



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #09-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, March 4, 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 with noted change. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse will attend a conference next week and will be absent from the Board meeting.

At 9:03, Taxpayer Audrey Palmore enters the meeting to discuss her property issue. Board members discussed her possible options with her and gave her the phone number for legal aid; as by law, there is no remedy for her situation through this department. Ms. Palmore left the meeting @ 9:38.

At 9:41, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homestead Removals - # 068 012 005; 095 027 013; 071 046 016 - Signed & Approved.
- Homestead Removal - # 089 024 057 - signed as Denial.
- Late HS # 093 023 013 - entered as no action.
- Homesteads - #191 027 023 & 180 016 004 - Signed & Approved.

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

- BOE Results - placed into record.

At 9:56, Mapper Kelly Nalls presents for Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason to the Board:

- Map Split - # 179 011 010A - Signed and Approved.

At 10:05, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

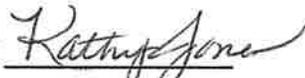
- New Bond Project - discussion only.
- Settlement Conference Results - #086 046 025; 065 024 013; 090 038 015; 095 010 019; 095 015 082; 095 016 013 - Signed by Chairman Govar.
- Executive Session - Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to enter into executive session. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries. Assessor Jones motions to exit Executive session. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries. At 10:28, Executive sessions ends. No votes taken.
- Legislative Update - discussion only.

Assessor Jefcoat motions to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries. At 10:52, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:  3/11/2026


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