

**Georgia Child Support Commission
Commission Meeting
Judge R. Michael Key, Chair
Friday, April 19, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

Meeting Summary

The Georgia Child Support Commission (“Commission”) held a hybrid meeting, taking place at the Nathan Deal Judicial Center in Atlanta, Georgia and via Zoom Webinar. Ten (10) Commission members attended. The Commission members in attendance were:

Judge R. Michael Key, Chair
Rep. Houston Gaines
Regina Quick, Esq.
Judge Connie L. Williford

Chuck Clay, Esq.
Judge Benjamin Land
Christina Scott, J.D.

Kathleen B. Connell, Esq.
Judge Emory Palmer
Dr. Roger Tutterow

Program Manager, Kurt Bryan, Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, and Program Coordinator, Latoinna Lawrence, served as staff for this meeting. Several members of the public also attended this open meeting via Zoom.

Chair Key opened the meeting, welcoming all. Latoinna Lawrence reviewed procedures for the efficient handling of this hybrid meeting.

A quorum of 10 out of 15 Commission members was established. Chair Key noted that minutes from the November 17, 2023, Commission meeting had been previously distributed to all members. No corrections to those minutes were requested and they were unanimously approved.

Dr. Roger Tutterow provided an update for the Economic Subcommittee. The Subcommittee last met on August 11, 2023, and the Subcommittee voted to recommend the new Basic Child Support Obligation Table (“BCSO Table”) for Georgia to the Georgia General Assembly. The Economic Subcommittee has no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Katie Connell provided an update for the Statute Review Subcommittee. The Subcommittee last met on October 3, 2023. Commission staff worked with Legislative Counsel, Holly Carter, in finalizing edits and revisions to O.C.G.A. 19-6-15. An E-vote for approval of the amendments to 19-6-15 was called for on December 20, 2023. Following approval of those amendments, Senate Bill 454 was submitted to the Legislature on February 6, 2024, and was sponsored by Senators Brian Strickland and Emanuel Jones in the Senate and Rep. Houston Gaines in the House. It achieved final passage on March 28, 2024. The Statute Review Subcommittee has no future meetings scheduled at this time.

Regina Quick provided an update for the Technology and Calculator Subcommittee. The Subcommittee last met on April 5, 2024. At that meeting, there were two proposed changes to the Child Support Calculator discussed. The first change is to Schedule B of the calculator regarding

the addition of pre-existing child support orders. The second change is to create a specific Juvenile Court case styling for child support worksheets in Juvenile Court cases. A vote was brought to the table for the Commission to approve implementation of those changes. The motion passed unanimously. Kristy King from the IT Division at the Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts gave a brief presentation regarding the Calculator Modernization Project.

Chair Key provided an update on the Status of the Commission's bill, Senate Bill 454. The bill was passed by the Georgia General Assembly on March 28, 2024 and has been sent to the Governor's office. Chair Key thanked all members for their hard work on the bill, and the representatives within the Commission who sponsored the bill.

If signed by the Governor, Commission staff will notify several stakeholders, including: the State Bar Family Law Section, the Council of Superior Court Judges, the Council of Juvenile Court Judges, the Council of Magistrate Court Judges, the Office of State Administrative Hearings, Family Law Information Centers, Registered Neutrals through GODR, and DCSS.

Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez provided an update on the Status of HB 499. This bill provides support for disabled children who are past the age of majority. During this legislative session, a substitution was introduced that will take the language of the bill out of O.C.G.A 19-6-15 and create a new code section, 19-6-15.1. The substitution of HB 499 passed and, if signed by the Governor, will be effective on July 1, 2024.

Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez also provided an update regarding SB 520, which will bring Georgia terminology regarding the income deduction process into alignment with federal terminology. Specifically, it will change the term "income deduction" to "income withholding." Staff anticipates the signing of that bill by the Governor. This year's signing deadline is May 7, 2024. If signed, Commission staff will update the income deduction language on the Commission's website accordingly.

There were no public comments from attendees who attended the meeting.

This meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.