



Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Minutes of Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting | Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM

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:

James D. Kreyenbuhl, Chairman
Robert A. Watts, Vice Chairman
Rick Thompson, Commission Member
Darryl A. Hicks, Commission Member
David J. Burge, Commission Member

Office of the Attorney-General:

Elizabeth Young, Assistant Attorney-General

Commission Staff:

David Emadi, Executive Secretary
Robert Lane, Deputy Executive Secretary
Joseph Cusack, Deputy General Counsel
Timothy Baywal, Staff Attorney
Jacob Pruett, Staff Attorney
Katie Easterwood, Senior Litigation Paralegal
Jeff Morris, Legislative Liaison
Haley Barrett, Press Secretary
Erwin Yap, Office Administrator
Chandler Perkins, IT
Karen Fuhs, Court Reporter

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

After review of the agenda, a motion was made to amend the agenda as discussed.

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Special recognition was given to Eric Barnum for his years of service to the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

After reviewing the proposed minutes, a motion was made to adopt the minutes from the March 21, 2022 regular commission meeting.

*Motioned by: Vice Chair Watts
Seconded by: Commissioner Thompson
Vote: 2 to 0 carried as approved*

**Vice Chair Watts and Commissioner Thompson were the only commissioners present at the March 21, 2022 meeting that can attest to the minutes.*

After reviewing the proposed minutes, a motion was made to adopt the minutes from the May 12, 2022 special commission meeting.

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

PRELIMINARY HEARINGS:

The following Preliminary hearings were presented:

- a) 21-0011-C In the Matter of M. Kasim Reed

With legal representation, the Respondent consented to probable cause in this matter.

A motion was made to find probable cause as consented to.

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

- b) 22-0035-C In the Matter of Catherine Davis

After discussions between the respondent and commission staff, a consent agreement was reached. The proposed consent order was presented to the commission and a motion was made to adopt the consent order as presented.

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

- c) 22-0036-C In the Matter of Kandiss Taylor

A motion was made to find reasonable grounds exist that the Campaign Finance Act has been violated.

*Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl
Seconded by: Commissioner Burge
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved*

d) 22-0037-C In the Matter of Tom Williams

A motion was made to find reasonable grounds exist that the Campaign Finance Act has been violated.

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

e) 22-0083-C In the Matter of Chasity Pawvlik

A motion was made to find reasonable grounds exist that the Campaign Finance Act has been violated.

*Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl
Seconded by: Commissioner Burge
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved*

f) 22-0043-C In the Matter of Rashid Malik

A motion was made to find reasonable grounds exist that the Campaign Finance Act has been violated.

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

g) 22-0094-C In the Matter of William Park Freeman

A motion was made to find reasonable grounds exist that the Campaign Finance Act has been violated.

*Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl
Seconded by: Commissioner Burge
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved*

CONSENT ORDERS:

- The following Consent Orders were presented:

a) 22-0042-C In the Matter of Derrick Jackson

A motion was made to accept the consent order as presented

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

b) 22-0039-C In the Matter of Jeanne Seaver

A motion was made to adopt the consent order as presented.

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

- c) 22-0038-C In the Matter of Mack McGregor

A motion was made to adopt the consent order as presented.

Motioned by: Commissioner Burge

Seconded by: Vice Chair Watts

Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved

- d) 22-0040-C In the Matter of Tyrone Brooks

A motion was made to adopt the consent order as presented.

Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl

Seconded by: Vice Chair Watts

Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved

**Adam Sparks was present as counsel for respondent.*

- e) 22-0058-C In the Matter of Jaha Howard

A motion was made to continue this matter.

Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl

Seconded by: Commissioner Thompson

Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved

At this time a motion was made to adopt the following consent orders in bulk:

- a) 22-0049-C In the Matter of Jennifer Jordan
- b) 22-0046-C In the Matter of Dee Dawkins-Haigler
- c) 22-0052-C In the Matter of David Raudabaugh
- d) 22-0053-C In the Matter of Ben Cowart
- e) 22-0054-C In the Matter of Raphael Baker
- f) 22-0018-C In the Matter of Ernie Anaya
- g) 22-0059-C In the Matter of James Morrow
- h) 22-0061-C In the Matter of Kartik Bhatt
- i) 22-0062-C In the Matter of William Boddie
- j) 22-0065-C In the Matter of Nadia Surrency
- k) 22-0066-C In the Matter of Andre Johnson
- l) 22-0045-C In the Matter of Jody Hice
- m) 22-0031-C In the Matter of Charles Ford
- n) 22-0022-C In the Matter of Jasmine Johnson
- o) 22-0029-C In the Matter of Williams Blanchard, Jr.
- p) 22-0027-C In the Matter of David Bringman
- q) 22-0026-C In the Matter of Cody Smith
- r) 22-0010-C In the Matter of Denise Grabowski
- s) 22-0060-C In the Matter of Alisha Searcy
- t) 22-0055-C In the Matter of Janice Laws Robinson
- u) 22-0048-C In the Matter of Michael Owens
- v) 22-0085-C In the Matter of Jill Denise Trammell Cusick

- w) 22-0093-C In the Matter of Jason T. Hayes
- x) 22-0076-C In the Matter of Vote YES for SPLOST
- y) 22-0064-C In the Matter of Lester Jackson
- z) 22-0050-C In the Matter of Christian Wise-Smith

Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl
Seconded by: Commissioner Hicks
Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved

ADMINISTRATIVE DISMISSALS:

The following Administrative Dismissals were presented to the Commission:

- a) 22-0070-C In the Matter of Take Back Georgia
- b) 22-0033-C In the Matter of David Clark
- c) PC2007-0013 In the Matter of Pam Stephenson
- d) 2017-0001 In the Matter of William Edwards
- e) 2018-0053 In the Matter of Lowell S. Casey Cagle

JOINT MOTION TO DISMISS:

- a) 20-0072-c In the Matter of Stacey Yvonne Abrams

After having been presented to the commission the Motion to Dismiss was adopted/granted.

Vote: 5 to 0 carried as approved

**Joyce Gist Lewis, counsel for respondent was present at the hearing.*

APPLICATION FOR AGENCY REVIEW:

- a) 2016-0046PC In the Matter of School Reform 2016

After review, a motion was made to deny the Application for Agency Review and that the Initial Decision be adopted as it is written by the administrative law judge.

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

**Frank Myers, counsel for respondent(s) was present at the hearing.*

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Secretary Emadi gave report on the following items:

- a) Budget for FY2023 Update
- b) New Employee Introduction

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Elizabeth Young of the Attorney General's office gave updates on the following matters:

- a) Update on pending litigation; Perdue and Abrams Leadership Committees – Motion to Dismiss has been filed but there has been no ruling yet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on September 15, 2022.



James D. Kreyenbuhl, Chair

9/15/22

Date