

Georgia Child Support Commission
Commission Meeting
Judge R. Michael Key, Chair
Judge Connie Williford, Vice-Chair
Friday, August 1, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Georgia Child Support Commission (“Commission”) held a hybrid meeting at the Nathan Deal Judicial Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and via Zoom Webinar. Nine (9) Commission members attended. The Commission members in attendance were:

Judge R. Michael Key	Judge Connie Williford	Kathleen B. Connell, Esq.
Justice Benjamin Land	Dr. Roger Tutterow	Judge Lisa Colbert
Chuck Clay, Esq.	Representative Efstration	Christina Scott, J.D.

Program Manager Kurt Bryan, Staff Attorney JoAnna Deering, Former Staff Attorney Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, and Program Coordinator Lazaro Quintanilla served as staff for this meeting. A few members of the public were present at the meeting. Judge Key warmly welcomed all who joined the meeting. Lazaro Quintanilla reviewed procedures for the efficient handling of this hybrid meeting. Judge Key noted the following staff changes: Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez was promoted to Division Director of Communications, Children, Families and the Courts at the Judicial Council of Georgia/Administrative Office of the Courts. JoAnna Deering, hired to replace Noelle as Assistant Division Director, now serves as the new Staff Attorney for the Georgia Child Support Commission.

A quorum of nine (9) out of fifteen (15) Commission members was established. Chair Key noted that the minutes of the March 21, 2025, Commission meeting were 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 which last met on June 12, 2025. The process for the 2026 Economic Study has commenced. There will be two public listening sessions for the public to provide input. These sessions will take place on August 27, 2025, and August 28, 2025. On August 27th, the session will be held in person in Macon, Georgia. On August 28th, the session will be held virtually via Zoom Webinar. There will be a sign-up period for the sessions, as well as a place to leave written comments on the Georgia Child Support Commission website, between August 15th and September 15th. The Subcommittee also recommended the hiring of Dr. Jane Venohr, from the Center of Policy Research, to conduct the 2026 Economic Study. The Commission voted on the recommendation of the Economic Subcommittee, and it passed unanimously.

Judge Connie Williford provided an update for the Statute Review Subcommittee which last met on July 18, 2025. At the last meeting, several potential changes were proposed to O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15, including removing the 7% test in the deviation for special expenses for child rearing, expressly providing that extraordinary expenses for child rearing can be handled outside of the worksheet, providing guidance on the high income deviation regarding arriving at a deviation amount when income is higher than reflected in the BCSO, and moving dental and vision insurance from Schedule E to Schedule D in the child support worksheet. The Statute Review Subcommittee recommended that the Commission approve these potential legislative changes except for providing guidance on the high-income adjustment. The Subcommittee also clarified that it does not recommend the Commission move forward with creating advisory opinions. The Commission voted on the recommendations of the Statute Review Subcommittee, and the recommendations were passed unanimously. Commission Staff was tasked with drafting the language for potential legislation to change O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15 per said recommendations.

Kurt Bryan provided an update for the Technology and Calculator Subcommittee, which last met on July 18, 2025. At that meeting, the Subcommittee discussed the launch of the modernized calculator, which successfully occurred on July 21, 2025. Currently, Commission Staff are working with the JC/AOC IT department to implement the parenting time adjustment and low-income adjustment to the child support calculator, which will take effect on January 1, 2026. The Subcommittee also discussed the calculator's archive of child support worksheets. There are currently around 630,000 archived worksheets in the child support calculator. The storage of these worksheets has increased the financial burden of running the child support calculator. Staff are working with IT to create a cost analysis report of the current cost of data retention versus the cost of deleting worksheets that are five years or older. The report will be presented to the Commission at a later date.

Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez presented an update on the proposed changes to Uniform Superior Court Rules 24.11 and 24.12. Shannon Weathers reported that the rule changes were approved by the Georgia Supreme Court and will take effect on August 21, 2025.

There were no public comments made at the Commission meeting.

Commission Staff were tasked with sending out a Doodle poll for Commission members to select their availability for the next Commission meeting to be held between September and October. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting, in person and via Zoom Webinar, with a meeting notice to come.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Reviewed by: JoAnna Deering, Staff Attorney



**Minutes were approved by the Georgia Child Support
Commission during a scheduled meeting on 10/24/2025**