



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #11-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 at 9:00 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. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse refreshes board members regarding Cols Botanical Gardens going before council concerning tax exemption denial.
- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse informs Board that taxpayer Justin Lange has requested appearance before Board at next meeting on March 25th.
- Mr. Justin Lange is present to observe board meeting today.

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

- E&O - Signed & Approved.
- No Change Audit Results - placed into record.

At 9:12, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homestead - # 071 001 047 - signed as Denial.
- Homestead Removal Requests - # 089 024 057; 191 001 020; 109 006 027; 099 009 029; 184 017 005 - Signed & Approved.

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

At 9:18, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- BOE Results - placed into record.
- Waiver & Release - #019 025 006 - Signed by Chairman Govar.

At 9:23, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Non-Disclosure Request - Signed & Approved.

At 9:24, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Legislative Update - discussion only.

At 9:37, Assessor Jones motions to enter into Executive Session. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries. At 9:48, Assessor Hood motions to exit Executive session. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries. Parcel # 101 001 089 Assessor Jefcoat motions to reject settlement offer. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

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

At 9:49, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

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