

**Georgia Commission on Child Support
Economic Subcommittee Meeting
Dr. Roger Tutterow, Chair**

Friday, June 4, 2021

Meeting Summary

The Economic Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) of the Georgia Commission on Child Support (“Commission”) held this meeting via videoconferencing using Zoom. Dr. Roger Tutterow, Chair of the Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed the seven Subcommittee members who attended as well as the 14 guests who attended this open meeting. Staff attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, confirmed that a quorum was established.

Dr. Tutterow reviewed the purpose and objectives of the Economic Subcommittee as it relates to the quadrennial review required by 45 CFR 302.56, OCGA 19-6-50, and OCGA 19-6-53(c). Dr. Tutterow noted that the economic study, which forms part of the quadrennial review, requires a case sampling and that the jurisdictions selected for that case sampling need to reflect all of Georgia in terms of population density and per capita income.

Executive Program manager, Elaine Johnson, shared a timeline of action items created by Commission Staff to guide the quadrennial review process.

Dr. Tutterow noted that this Subcommittee ultimately serves the citizens of the State of Georgia and, accordingly, public comment is very important. He suggested “listening sessions” solely devoted to hearing public comment on Georgia’s Child Support Guidelines. The Subcommittee discussed logistics for such listening sessions and will plan 2 two-hour listening sessions, the first likely to be held in August 2021 and the second in September 2021. Also, Commission staff will update the Commission’s website to allow the public to submit written comments and register to speak during a “listening session.”

Dr. Tutterow raised the issue of selecting the economist to conduct the economic study. Staff attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez noted that the hiring of an economist is not required to be bid publicly because of the specifics provided in OCGA 19-6-53 (c) and that she conferred with the State Purchasing Division of DOAS on that matter. Dr. Tutterow noted that economist Dr. Jane Venohr, who has conducted the economic study for the Commission in the past, is a national expert on this topic and that her fees have stayed reasonable and steady over the many years. There was a discussion on this topic and Chuck Clay moved to suggest to the Commission that it retain Dr. Jane Venohr to conduct the economic study. That motion was seconded by Presiding Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes. That motion was unanimously approved by the Subcommittee.

Staff attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez shared two questions from guests that were posted in the Zoom chat and the Subcommittee addressed them.

Chuck Clay moved to adjourn which was seconded by Ryan Bradley.