



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Assessor

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Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #19-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, May 13th, 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
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS: reminder that next week Chairman Govar & Assessor Jones will be attending CAVEAT conference; remaining three board members will all need to be present at meeting in order to have quorum, otherwise meeting on May 20th will need to be cancelled.

At 9:05, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Legislative Update - discussion only.
- Settlement Conference - no resolution reached, more research to be conducted.
- Executive Session - Assessor Jones motions to enter into executive session @ 9:12. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to end the executive session at 9:56. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries. No votes taken.

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

At 9:57, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Valuation Review Adjustments - Signed & Approved.
- No Change Audit Results - placed into record.
- Motor Vehicle Appeals - Signed & Approved. Assessor Jones motions to add MV appeals under personal property on agenda. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:01, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Certified to Clerk - #071 001 047 placed into record.
- Homesteads - Signed & Approved.

At 10:05, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Non-Disclosure Request - Signed & Approved.

At 10:06, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Corrections - #076 001 019D; 112 002 005L; 180 007 005REV - Signed & Approved.

Assessor Jefcoat motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:12, Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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