Georgia Commission on Child Support Technology and Calculator Committee Meeting Minutes: June 4th, 2015

Present:

Ms. Wendy Williamson, Chair Mr. Scott Harlan Judge Warren Davis Judge Brenda Weaver Mr. Ryan Bradley Judge Louisa Abbot

Staff Present:

Ms. Patricia Buonodono, staff attorney

Ms. Elaine Johnson

Mr. Bruce Shaw

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review/Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting 02/17/2015

Judge Weaver moved to approve the minutes from February 17, 2015, Ryan Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Old Business

a. Update on web-based calculator

Elaine Johnson updated the Committee on the progress made on the new online calculator. The vendor, Managed Information Services International, LLC, has provided the staff of the Commission with a letter containing several action items that are being satisfied by working with the IT department at the Administrative Office of the Courts, especially Tony Mazza.

Elaine Johnson also stated that a meeting was held on April 10th, 2015 with the Chair of the Technology and Calculator Committee Wendy Williamson and the vendor for a preview. Wendy Williamson added that the meeting was very encouraging.

b. Pilot of online calculator

A focus group is to be held on June 5th that will pull together a wide variety of users in order to get valuable feedback.

c. Schedule for online calculator

A complete project schedule will not be available until after the focus group meets, it does appear that deployment of the online calculator will be in October rather than September.

IV. New Business

- a. Discussion of maintenance going forward
- b. Release of new versions of Excel

Pat Buonodono stated that Excel 2016 was slated for release by the end of 2015 which creates the question of whether or not to support the current Excel calculator for this version of Excel. The current vendor gave an estimate for the cost of ensuring the Excel version works on this new version and Pat Buonodono asked the Committee whether it wished to expend the funds to make the Excel calculator compatible with the new 2016 version.

Wendy Williamson asked how this affected the current version. Scott Harlan replied saying that it may or may not cause it not to work. He went on to state that there weren't any big functional changes to Excel so there is no incentive for an existing Excel user to go out and buy the new version which would limit amount of people who could potentially experience problems to primarily those who just bought new computers.

Scott Harlan moved to not spend additional money to update the calculator to ensure compatibility with the Excel 2016. Judge Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Close of meeting and scheduling of next meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later time.