

**Georgia Commission on Child Support
Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2016**

Commissioners Present

Judge Michael Key, Chair
Ms. Katie Connell
Judge Shawn LaGrua
Judge Elizabeth Branch (by phone)
Representative Timothy Barr (by phone)
Judge Todd Markle (by phone)
Judge Lisa Rambo (by phone)
Mr. Rick Smith (by phone)
Dr. Roger Tutterow (by phone)
Ms. Wendy Williamson (by phone)

Staff Present

Ms. Patricia Buonodono
Ms. Elaine Johnson

Guests Present

Mr. Chase Wilson
Ms. Selinda D. Hansford
Judge Amanda Baxter
Mr. Tyler Mashburn
Mr. Jason Naunas

- I. **Welcome and Introductions**

- II. **Review of Minutes – 8/30/2016 Meeting**

The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

- III. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Statute Review – Judge LaGrua**

- 1. **LC 29 7162**

Judge LaGrua gave a summary of LC 29 7162 to the Commission. The bill includes several “clean up” provisions along with other more substantive provisions such as requiring all schedules used to be filed with the clerk of court, allowing parties to use multiple worksheets for expected and foreseeable adjustments, allow judicial discretion to remove work related child care expense from the worksheet, and to allow parenting time deviations to increase support.

The meeting opened for discussion. Judge Baxter requested that court be defined to include the definition found in O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15 rather than the outdated carry over language from O.C.G.A. § 19-6-31 that references “appointed court referee.” Judge Rambo moved to amend LC 29 7162 to define court as in O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15. Wendy Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Jill Travis went over the remaining changes, mostly non-substantive, the bill proposes to the child support guidelines and income withholding. During discussion it was decided to strike a reference to a IV-D issued order since child support orders are not issued by the IV-D agency, rather by the court. Katie Connell moved to strike the reference to from line 1025 and 1026 “or an order from the child support enforcement agency.” Judge LaGrua seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Judge Key called for a vote to approve LC 29 7162 as amended. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Judge LaGrua moved to give Jill Travis discretion to make grammatical and non-substantive changes as well as to give discretion to the Statute Review Committee Chair and Commission Chair in consultation with staff and legislators as to whether or not to split the bill into two bills, one containing substantive changes, the other for non-substantive changes. Representative Barr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Calculator/Technology – Wendy Williamson

1. Update on online calculator

Wendy Williamson stated that the new online child support calculator was garnering positive feedback from users and that she was pleased by the final product. Pat Buonodono stated that a survey would be conducted with chief judges in each circuit as to the availability of wireless internet in each courthouse.

IV. New Business

A. Conference

Pat Buonodono gave an overview of the conference and speakers. The conference is on November 10, 2016 and is approved for 6 CLE credits including 1 ethics credit.

B. Commission Appointments

Pat Buonodono stated that she discussed with the Governor's Appointment Secretary Katie Sharp about replacing Rep. Ronnie Mabra who is not running for reelection.

C. Hague Convention

Pat Buonodono stated that the Hague Convention has finally passed and that the DCSS (Division of Child Support Services) Director Tanguler Gray has requested her to do training on the subject.

V. Schedule Next Meeting

A meeting will be scheduled at a later time.