

**Georgia Commission on Child Support  
Economic Subcommittee Listening Session  
Dr. Roger Tutterow, Chair**

**September 23, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

Dr. Roger Tutterow, Chair of the Georgia Child Support Commission's Economic Subcommittee, welcomed everyone at 6:00 p.m. and noted that this was the second of two public listening sessions being held to provide opportunity for all Georgia citizens to give public comment in preparation for the 2022 economic study. Dr. Tutterow further noted that the primary way for the public to share input with the Economic Subcommittee is by written comment through the Child Support Commission's website.

Eight of the nine Economic Subcommittee members were in attendance, including: Dr. Roger Tutterow, Chair, Ryan Bradley, Charles "Chuck" Clay, Representative Houston Gaines, Mark Rogers, Jamie Rush, Judge Connie Williford, and Judge John Worcester. The meeting was staffed by Executive Program Manager Elaine Johnson, Staff Attorney Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez; and Program Coordinator Latoinna Lawrence. The meeting was open to the public.

Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, provided ground rules for how and when attendees would share their comments during this Zoom videoconference. The public had been asked to register to speak at this listening session and four people had done so. Those who registered in advance were called first and given 8 minutes each to speak.

Four members of the public pre-registered to speak, but only one attended. The one member of the public who had registered to speak gave comments on the following topics:

- Georgia's Basic Child Support Obligation Table does not adequately protect children of high-income parents. High incomes should not be dealt with as a deviation, rather Georgia should look to how both Florida and Tennessee handle income cases. Dr. Tutterow asked this speaker also to submit her comments in writing and she agreed to do so.

Dr. Tutterow allowed anyone in attendance, even if they had not registered, an opportunity to speak. He announced that anyone attending could place his or her name in the chat to indicate that they wished to make a public comment.

Four members of the public, who had not pre-registered, gave public comment. Those comments were on the following topics:

- Child support obligations for low-income earners and those with criminal records are too high and do not allow for the subsistence needs of those non-custodial parents
- Child support laws are outdated

- Child support amounts do not allow for the subsistence needs of non-custodial parents
- Child support should be based on cost, not income shares

Staff is preparing a document compiling all the written and verbal public comments received. That document will be provided to the Economic Subcommittee members and will be up for discussion at the Economic Subcommittee's meeting on October 6, 2021. The compilation of all public comments will also be provided to the economist conducting the 2022 economic study.

The Economic Subcommittee members simply listened to all public comments. No official actions were taken at this meeting.