Georgia Commission on Child Support Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee Kathleen Connell, Esq., Chair

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Meeting Summary

The Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee ("Study Committee") of the Georgia Commission on Child Support ("Commission") held this meeting via videoconferencing using Zoom. Kathleen "Katie" Connell, Chair of the Study Committee, called the meeting to order and welcomed the 14 Study Committee members, including herself, who attended as well as eleven guests who attended this open meeting. Study Committee members in attendance were:

Katie Connell
William Alexander
Pat Buonodono
Byron Cuthbert
Judge Warren Davis
Johanna Kiehl
Mindy Pillow
Mark Rogers
Jamie Rush
Wayne Slear
Charles Spinardi
Jill Massey
Carol Walker

Executive Program Manager, Elaine Johnson, Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, and Program Coordinator, Latoinna Lawrence, served as staff for the meeting.

Chair Katie Connell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. After an initial lack of quorum, a quorum of 13 of the 24 members was established. Since the last meeting, 3 members asked to be removed from the Study Committee reducing membership from 27 to 24. Study Committee member, Wayne Slear, arrived after quorum was established, but was in attendance for the later part of the meeting.

Pat Buonodono moved to approve the minutes of the Study Committee's July 22, 2021, meeting and that Motion was seconded by Mark Rogers. That motion was unanimously approved by voice vote with no abstentions.

Study Committee members discussed the Study Committee's charge and objectives. Carol Walker moved to approve the version of the charge and objectives circulated by Chair Katie Connell to all Study Committee members by email on August 25, 2021. Mindy Pillow seconded that motion, and it was approved unanimously by voice vote with no abstentions.

Study Committee members discussed questions that will be asked of expert practitioners in six other states (Florida, Minnesota, New Jersey, Nevada, Tennessee, and Virginia) about how parenting time is handled in their state. Johanna Kiehl noted that question #9 and question #20 appeared redundant. Chair Katie Connell agreed and said those calling to talk with out-of-state practitioners should skip one of those questions.