



# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Lanitra Sandifer Hicks  
Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser  
Suzanne Widenhouse

## MINUTES #18-26

Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, May 6th, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

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.

At 9:02, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homestead Removal Requests - Signed & Approved.
- Late Renewals H5's - Signed & Approved.
- Homestead Denied Upgrades - 342 total - Signed & Approved.
- New Homesteads - Signed & Approved.
- VA Retro - #116 001 058

At 9:08, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Valuation Review Adjustments - Signed & Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal - Signed & Approved.

At 9:18, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Waiver & Releases - Assessor Hood motions to approve. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries. Signed by Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks.
- Bond Removals - Signed & Approved.
- Local Value Changes - Signed & Approved.

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

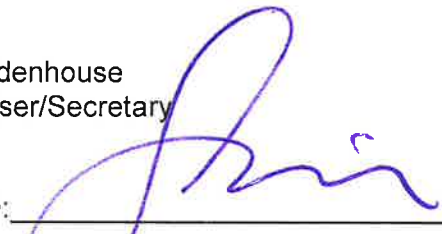
- CUVA Release - #158 001 001 - Signed & Approved.
- Sales Ratio Reports - Entered into record
- 2026 Values Commercial - Assessor Hood motions to approve commercial values. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.
- 2026 Values Residential - Assessor Jones motions to approve commercial values. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:03, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Legislative Updates - discussion only.
- Executive Session - Assessor Jefcoat motions to go into Executive session @ 10:18. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. Assessor Jones motions to end the executive session at 10:36. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries. No votes taken.

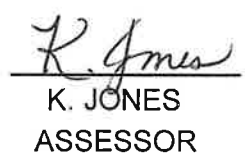
Assessor Jones motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries. At 10:37, Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

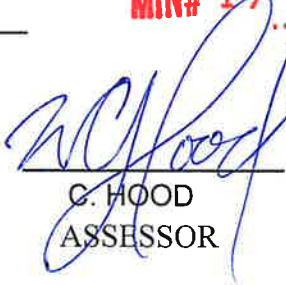
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