



# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Suzanne Widenhouse

## MINUTES #25-23

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Assessor Jones motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:13, Taxpayers Paul Fleming & Michael Philips enter meeting to discuss their issues with the homestead freeze not applying to the second dwelling on their property. They also wanted to discuss the comparable properties that were used in valuing their home. They were informed of the Muscogee County Homestead Freeze requirements & shown the revised comps used. They left with a new understanding and were very appreciative. They left the meeting @ 9:50.

At 9:52, Administrative Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Homesteads – Signed & Approved.

At 9:55, Interim Residential Property Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

- A4 Agendas - Signed & Approved.
- BOE Results – Signed & Approved.

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At 9:59, Commercial Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- A4 Appeals – # 026 001 001 & 026 002 002 pulled for further review. All others Signed & Approved. Chairman Govar recused herself from # 032 007 001. Vice Chairman Carmack recused himself from # 026 001 001 & 026 002 002.

At 10:15, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents:

- A4 Appeals – Signed & Approved.

At 10:17, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Non-Disclosure Request – Signed by Chairman Govar
- Map Splits - #131 001 023; 023A; 024; 131 018 032 to 040; 131 019 017 to 038 – Signed & Approved.

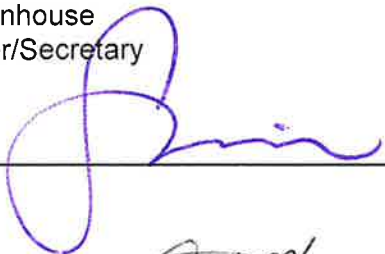
At 10:23, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Appeals Update – grand total 3812 appeals (including Personal Property). Value in dispute \$280,590,973 assessed value which represents 3.51% of the total digest.

At 10:40, Chairman Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

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



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