



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #12-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, March 25th, 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
Board Attorney Greg Ellington

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to accept the agenda. 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:

- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse informs the board that taxpayer Ken Harris filed paperwork to appear before the Board on April 8th.
- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse discusses the outcome of Columbus Botanical Gardens going before council last night.
- As of 9:28 a.m., Taxpayer Justin Lange no show for scheduled attendance before board.

At 9:28, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Bond Agreement - Assessor Hood recused himself. Assessor Jones motions to accept the agreement with noted change. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries. Atty. Greg Ellington left the meeting @ 9:35.

At 9:35, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard & Appraiser Chris Wheat presents to the Board:

- Audit Results - Signed & Approved.

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

At 9:43, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents for Administrative Division to the Board:

- Homestead Removal Request - # 103 005 005 - Signed & Approved.
- Homestead retroactive VA - # 132 013 010 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:48, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- BOE Results - placed into record.

At 9:52, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - # 073 024 076, 077 & 077H; 172 001 014, 006 & 006A; 180 007 001 & 005; 502 to 507 - Signed & Approved. Chief Appraiser Widenhouse asks Mapper Carol Toole to double-check figures and bring parcel 172 001 006 back next week.
- Non-Disclosure Requests - Signed by Chairman Govar.

At 10:05, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Settlement Conference Results - discussion only.
- Legislative Update - discussion only.

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

At 10:17, 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



L. SANDIFER HICKS
VICE CHAIRMAN