# Georgia Commission on Child Support Commission Meeting Judge R. Michael Key, Chair

Friday, December 10, 2021 1:30 p.m.

## **Meeting Summary**

The following Georgia Child Support Commission ("Commission") members were present at the Child Support Commission meeting held virtually via Zoom videoconferencing on Friday, December 10, 2021:

Judge R. Michael Key, Chair
Charles C. "Chuck" Clay, Esq.
Rep. Houston Gaines

Regina Quick, Esq.
Rep. Bonnie Rich
Dr. Roger Tutterow
Justice Shawn Ellen LaGrua

Judge Lisa Jones Judge Connie L. Williford

Executive Program Manager, Elaine Johnson, Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, and Program Coordinator, Latoinna Lawrence, served as staff and 13 guests attended this open meeting.

#### Welcome & Housekeeping

Judge R. Michael Key, Chair of the Commission, called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Commission staff member, Latoinna Lawrence, gave instructions for attendees to indicate they wish to speak, including giving public comment, during this virtual meeting.

#### Review and Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2021, Commission Meeting

Ms. Lagueux-Alvarez confirmed that a quorum of Commission members was present and the minutes of the Commission's October 15, 2021, meeting were approved.

#### **Status of Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee**

Chair Kathleen Connell advised that the members of the Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee have been working very diligently and are close to developing a final recommendation to present to the Commission. Accordingly, she asked that the Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee be extended through the end of April 2021 to allow that Study Committee to give its final report and recommendation to the Commission at its anticipated Spring meeting in April 2021. Ms. Connell noted that there are a core number of Study Committee members who are very committed to this work and attend meetings regularly. However, there are some Study Committee members who never attend, and this has been causing quorum issues as of late. Judge Key extended the Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee through the end of April 2021 and authorized removing any member of the Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee who had not attended for the last five meetings.

#### **Update from Economic Subcommittee**

Chair Dr. Roger Tutterow reported that members of the Economic Subcommittee, Commission staff, and staff from DHS/DCSS have held initial conversations with Dr. Jane Venohr, the economist who will be conducting the Commission's 2022 economic study. Dr. Tutterow is in the process of selecting the counties for the 2022 case sampling and noted that all counties, except those in the very last study in

2018, are up for consideration to be included in the 2022 economic study. Dr. Tutterow also noted that orders will be gathered from 15 counties, instead of 12 as had been done in the past, to make sure that the sample size for the 2022 economic study is sufficient.

Elaine Johnson reported that staff is working on drafting the contract with Dr Venohr and all is progressing well. Staff is also working on the letter to court clerks to gather orders for the case sampling.

#### **Update from Technology & Calculator Subcommittee**

Chair Regina Quick reported that the next planned deployment of updates to the calculator will be made in early January 2022 and will include the self-employment taxes paid formulas on Schedule B based on annual changes to the federal tax code. Ms. Quick noted that the Technology and Calculator Subcommittee awaits suggestions from the Low-Income Deviation Work Group on proposed improvements to the calculator and anticipates that work on those suggestions will start in early 2022.

### **Public Comments**

While there were several members of the public who attended this meeting virtually, none wished to make a public comment.