

**Georgia Commission on Child Support
Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee
Kathleen Connell, Esq., Chair
Monday, April 25, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Meeting Minutes

The Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee (“Study Committee”) of the Georgia Commission on Child Support held this hybrid meeting in person at the State Bar building in Atlanta and via videoconferencing using Zoom webinar. Eight (8) Study Committee members attended in total, five (5) in person and three (3) via Zoom. Study Committee members in attendance were:

Katie Connell	William Alexander	Pat Buonodono	Adam Gleklen
Johanna Kiehl	Jill Massey	Charles Spinardi	Carol Walker

Executive Program Manager, Elaine Johnson, Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, and Program Coordinator, Latoinna Lawrence, served as staff for the meeting. Six (6) members of the public also attended virtually. There were some technical difficulties with the Zoom audio for virtual attendees, and resolving the issue delayed the start of the meeting by about 15 minutes. Once the technical issue was resolved, the meeting ran smoothly.

Chair Connell opened the meeting and welcomed all. Chair Connell mentioned that Committee member Mark Rogers passed away unexpectedly and asked that the other Committee members keep his family in their thoughts. Chair Connell as well as several Study Committee members mentioned that the report would highlight Mark Rogers’ contributions to the Study Committee.

Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, established that a quorum of eight (8) Study Committee members was present. Chair Connell asked the members if there were any edits requested regarding the minutes of the meeting held on March 22, 2022. Hearing none, Study Committee member, Pat Buonodono, moved to approve those meeting minutes. That motion was seconded by Study Committee member Carol Walker and passed unanimously. It was then discovered that Study Committee member Adam Gleklen’s Zoom dropped after quorum was established, but before the vote on the minutes was taken. When he was able to reconnect to the Zoom meeting, he confirmed that he voted in favor of approving the minutes of March 22, 2022, which made the vote regarding such minutes unanimous.

The Study Committee met for its final time primarily to discuss and vote on its final report to the Child Support Commission. Study Committee member Pat Buonodono opened the discussion by noting a typo in the final report, which the members agreed should be corrected. The Study Committee members discussed whether the appendices to the final report should be page numbered and decided that they should be for clarity and ease of review. Chair Connell stated that she and her office staff would take care of numbering all pages of the report (including appendices) and edit the table of contents to include the page numbers. Chair Connell mentioned the cover letter that Carol Walker drafted for Chair Connell and explained that she made a few edits prior to signing it. The Study Committee discussed whether the members should be identified by their job role/professional title in the list of members included in appendix B of the final report. It was agreed that the generic description of the composition of the Study Committee members would be sufficient for the report.

Study Committee member William Alexander opened a discussion around the wording of item number 12 on page six and the Study Committee agreed it should be edited slightly, specifically in enumerating the considerations the court and/or jury should contemplate when deciding for or against a parenting time deviation. After discussion, the Study Committee agreed on changes to clean up that language. Chair Connell recapped the few changes to the final report that were discussed and adopted. Study Committee member Carol Walker moved to approve the Study Committee's final report as circulated by Study Committee member Johanna Kiehl on Friday, April 22, 2022, and as edited by the Study Committee during this meeting. Study Committee member Pat Buonodono seconded that motion and approval of the final report passed unanimously.

Chair Connell then discussed next steps noting that the final report would be edited as discussed today. Once edited, the final report would be distributed to the Child Support Commission in advance of its meeting on Friday, April 29, 2022. Staff member Elaine Johnson stated that she would send a copy of the Study Committee's final report to the Child Support Commission members prior to their meeting on April 29, 2022. Chair Connell, who is also a member of the Child Support Commission, will attend that Child Support Commission meeting and formally present a summary of the final report to the Commission thereby concluding the work of this Study Committee. Chair Connell thanked all Study Committee members and staff for their many efforts and dedication. Study Committee member Adam Gleklen also specially thanked Chair Connell and Study Committee members Johanna Kiehl and Carol Walker for taking the lead on this project.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.