

**Georgia Commission on Child Support
Technology & Calculator Subcommittee
Regina Quick, Esq., Chair
Wednesday, August 3, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Meeting Summary

The Technology & Calculator Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) of the Georgia Commission on Child Support (“Commission”) held this hybrid meeting in person at the State Bar building in Atlanta and via Zoom webinar. Four (4) Subcommittee members attended in total, one (1) in person and three (3) via Zoom. Subcommittee members in attendance were:

Regina Quick, Chair
Deborah Johnson

Ryan Bradley
Rep. Bonnie Rich

Executive Program Manager, Elaine Johnson, Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, and Program Coordinator, Latoinna Lawrence, served as staff for the meeting. Senior Assistant Attorney General, Jason Naunas, Legislative Counsel, Holly Carter, two (2) potential new Subcommittee members, Jung Wook Lee, and Anna Bolden, four (4) staff members from the Administrative Office of the Courts, Carole Collier, Kristy King, Christina Liu, and Angela He, and eight (8) members of the public also attended virtually.

Chair Regina Quick opened the meeting and welcomed all. Staff member, Latoinna Lawrence, reviewed procedural rules for this hybrid meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, Staff attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, noted that a quorum had not yet been reached, but a few minutes later confirmed that a quorum of four (4) of the six (6) Subcommittee members had been achieved.

Chair Regina Quick noted that the last time this Subcommittee met was on August 23, 2017, and that she has recommended three new members—who all have expertise in family law and extensive experience using the child support calculator—be added to this Subcommittee.

Executive Program Manager, Elaine Johnson, presented on a functional issue in the calculator that does not permit the archiving or deleting of certain shared worksheets. The Subcommittee held a discussion on this topic and Rep. Bonnie Rich moved to recommend to the Commission that the calculator be changed to allow individual users to archive and/or delete any shared worksheets in their account. Mr. Ryan Bradley seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

Executive Program Manager, Elaine Johnson, gave a report on the child support calculator. Ms. Johnson noted that the calculator has been moved to AWS hosting to provide enhanced security and that JC/AOC IT developers work with staff to support the calculator. Ms. Johnson also noted that the last deployments to the calculator were made in January 2022, to upgrade security features, and to update the self-employment taxes paid formulas used on Schedule B, pursuant to OCGA 19-6-53(a)(7).

Staff gave a demonstration using the live child support calculator to show how the adjustment for a qualified child currently functions in the calculator. The Subcommittee had a discussion around how this part of the calculator could be improved. Subcommittee member, Deborah Johnson, thinks there is room for improvement in this area, especially noting that many times people do not read instructions in the calculator and suggested that fields be better labeled and that additional fields be added. Chair Quick inquired whether something could be added to the worksheet to make it a sworn statement by a party.

Staff gave a demonstration using the live child support calculator to show how the low-income deviation currently functions in the calculator. Chair Regina Quick noted the many suggested changes to the low-income deviation proposed by the Low-Income Deviation Workgroup and she asked Subcommittee members to reach out to her about which of those suggestions they'd like to review for a more in-depth discussion at the next meeting.

Chair Regina Quick explained that public comments are only taken at Commission meetings, but that if a member of the public wished to add to this conversation, they could use Zoom's Q & A feature. Chair Regina Quick asked Subcommittee members for days on which they could not meet in the coming months, and she will set meeting dates for later this year.