

**Georgia Child Support Commission
Technology & Calculator Subcommittee
Regina Quick, Esq., Chair
Friday, December 16, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Meeting Summary

The Technology & Calculator Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) of the Georgia Child Support Commission (“Commission”) held this hybrid meeting in person at the State Bar building in Atlanta and via Zoom webinar. Five (5) of the nine (9) Subcommittee members attended in total, one (1) in person and four (4) via Zoom. The Subcommittee members in attendance were:

Chair Regina Quick, Esq.
Deborah Johnson, Esq.

Anna G. Bolden, Esq.
Senator Emanuel Jones

Jacqueline Fortier, Esq.

Executive Program Manager, Elaine Johnson, Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, and Program Coordinator, Latoinna Lawrence, served as staff for the meeting. Several members of the public also attended this hybrid meeting.

Chair Regina Quick opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and noted the presence of a quorum. Subcommittee member, Deborah Johnson, moved to approve the Minutes of the Subcommittee’s meeting held on August 3rd, 2022, and Senator Jones seconded that motion. There were no objections to those Minutes and the motion passed unanimously. Staff member Latoinna Lawrence reminded everyone that public comment is not taken during subcommittee meetings. Chair Quick noted that attendees could post comments in the Zoom chat feature and could attend future full Commission meetings to give public comment.

Chair Quick started with a discussion of old business. Executive Program Manager Elaine Johnson reported that she worked with developers in the Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts IT Division to upgrade the child support calculator to allow expired, shared worksheets to be archived and deleted. That upgrade was successfully deployed on November 10, 2022, and Ms. Johnson has not received any negative feedback from any users about this new functionality. Chair Quick asked if there had been an announcement regarding this upgrade. Elaine Johnson replied that she would look into placing an announcement on the calculator’s home page. Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez offered to coordinate an e-blast to members of the State Bar’s Family Law Section and to registered neutrals through the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution, and to make an announcement during the Family Law Section meeting at the State Bar’s Mid-year meeting in early January. Chair Quick approved those activities and thanked her. Chair Quick will notify DCSS staff and Subcommittee member, Deborah Johnson, will notify Georgia Legal Services and Atlanta Legal Aid about the new functionality.

Elaine Johnson reported that there is potential to develop a second version of the calculator specifically intended for use by self-represented litigants. In November, Elaine Johnson spoke about that topic with the JC/AOC’s IT developers, discussing the needs of self-represented

litigants. Elaine Johnson will continue to collaborate and brainstorm with the developers and will raise this topic for further consideration at a future meeting once she has an update. Subcommittee member, Jacqueline Fortier, who is a member of both the Florida and Georgia Bars, recommended reviewing resources produced by Florida courts for self-represented litigants. Chair Quick asked Ms. Fortier to send to staff any good materials on this topic that she has from other states.

Chair Quick noted that she and staff will work with the JC/AOC IT developers to simplify the instructions and screen presentation of the low-income deviation in the child support calculator. Chair Quick noted that if any Subcommittee members want to contribute to that work or had any comments, to contact staff.

Chair Quick noted that she and staff will work with the JC/AOC IT developers on improving the instructions for the preexisting order process on Schedule B in the child support calculator. Chair Quick also noted that if any Subcommittee members want to contribute to that work or had any comments, to contact staff.

Subcommittee member Jacqueline Fortier raised the issue of parties legally verifying the information that they enter into the child support calculator. The Subcommittee held a discussion around adding a verification to the child support calculator. Subcommittee member Deborah Johnson offered to create a draft verification for verifying facts related to pre-existing orders, and Chair Quick asked Deborah Johnson to circulate that draft to the Subcommittee once completed. Subcommittee member Anna Bolden offered a possible solution involving adding check boxes to the calculator. Chair Quick asked Ms. Bolden to draft up a summary of her ideas and to circulate it to the Subcommittee.

Chair Quick asked if anyone had any new business for the Subcommittee. Executive Program Manager Elaine Johnson noted that she is preparing to update the formula for self-employment taxes paid on Schedule B and a deployment for that annual update is anticipated in the first or second week of the new year.

Chair Quick anticipates that this Subcommittee's next meeting will be in February or early March 2023.

This meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.