

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Minutes of Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting | Thursday, September 15, 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

Commission Staff:

David Emadi, Executive Secretary
Robert Lane, Deputy Executive Secretary
Joseph Cusack, Deputy General Counsel
Jacob Pruett, Staff Attorney
Haley Barrett, Press Secretary
Tonya Corbin, Paralegal
Erwin Yap, Office Administrator
Joel Perkins, IT
Edwina D. Minniefield, Court Reporter

Office of the Attorney-General:

Elizabeth Young, Assistant Attorney-General

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Kreyenbuhl.

After review, a motion was made to adopt the agenda.

Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl

Seconded by: Vice Chair Watts

Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved

MEETING MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL:

A motion was made to adopt the July 12, 2022, minutes as presented with the one change noted; attorney not present in 2016-0046PC In the Matter of School Reform; Application for Agency Review.

Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl

Seconded by: Vice Chair Watts

Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved

A motion was made to adopt the August 1, 2022, minutes subject to changes noted; August 1, 2022, meeting was a Special meeting, minutes have it listed as a Regular meeting. Item #2, the motion's second and vote was not referenced.

*Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl
Seconded by: Vice Chair Watts
Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved*

PRELIMINARY HEARINGS:

The following Preliminary hearing was presented:

a) 22-0104-C In the Matter of Chadd Jonesmith

A motion was made to find that reasonable grounds exist that the campaign finance act has been violated as alleged by the commission staff which includes two violations of OCGA 21-5-34(b)(1) and one violation of OCGA 21-5-34(c)(2).

*Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl
Seconded by: Vice Chair Watts
Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved*

b) 22-0089-C Khadijah Abdur-Rahman

A motion was made to table the hearing to the next scheduled commission meeting and that commission staff notice respondent as standard procedure.

*Motioned by: Vice Chair Watts
Seconded by: Chair Kreyenbuhl
Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved*

c) 22-0063-C In the Matter of Thomas Dean

A motion was made to find that reasonable grounds exist that the campaign finance act has been violated.

*Motioned by: Commissioner
Thompson
Seconded by: Chair Kreyenbuhl
Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved*

CONSENT ORDERS:

A motion was made to accept the following Consent Orders:

- a) 22-0036-C In the Matter of Dr. Kandiss Taylor
- b) 22-0074-C/22-0088-C In the Matter of Committee for East Cobb/Craig Chapin
- c) 22-0073-C In the Matter of Advocacy for Action
- d) 2018-0056/2019-0031 In the Matter of Erica Thomas

- e) 2018-0126 In the Matter of Alison Feliciano
- f) 22-0030-C In the Matter of Mickeyla Brockington
- g) 22-0058-C In the Matter of Jaha Howard
- h) 22-0008-C In the Matter of Kelly Rose Alderfer
- i) 22-0011-C In the Matter of Sonya Jackson
- j) 22-0009-C In the Matter of Kenneth Adams
- k) 22-0014-C In the Matter of Aaron Whitely
- l) 22-0024-C In the Matter of Luke Martin
- m) 22-0034-C In the Matter of David Belle Isle
- n) 22-0072-C In the Matter of Todd Levent
- o) 22-0012-C In the Matter of Larry Rivers
- p) 22-0100-C In the Matter of James Jones
- q) 22-0043-C In the Matter of Rashid Malik
- r) 22-0107-C In the Matter of Martin Lewis Cartee/Committee to Elect Lewis Cartee

Motioned by: Commissioner Hicks

Seconded by: Vice Chair Watts

Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved

ADMINISTRATIVE DISMISSALS:

The following Administrative Dismissals were presented to the commission.

- a) 22-0106-C In the Matter of Jennifer Lambert
- b) 22-0068-C In the Matter of Luke Martin
- c) 22-0098-C In the Matter of Alexis Williams
- d) 21-0033-C In the Matter of Tiffany Porter
- e) 20-0004-C In the Matter of Michael Sledge

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Director Emadi stated that there was no new information to report since the August 1, 2022, commission meeting.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

- a) Elizabeth Young with the Attorney General's office reported two new law suites received: Libertarian Party of Georgia and New Georgia Project/New Georgia Project Action Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made to enter executive session.

*Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl
Seconded by: Vice Chair Watts
Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved*

A motion was made to formally conclude executive session and enter back into regular session.

*Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl
Seconded by: Vice Chair Watts
Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved*

A motion was made to increase Executive Director David Emadi's salary by \$15,000 to total \$160,000 per year.

*Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl
Seconded by: Vice Chair Watts
Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved*

MEETING ADJOURNED:

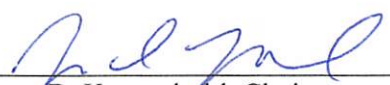
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

*Motioned by: Chair Kreyenbuhl
Seconded by: Vice Chair Watts
Vote: 4 to 0 carried as approved*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the September 15, 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 December 8, 2022.



James D. Kreyenbuhl, Chair

12/8/22

Date