



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #26-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, July 8th, 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 Jones motions to accept the agenda. Assessor Jefcoat 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:

- Assessor Jefcoat informs the Board that he will need to leave the meeting after his appt to speak with the Board as a taxpayer.
- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse will not be present at the board meeting next week.
- Taxpayer Doug Jefcoat & guest Edgar Chancellor enter meeting to discuss re-evaluation of property. They both exit meeting @ 9:19.

At 9:41, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results/Late Return - Signed & Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal - Signed & Approved.
- No Change Audit Results - placed into record.

At 9:46, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents for Administrative Division to the Board:

- Homesteads - Signed & Approved.
- Change of Assessment Digest - Signed by Chairman Govar.

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- TAD Certifications - Signed by Chairman Govar.
- CUVA Renewals 2026 for Digest - Signed by Chairman Govar.
- Exempt Properties Digest - Signed by Chairman Govar.

At 9:56, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Discussion of E&R Policy - will be brought back at later time when Assessor Jefcoat is present.

Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. At 9:58, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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Absent

J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN

K. Jones

K. JONES
ASSESSOR

[Signature]

D. JEF COAT
ASSESSOR

ABSENT

C. HOOD
ASSESSOR

[Signature]

L. SANDIFER HICKS
VICE CHAIRMAN