

**Georgia Child Support Commission  
Commission Meeting  
Judge R. Michael Key, Chair**

**Friday, September 30, 2022  
1:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Summary**

The Georgia Child Support Commission (“Commission”) held this meeting via videoconferencing using Zoom webinar. Nine (11) out of the fifteen (15) Commission members attended in total. Commission members in attendance were:

Judge R. Michael Key, Chair	Charles C. “Chuck” Clay, Esq.	Kathleen B. Connell, Esq.
Rep. Houston Gaines	Judge Lisa Jones	Justice Shawn Ellen LaGrua
Judge Emory Palmer	Regina Quick, Esq.	Rep. Bonnie Rich
Dr. Roger Tutterow	Judge Connie L. Williford	

Executive Program Manager Elaine Johnson and Staff Attorney Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez served as staff for this meeting. Several other state employees and members of the public also attended this open meeting.

Judge Key opened the meeting and Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, noted that a quorum of nine (9) out of the fifteen (15) Commission members was present at that time, two (2) additional Commission members joined the meeting a few minutes later. Judge Key asked whether there were any corrections to the Minutes from the Commission’s August 19, 2022, meeting that had been distributed previously by email. There were no corrections offered and those Minutes were unanimously approved. Judge Key gave special recognition to soon-to-be-retired Superior Court Judge Louisa Abbot who previously served extensively on the Child Support Commission. Executive Program Manager, Elaine Johnson, recalled her time working with Judge Abbot and expressed her appreciation for Judge Abbot’s strong leadership.

Katie Connell, Co-Chair of Statute Review Subcommittee, inquired whether the Commission wants that subcommittee to look into the changes to the Child Support Guidelines Statute (O.C.G.A. 19-6-15) brought about by the LIFE Act. Mr. Byron Cuthbert, an attorney for DHS/Division of Child Support Services, noted that agency does not think such work is necessary at this time. Judge Key noted that the Commission stands ready to act on this topic if anyone or any entity brings forth an issue, but the Commission will not take any action on the LIFE Act amendments to the O.C.G.A 19-6-15(a.1) at this juncture.

Judge Williford, Co-Chair of the Statute Review Subcommittee, asked who does the Commission want to ask to sponsor the resolution for a legislative study committee on parenting time and the Commission held a brief discussion around this topic. Judge Williford and Regina Quick both recommended Senator Strickland on the Senate side and Regina Quick mentioned Rep. Ballinger on the House side. Ms. Quick noted that she would be happy to reach out to both of them. Rep. Gaines noted he’d been happy to help carry the resolution in the House. Judge Williford will continue to work on this and will report back to the Commission.

Regina Quick gave a brief update on the work of the Technology and Calculator Subcommittee. She reminded the Commission that the e-vote on the motion to update the calculator to allow deleting of expired, shared worksheets passed and that staff is working with AOC IT colleagues to make that change in the child support calculator. Ms. Quick also noted she anticipates holding two meetings before the end of the year, one on November 30, 2022, and a second on December 16, 2022.

Dr. Roger Tutterow, Chair of the Economic Subcommittee, introduced economist Dr. Jane Venohr to give her findings and recommendations from the 2022 Economic Study. Dr. Jane Venohr gave an extensive presentation on her findings and recommendations based on Georgia's 2022 Economic Study. The PowerPoint from which Dr. Venohr presented may be found on the Commission's website at: [https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2022/08/GA\\_GuidelinesAug19.pdf](https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2022/08/GA_GuidelinesAug19.pdf) and her final report will also be posted to the Commission's website once completed. The Commission discussed Dr. Venohr's presentation and asked her clarifying questions. Dr. Venohr's report will be discussed further at the Economic Subcommittee meeting on October 19, 2022, and at the next Commission meeting on November 4, 2022. Details for all upcoming meetings may always be found on the Commission's website under the meeting notices page which may be found here: <https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/meeting-notices/>.

The Commission listened to comments given by four members of the public and noted comments by one person in the Zoom question and answer feature.

Regina Quick announced that she had heard from Senator Strickland and that he has agreed to sponsor a resolution to form a parenting-time deviation study committee in the Georgia Senate.

Judge Williford moved the Commission to approve proceeding with a contract with Dr. Venohr to focus on the parenting time deviation and the low-income deviation. That motion was seconded by Commission member Chuck Clay and passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Judge Key noted that he will be submitting a letter to Georgia's Department of Human Services in support of that agency's initiative to amend the legitimation process in Georgia. No opposition was voiced by any Commission members and Judge Key will proceed with that plan.

This meeting adjourned at approximately 3:40 p.m.