

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Regular Meeting| Thursday, April 1, 2021| 10:00 AM

Summary of Commission Meeting

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

The Commission meeting was also available via livestream

PRESENT:

Commission Members:

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

Commission Staff:

David Emadi, Executive Secretary
Robert Lane, Deputy Executive Secretary
Joseph Cusack, Staff Attorney
Rachel Goldberg, Staff Attorney
Katie Easterwood, Paralegal
Christopher Phelps, Paralegal
Haley Brown, Press Secretary
Jeff Morris, Legislative Liaison
Erwin Yap, Office Administrator
Kim Green, Court Reporter
Joel Perkins, IT

Office of the Attorney-General:

Elizabeth Young, Assistant Attorney-General

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 a.m.
Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting minutes for the regular commission meeting on January 7, 2021 were adopted.
Increase in Maximum Contribution Limits pursuant to OCGA 21-5-41	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This matter was tabled to the June 24, 2021 regular commission meeting.
Advisory Opinion for Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Advisory Opinion No. 2020-04 was tabled to the June 24, 2021 regular commission meeting.

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Preliminary Hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following cases were brought before the Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20-0072-C In the Matter of Stacey Yvonne Abrams* <p>*After having heard the arguments of counsel, the Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that violations of the Act have occurred (See minutes for further detail).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20-0034-C In the Matter of Kelly Glenn Robinson* <p>*At the request of respondent’s counsel, this matter was continued to the June 24, 2021 regular commission meeting.</p>
Consent Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After having been presented to the Commission the following Consent Orders were adopted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20-0086-C In the Matter of Tarece Johnson 20-0057-C In the Matter of Montenia Edwards 20-0025-C In the Matter of Rajpal Sagoo 20-0040-C In the Matter of Kenneth R. “Ode” Henderson 21-0001-C In the Matter of Dexter Wimbish 20-0070-C In the Matter of Gary Norton <p>* 20-0037-C In the Matter of Sharon Henderson – this matter was continued to the June 24, 2021 regular commission meeting.</p>
Administrative Dismissal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After having been presented to the Commission the following Administrative Dismissals were adopted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20-0071-C In the Matter of Linda Smith 20-0032-C In the Matter of Karen White Ashley 20-0043-C In the Matter of Lisa Culverhouse Joseph 20-0042-C In the Matter of Lisa J. Curtis 20-0047-C In the Matter of Fani Willis 20-0031-C In the Matter of Kelly S. Johnson 20-0014-C In the Matter of Carden Summers 20-0075-C In the Matter of Mary Robichaux 20-0027-C In the Matter of Gregory B. Gilstrap 20-0063-C In the Matter of Kamali Varner 20-0056-C In the Matter of Sandra Vincent
Report of the Executive Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary Emadi gave report on the following items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY 2022 Budget Litigation Update New System Update Special Recognition
Report of the Attorney General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elizabeth Young of the Attorney General’s office gave updates on upcoming OSAH hearings.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public comment was heard by the Commission: <p>* Mr. Doug Chalmers participated via Zoom and provided public comment on draft Advisory Opinion 2020-04</p>

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Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executives session was moved up on the agenda to be entered during the lunch break. The Commission entered executive session to discuss personnel matters at 2:45pm and exited at 3:05pm.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.