

**Georgia Commission on Child Support
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2014**

Commissioners Present

Judge Louisa Abbot (via teleconference)
Senator Emanuel Jones (via teleconference)
Judge Quillian Baldwin (via teleconference)
Mr. Rick Smith (via teleconference)
Judge Lisa Rambo (via teleconference)
Judge Thomas Campbell by proxy (Judge Abbot)
Judge Michael Key (via teleconference)
Wendy Williamson (via teleconference)

Guests present

Ms. Deborah Johnson, Atlanta Legal Aid (via teleconference)
Ms. Jill Travis, Office of Legislative Counsel (via teleconference)
Mr. Ryan Bradley, Policy Unit DCSS (via teleconference)
Ms. Erica Thornton, Policy Unit DCSS (via teleconference)

Staff present

Ms. Pat Buonodono
Ms. Elaine Johnson
Mr. Bruce Shaw

The meeting began at 12:05 pm.

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review/Approval of Minutes of 08/29/2014 meeting and 11/4/2014

Judge Abbot opened the meeting for any amendments to the minutes for the August 29th, 2014 and November 4th, 2014 meetings. None were made. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

- III. Old Business

- A. Committee Reports

1. Statute Review Committee

- a. LC 29 6137 (Administrative Legitimation Repeal)

Judge Key made a motion to approve LC 29 6137 as drafted for filing in the legislature. Wendy Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Steps for pre-filing

Jill Travis recommended dropping the bill in both chambers of the Georgia Legislature. Senator Jones agreed to carry the bill in the State Senate and he felt that additional sponsors could be found. Representative Barr was presumed to carry the bill in the house. Senator Jones requested a summary of the bill to be drafted that would answer any foreseeable questions by the Judiciary Committees. Pat

Buonodono was designated the lead on creating the summary which will be reviewed and revised by Judge Key.

2. Technology/Calculator Committee

Pat Buonodono updated the Commission on the direction of Technology/Calculator Committee. The Committee is developing a web-based calculator with intention of maintaining the Excel version for two to three years. The Committee will also address taking the long form pen and paper calculator off the website.

B. AOC and Judicial Councils Audit/Response

Judge Abbot stated that the original audit document provided by the auditors did not accurately describe the duties of the Commission nor did it address the buy in by citizens and advocates. A response was made to the auditors outlining the duties and public interests of the Georgia Commission on Child Support. Judge Abbot's primary concern is becoming only an advisory committee to a centralized bureaucracy.

C. By-Laws

By-Laws have been drafted by Pat Buonodono but the Commission needed further time for review. The two major issues to be addressed in the By-Laws are the ability to vote by email and

IV. New Business

No new business was brought forth at this meeting.

V. Close of Meeting and Scheduling Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later time.

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm.