

**Georgia Child Support Commission  
Statute Review Subcommittee  
Kathleen Connell, Esq., Co-Chair  
Hon. Connie Williford, Co-Chair  
Friday, May 19, 2023  
2:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Summary**

The Statute Review Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) of the Georgia Child Support Commission (“Commission”) held this meeting via Zoom Webinar. Nine (9) Subcommittee members attended the meeting. The Subcommittee members in attendance were:

Kathleen “Katie” Connell, Esq.	Hon. Connie Williford	Mara Block, Esq.
Pat Buonodono, Esq.	Byron Cuthbert, Esq.	Rep. Chuck Efstoration
Judge Emory Palmer	Regina Quick, Esq.	Christina Scott, J.D.

Executive Program Manager, Elaine Johnson, Staff Attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, and Program Coordinator, Latoinna Lawrence, served as staff for this meeting. Several members of other Child Support Commission Subcommittees joined as panelists and members of the public attended this open meeting.

Katie Connell started the meeting at 2:02 p.m. Latoinna Lawrence gave a brief reminder of Zoom etiquette details for this meeting. Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez confirmed the quorum of Subcommittee members. Co-Chair Katie Connell noted that the minutes of the Subcommittee’s April 21, 2023, meeting were previously distributed. No edits to those minutes were requested. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Dr. Jane Venohr of the Center for Policy Research, Inc., joined this meeting to continue discussions on possible alternatives to Georgia’s low-income and parenting time deviations.

During the first hour of the meeting, Judge Emory Palmer led a conversation around the low-income deviation issue based on a memo written by Dr. Venohr entitled “Memorandum to the Georgia Child Support Guidelines Statute Review Subcommittee: Three Low-Income Subtopics,” which may be found on the Child Support Commission’s website at: [https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2023/05/GA\\_low\\_incomememoRevisedMay11tosend.pdf](https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2023/05/GA_low_incomememoRevisedMay11tosend.pdf).

During the second hour of the meeting, Co-Chair Katie Connell and Co-Chair Judge Connie Williford led a conversation around the parenting time issue based on a memo by Dr. Venohr entitled “Memorandum on Parenting-Time Adjustments and Addendum” that may be found on the Child Support Commission's website at: [https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2023/05/GA\\_time\\_sharingMay14revised.pdf](https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2023/05/GA_time_sharingMay14revised.pdf).

Latoinna Lawrence gave a brief update on the survey results from the public survey on changing the terms “custodial parent” and “noncustodial parent” as used in Georgia’s Child Support guidelines

statute and in Georgia's child support calculator. As of today, the results still favor keeping the terms the same, i.e., continuing to use the terms "custodial" and "noncustodial parent."

There was no new business noted.

The Subcommittee's next meeting will be held on Friday, June 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Information to join that meeting may be found on the Commission's website on the "Meeting Notices" page.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 pm