



# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Assessor

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Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser  
Suzanne Widenhouse

## MINUTES #13-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, April 1st, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept the agenda. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

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

### MISCELLANEOUS:

- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse informs the board that we have 4 new staff members as of this past Monday and so department is now fully staffed again.
- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse explained to the Board the crowds are due to April 1<sup>st</sup> deadlines for property returns, applications for special assessments and also included assisting the Tax Commissioner's Office with the yearly homestead residency verifications.
- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse reminded the board of upcoming taxpayer appointments.

At 9:28, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results No Change - placed into record.

At 9:30, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents for Administrative Division to the Board:

- Homestead Removal Requests - # 027 019 011; 081 023 052; 080 014 025; 084 030 025; 111 024 002; 131 003 006 lower only not removal - Signed & Approved.

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At 9:43, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - # 137 001 004B; BH; BX; 172 001 014; 172 001 006; 006A - Signed & Approved.
- Mobile Homes - Signed & Approved.

At 9:57, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Settlement Conference Results - # 090 017 031; 180 005 004 - approved.  
#101 001 010 - Assessor Jefcoat motions to deny. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.
- Legislative Update - discussion only.

Assessor Jefcoat motions to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries. At 10:43, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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