



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #24-25

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, July 7th, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
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. Assessor Hood 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: Chief Appraiser Widenhouse reminds the Board of no meeting next Monday, July 14th due to lack of quorum. Chief Appraiser Widenhouse will be attending the annual GAO conference the following Monday, July 21st. Two board members will be attending Course I the last Monday meeting of the month on the 28th.

At 9:09, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Policy Revision - Attorney Ellington returned with the Public Meeting Policy changes - Signed & Approved.
- Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to go into Executive Session @ 9:14 to discuss personnel issues and litigation. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.
- Assessor Hood motions to excuse Attorney Ellington @ 9:21. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries. No votes taken.
- Executive Session continues to discuss mediation results.
- Assessor Hood motions to leave Executive Session @ 9:34. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

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Votes taken as a result of executive session discussions:

- Mediation results #068 044 001 - Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to accept the value. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.
- Mediation - # 190 050 001 & 101 Assessor Jefcoat motions to hire an outside expert to complete a forensic appraisal. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.
- Mediation #114 034 050 Assessor Hood motions to accept the value. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:47, Administrative Appraiser Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - #095 045 128; 133 001 067; 098 076 035; 181 024 025; 110 007 010; 088 024 046; 089 046 020 - Signed & Approved.
- Digest Documents - Change of Assessment - Signed & Approved by Chairman Govar.
- Digest Documents - Public Utilities - Signed by Chairman Govar.

At 10:19, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results - Signed & Approved.
- No Change Audit Results - no signatures needed. Placed into record.

At 10:26, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- 2025 Value Changes Appeal - #133 005 028 & 092 009 007 - Signed & Approved.

At 10:30, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to remove the map splits and CUVA from the agenda today for corrections; to be brought back at a later date. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

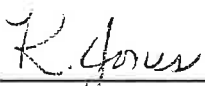
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries. At 10:34, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary


APPROVED:  7/21/2025

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