



# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Vice Chairman

**Chief Appraiser**  
Suzanne Widenhouse

## MINUTES #37-23

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar  
Vice Chairman Trey Carmack  
Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks  
Assessor Todd Hammonds  
Assessor Kathy Jones  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse  
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vice Chairman Carmack motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:06, Taxpayer Mohamed El Alj enters the meeting. Board members inform taxpayer they will discuss his issue and will follow-up with the taxpayer once they reach a decision. Issue tabled while Deputy Chief Appraiser gathers requested information. Mr. El Alj leaves meeting.

At 9:26, Attorney Greg Ellington and Chief Appraiser Widenhouse discuss Bond Tax Abatement letter revisions. No revisions agreed to, still waiting for additional information from Development Authority.

At 9:44, Executive Session entered to discuss legal matters. Update only, no decision reached.

At 10:00, Board locates values from previous years concerning Taxpayer Mohamed El Alj. Vice Chairman Carmack motions to send him corrected notice and then he will have 45 days to appeal. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

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At 10:02 , Administrative Division Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Appeal Certifications – Placed into record.
- Homestead – Signed & Approved.
- Homestead BOE Decision - # 144 006 003 Vice Chairman Carmack motions to authorize an appeal. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:16, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Motor Vehicle Appeal – Signed & Approved.
- Late Appeal – # P0934701 was presented and Board took no action.

At 10:22, Commercial Div. Property Manager Jeff Milam presents for Residential & Commercial Divisions to the Board:

- Waiver & Releases - Signed & Approved.
- BOE Results – #033 018 004 Vice Chairman Carmack motions to authorize an appeal. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries. All other results Signed & Approved.

At 10:37, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #094 019 007 & 031; 109 001 001; 110 016 002 & 003; 188 035 021 & 026 – Signed & Approved.

At 10:44, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- DOR Digest Review – Review had no major findings and was overall very positive.
- Legislative Committee Presentation Update
- GAAO Conference Update
- Board Policy Revision – new public meeting policy adopted by the Board. In the near future, a new form pertaining to this will be posted online for Taxpayers to access, in the meantime form is available via email request or in person.

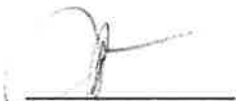

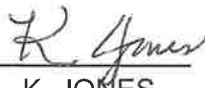
At 11:09, Chairman Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

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