



# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Doug Jefcoat  
Assessor

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Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser  
Suzanne Widenhouse

## MINUTES #17-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, April 29th, 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 Hood motions to accept the agenda with noted changes. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

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

At 9:04, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - #085 042 016 & 116 005 035 - Signed & Approved.
- Homestead Removal Requests - 1064 total - Signed & Approved.
- Homestead Downgrades H5 to H1 - 48 total - Signed & Approved.
- Homestead Upgrades - 342 total - Signed & Approved.
- New Homesteads - 1266 total - Signed & Approved.
- Denied Homesteads - 14 total - Signed & Approved.

At 9:42, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Freeport Applications - Signed & Approved.
- Digest Approval - Signed & Approved.

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MEMBERS: Georgia Association of Assessing Officials, International Association of Assessing Officials

At 9:51, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Local Value Changes - placed into record.
- Return Agenda - Signed & Approved.
- Settlement Conference Results - #024 011 001 & 024 009 001 - Signed by Chairman Govar. Assessor Jones motions to add settlement conference results to the agenda. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

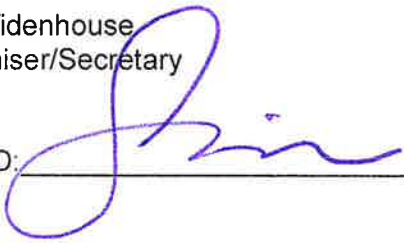
At 10:13, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Legislative Updates - discussion only.
- Budget Hearing FY 2027 - initial results for this department, additional hearings will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, before final approval by Council.

Assessor Hood motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:58, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary



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

MIN# 18 - 26 MAY 13 2026

absent

J. GOVAR  
CHAIRMAN



K. JONES  
ASSESSOR



D. JEFCOAT  
ASSESSOR



C. HOOD  
ASSESSOR



L. SANDIFER HICKS  
VICE CHAIRMAN