as approved; with Commissioner Thompson being the opposition

A motion was made to recess for lunch.

Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Commissioner Watts
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved

The Commission recessed for lunch at 1:18 p.m. and returned at 1:58 p.m.

PRELIMINARY HEARINGS:

- a) 2019-0035PC In the Matter of Vernon Jones

This matter was continued to August due to an attorney conflict.

- b) 2018-0125 In the Matter Gina London Pilcher

A motion was made to adopt the proposed Compliance order.

Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Commissioner Barnum
Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved

**Commissioner Watts excused himself and was not present for the vote.*

ADMINISTRATIVE DISMISSALS:

- a) 2018-0142 In the Matter of Robert Gasaway, III
- b) 2019-0010 In the Matter of Gasaway for State House
- c) 2017-0073PC In the Matter of Chris Stevers
- d) 2016-0060 In the Matter of Richard Roundtree

- g) 2018-0052 In the Matter of Educators for Erwin
- h) 2019-0056 In the Matter of M.D. Nasser
- i) 2019-0059 In the Matter of Marcelo Zapata
- j) 2019-0002 In the Matter of Imagine Greenhaven f/k/a CCCSD
- k) 2019-0004 In the Matter of Concerned Citizens for Cityhood for South Dekalb

**The Commission heard from complainant Claudette Leak via telephone on above matters j-k.*

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Executive Secretary David Emadi presented to the Commission a report on the following items:

- a) Effects of COVID 19 on staff operations; stats and accommodating changes.
- b) An update was given on the E-Filing system
- c) Update on the COGEL National Conference; In-person conference has been canceled.
- d) Judicial Council Financial Disclosure Requirement

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Christian Fuller of the Attorney General's office gave updates on the following matters:

- a) 2016-0046 In the Matter of No More Pat and Cathy - School Reform – a Statement of Matters Asserted has been filed; awaiting a court date.
- b) 2018-0058/2018-0109 In the Matter of Sabrina McKenzie – Statement of Matters Asserted has been filed; OSAH hearing date is July 14, 2020.
- c) 2019-0050 In the Matter of New Georgia Project Inc. & New Georgia Project Action Fund – Currently in the Court of Appeals
- d) 2013-0030 In the Matter of Norma Beth Harris – awaiting a court date.

A motion was made to enter Executive Session.

*Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Commissioner Watts
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved*

A motion was made to end Executive Session.

*Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Commissioner Watts
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved*

RULES DISCUSSION:

- a) Rule Implementing AO 2020-01
- b) Temporary Rule for Contested Electronic Hearing

Deputy Executive Secretary Robert Lane to prepare draft to be presented to the Commission for review at the August 2020 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made to enter Executive session at 3:13 p.m.

*Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Commissioner Watts
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved*

A motion was made to end Executive session.

*Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Commissioner Watts
Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved*

**Commissioner Barnum had to excuse himself during Executive session.*

MEETING ADJOURNED:

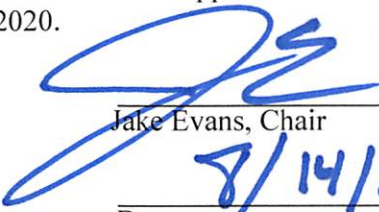
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

*Motioned by: Chair Evans
Seconded by: Commissioner Watts
Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved*

The meeting was adjourned at 03:31 p.m.

Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the June 18, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on August 6, 2020.



Jake Evans, Chair

8/14/2020

Date