



# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Jayne Govar  
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Doug Jefcoat  
Assessor

Lanitra Sandifer Hicks  
Vice Chairman

**Chief Appraiser**  
Suzanne Widenhouse

## MINUTES #21-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, May 27th, 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 Jefcoat motions to accept the agenda with noted changes. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

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

MISCELLANEOUS: Chairman Govar and Assessor Jones share some new information gathered at the CAVEAT conference they attended last week.

At 9:27, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - Signed & Approved.

At 9:33, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Tyler and Notice Updates - discussion only.

At 9:39, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents for Residential Division to the Board:

- Waiver & Releases - Chairman Govar recused herself from the 26 Hemlock parcels - Signed by Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
- Waiver & Releases - #096 065 005; 085 024 008; 088 056 001 - Signed by Chairman Jayne Govar.

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At 9:43, Assessor Jones motions to enter into Executive Session. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries. At 10:06, Assessor Jefcoat motions to end Executive Session. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

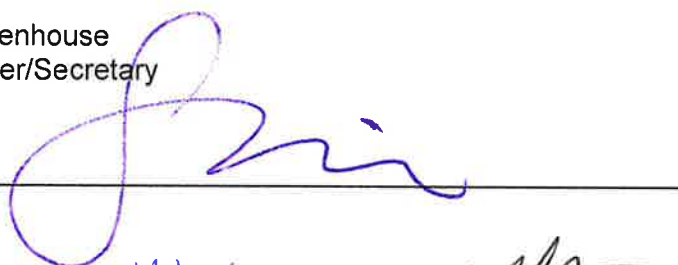
At 10:06, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Development Authority Update - board will revisit in July

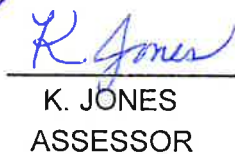
Assessor Hood motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. At 10:30, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:



J. GOVAR  
CHAIRMAN



K. JONES  
ASSESSOR



D. JEFCOAT  
ASSESSOR



C. HOOD  
ASSESSOR



L. SANDIFER HICKS  
VICE CHAIRMAN