

# Press Release

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## **ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS JULY 26, 2007 MEETING**

ATLANTA, GEORGIA, JULY 27, 2007: The State Ethics Commission met on July 26, 2007 in Room 341 of the State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia to decide on the following matters:

- The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that the Ethics in Government Act was violated and set the following matters down for an **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT** hearing:
  - **Derrick Tyrone Boazman**, No. 2006-0020
  - **Charles Bannister**, No. 2006-0031
  - **Lester Harmon**, No. 2006-0034
  - **Ed Harbison**, No. 2006-0032
  - **Douglas Dean**, No. 2006-0023 & 2006-0038
- The following **CONSENT ORDERS** were adopted:
  - **Fulton County Taxpayers Association**, Nos. 2006-0004 and 2006-0013, assessing a civil penalty of **\$3,500** and late filing fees of **\$600**.
  - **David W. Waldrop**, No. 2006-0028, assessing a civil penalty of **\$500**.

- **Justin Wiedeman**, No. 2006-0012, to repay \$2,035.18 to the FCTA, to provide proof to the Commission that this repayment to the FCTA was made, to provide proof of the Commission of the date that this campaign achieved and maintained a zero balance, and to file amended CCDRs which fully disclose his campaign's receipt of an in-kind contribution from the FCTA.
- **Martin J. Scott**, No. 2004-0091, assessing a civil penalty of **\$200**.
- **William G. Usry & Flint River Regional Water Council**, No. 2006-0006, assessing a civil penalty of **\$15,000**.
- **Citizens for Good Government**, No. 2006-0009, assessing a civil penalty of **\$4,000**.
- The following matters were **DISMISSED**:
  - **Reid A. Bowman**, No. 2006-0035
  - **Robert B. Baker, Jr.**, No. 2006-0007
  - **Karen C. Handel**, No. 2006-0015
  - **John Jordan & Supporters of Mountain Protection**, No. 2006-0022
  - **Ralph Reed**, No. 2006-0016
  - **Jack Murphy**, No. 2006-0018 and 2006-0019
  - **Brian Tam**, No. 2006-0036
  - **John Heard**, No. 2006-0029
  - **H. S. "Chip" Randall, III**, No. 2006-0030
- The following **ADVISORY OPINIONS** were issued:
  - Opinion on whether O.C.G.A. § 21-5-33 allows the campaign committee of a superior court judge to use campaign contributions for the judge's retirement party.

- Opinion on whether Georgia law requires a person hired as a public relations employee to register and report as a lobbyist if they are involved in pursuing State public policy initiatives but do not have direct contact with legislators.
- The matter of **Cathy Cox**, No. 2005-0104, was tabled until the next meeting.
- The matters of **Karen C. Handel**, Nos. 2006-0011 and 2006-0017; **Kenneth B. Hodges, III**, No. 2005-0025; and **Democratic Party of Georgia**, No. 2005-0009, were continued until the next meeting.

#### **OTHER ACTIONS**

- The Commission accepted staff's recommendation In the Matter of **Jodie E. Rosser**, No. 2006-0021, to allow the Respondent 30 days to amend the CCDRs.
- The Commission found probable cause to open an investigation in the matters of Realtors PAC and Rachael Kelley Jackson.
- The Commission amended the Final Order to vacate the civil penalty In the Matter of **Margie McCleod**, No. 2005-0077.