



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Assessor

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Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #02-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, Jan 14th, 2026 at 9:03 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Assessor Kathy Jones
Assessor Doug Jefcoat
Assessor Clay Hood
Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept the agenda with noted change. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Assessor Jones motions to excuse the absence of Assessor Hood from the meeting last week, January 7th. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.
- Assessor Jones motions to excuse the future absences of Assessor Hood on the dates of Jan 21st, Apr 1st & Jul 15th. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:07, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results - Placed into record.
- Bond Certifications - placed into record. Chairman Govar asks that this be discussed further for better understanding at the Jan 28th meeting.
- Data Mailed - placed into record.

At 9:24, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - #094 005 004; 092 028 005; 100 047 011; 120 007 013; 078 003 046 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:29, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Late Appeals - placed into record.
- BOE Results - placed into record.
- Detention Ponds - Chairman Govar asks that this discussion be held more in depth at meeting 4 weeks from now.
- Waiver & Releases - Assessor Hood motions to remove this from the agenda. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:56, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents for Chief Appraiser Widenhouse:

- Settlement Conference - #180 027 05 Assessor Jones motions to table this decision until the meeting next week. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

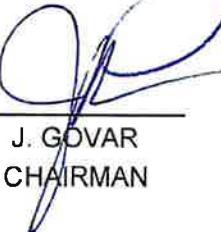
At 10:08, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #019 021 008, 009, 012, 013, 029 thru 034; #007 001 073, 019 020 011 thru 015; 019 thru 021; 067 013 002 & 005; 069 021 009; 069 021 009; 129 001 001 & 002 - Signed & Approved.

Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries. At 10:28, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

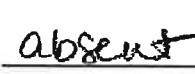
Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:


J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN


K. JONES
ASSESSOR


D. JEFCOAT
ASSESSOR


absent
C. HOOD
ASSESSOR

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L. SANDIFER HICKS
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MINUTES #03-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, Jan 21st, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Assessor Kathy Jones
Assessor Doug Jefcoat
Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept the agenda with noted change. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept minutes as presented. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- CAVEAT conference dates for 2026 released by Dept of Revenue, May 19th through 21st.

At 9:27, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- 2026 Marine Blue Book - presented and will be corrected and brought back next week.
- Aircraft Blue Book Approval - presented and will be corrected and brought back next week.
- VREF Aircraft Valuation Approval - presented and will be corrected and brought back next week.
- Audit Results - Placed into record.
- Motor Vehicle Appeals - Signed & Approved.

At 9:48, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - #185 046008; 088 033 027; 092 031 024; 065 032 013; 066 026 009 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:49, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Waiver & Release # 084 006 001 - Signed & Approved.

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MEMBERS: Georgia Association of Assessing Officials, International Association of Assessing Officials

At 9:54, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents for Deputy Chief Glen Thomason to the Board:

- Map Splits - #0162 065 030 & 036; 078 019 001; 004; 005; 099; 120 001 006; 086; 007 026 014; 015; 027 027 007; 007XH; 008 - Signed & Approved.

At 10:11, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Update on Tax Exempt Request - info only, no vote needed.
- Settlement Conference Results - Assessor Jefcoat motions to reject settlement offer. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.
- Initial Sales Ratio Studies - placed into record.
- Legislative Session Updates - information only.

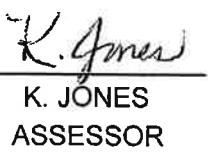
Assessor Jones motions to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries. At 11:04, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:

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