



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #43-25

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, Dec 10th, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept the agenda with noted changes. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Assessor Jefcoat motions to cancel the Board meeting on Dec 17th. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.
- Chairman Govar reminds the board that the next meeting after today will be on Jan 7th of 2026.

At 9:08, Board Attorney Nick Garcia entered the meeting.

- Assessor Jones motions to add Executive Session to the agenda. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.
- Assessor Hood motions to enter Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.
- At 9:10, Executive Session begins. No vote taken. Assessor Hood motions to end Executive Session @ 9:40. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.
- At 9:43, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents bond issue. Signed by Chairman Govar.
- At 9:46, Board Attorney Nick Garcia leaves meeting.

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At 9:47, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results - Signed & Approved.
- No Changes - placed into record.

At 9:49, Administrative Appraiser Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - #179 019 007; 115 026 005 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:51, Residential Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- BOE Results - placed into record.
- Waiver & Releases - signed by Chairman Govar.
- #106 006 011 - Assessor Jefcoat motions for denial of waiver. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:16, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #193 001 035 - Signed & Approved.
- Mobile Home Digest - Signed & Approved.

At 10:25, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Update DOR 2025 Public Utilities - discussion only.
- Update on Tax Exempt Research - #008 008 001 & 010 - Signed & Approved.

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


At 10:32, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary


APPROVED: _____

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