

Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism Roster 2016

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Sen. Michal A. Rhett (33rd)
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Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
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Sen. JaNice VanNess (43th)
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Sen. Bill Jackson (24th)
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Sen. Donzella James (35th)
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Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)
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Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
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Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)
305-B CLOB
Atlanta, GA 30334

**Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
Rules 2016**

1. A quorum for the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
2. The Chair shall determine bills and resolutions to be considered and the order in which such are called. The Chair also has the discretion as to which amendments to accept and as to their germaneness.
3. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by the principal author or a legislator whom he/she may designate. In the event more than one member of the Georgia General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
5. The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee meeting.
6. These Rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by three-fourths of the Committee, provided that written notice has been given 48 hours prior to the Committee meeting.
7. Any member(s) of the Committee who disagree(s) with the majority of the Committee shall have the privilege to file a minority report.
8. The Chair shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to Subcommittees for study. Such Subcommittees shall have the authority to make recommendations to the full Committee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate, except after consideration by the full Committee.

**JOINT SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND TOURISM
JANUARY 14, 2016**

The Senate and House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met in Room 328 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, Sen. Bill Jackson (24th), Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th), Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Sen. Jeff Mullis (54th), and Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd) were absent.

House Economic Development Committee Members Present:

Rep. Dave Belton (112th)	Rep. Pedro Marin (96th)
Rep. John Deffenbaugh (1st)	Rep. Greg Morris (156th)
Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)	Rep. Paulette Rakestraw (19th)
Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)	Rep. Terry Rodgers (10th)
Rep. Buddy Harden (148th)	Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and introduced all legislators in attendance.

Chairman Beach (21st) introduced the first speaker, H. West Richards, Executive Director, ATPC. He gave an overview of ATPC's mission, key upcoming events, and other panel members.

Chairman Beach (21st) introduced Steve Karp, President, Small Business Unit, for Worldpay U.S. He gave an overview of the payments ecosystems.

Chairman Beach (21st) introduced Barry C. McCarthy, Executive Vice President, Network and Security Solutions for First Data. He gave an overview of the role of U.S. Merchants and the Point-of-Sale.

Chairman Beach (21st) introduced the last speaker, Brad Fauss; President and CEO, Network Branded Prepaid Card Association (NBPCA)

With no further business, Chairman Beach (21st) adjourned the meeting at 1:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman

/s/ Sherry Williams, Recording Secretary

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II, (22nd)
Sen. P. K. Martin IV (9th)
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)
Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd)

NOTE: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, Sen. Bill Jackson (24th), Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th), and Sen. Jeff Mullis (54th) were absent.

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

Chairman Beach (21st) introduced Elmer Stancil and Sen. Mike Dugan (30th). They gave a short briefing on Georgia as the #1 state to do business.

[SR 113](#) (Sen. Judson Hill, 32nd, LC 28 7426) Senate Entrepreneur in Residence Study Committee; create

No one spoke officially for or against the resolution. However, Sen. Hill (32nd) recognized Heather Miner from TAG, who is a supporter. He also said Invest Georgia will help the Study Committee.

Sen. Ben Watson (1st) made a motion **Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, (7-0).

SR 113 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 28 7846S.

With no further business, Chairman Beach (21st) adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman

/s/ Sherry Williams, Recording Secretary

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Bill Jackson (24th)
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II, (22nd)
Sen. David Lucas (26th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), P.K. Martin, and Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd) were absent.

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. VanNess (43rd) arrived at 4:21 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at 4:22 p.m.

SR 883 (Sen. Brandon Beach, 21st, LC 37 2094) Incentives for Financial Technologies and the Payment Processing Industry; create joint study committee

Jay Morgan of J.L. Morgan Company, Inc. spoke in support of the bill.

Sen. Mullis (53rd) made a motion that SR 883 **Do Pass**. Sen. Lucas (26th) seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous, (6-0).

SR 883 DO PASS

SB 321 (Sen. Hunter Hill, 6th, LC 36 2934) Commerce and Trade; state government; protections against public disclosure of certain information

Speakers in support of the bill:

Mark Gallman & Jim Bacchetta - Highwood Properties
Emily White - America's Capital Partners
Bert Locke - Onyx
Scott Selig - Selig Enterprise

Speakers in opposition to the bill:

Chris Perkins - Georgians for Solar Freedom
Stephanie Stuckey Benfield – Director, Mayor's Office of Sustainability

Megan O'Neil, LEED GA – Atlanta City Advisor, City Energy Project
Matt Cox - Greenlink, Becca Rushin - Jamestown
Meghan McNulty - Servidyne
Robert Reed- Southface
Kevin Jeselnik - Chattahoochee Riverkeeper,
Sam Collier - Facilitator & Strategic Planning Consultant

No action was taken. **SB 321 HEARING ONLY**

With no further business, Sen. Beach (21st) adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman

/s/ Sherry Williams, Recording Secretary

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Bill Jackson (24th)
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II, (22nd)
Sen. P. K. Martin, (9th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th), and Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd) were absent.

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

SB 323 (Sen. Mike Dugan, 30th, LC 37 2106) State Printing and Documents; public disclosure not be required for any documents pertaining to economic development project

Sen. Jackson (24th) made a motion SB 323 **Do Pass**. Sen. Jones (10th) seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

SB 323 DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. Jeffares (17th) arrived at 4:10 p.m.

SB 321 (Sen. Hunter Hill, 6th, LC 36 2934) Commerce and Trade; state government; protections against public disclosure of certain information

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion **Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Jackson (24th) seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was (5-2). Sen. Jackson (24th), Sen. Jeffares (17th), Sen. Martin (9th), Sen. Mullis (53rd) and Sen. Watson (1st) voted yea. Sen. James (35th) and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted nay. Sen. Dugan (30th) recused himself due to a conflict of interest. Sen. Jones (10th) recused himself since he was not present for discussion at the 2/8/16 meeting.

SB 321 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 36 3018S

NOTE: Sen. VanNess (43rd) arrived at 4:12 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones II (22nd) left the meeting at 4:13 pm.

SR 876 (Sen. Steve Gooch, 51st, LC 39 1160) Joint High-Speed Broadband Communications; create

Sen. Jones (10th) made a motion SR 876 **Do Pass**. Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous, (10-0).

SR 876 DO PASS.

With no further business, Chairman Beach (21st) adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Sherry Williams, Recording Secretary

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd)
Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd)

NOTE: Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary, Sen. Bill Jackson (24th), Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), and Sen. P. K. Martin (9th) were absent.

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

[SB 388](#) (Sen. David Lucas, Sr., 26th, LC 28 7943) Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machine; prohibit the removal of a sticker without authorization

Sen. Mullis (53rd) made a motion SB 388 **Do Pass**. Sen. VanNess (43rd) seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous, (6-0).

SB 388 DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. P. K. Martin (9th) arrived at 4:12pm.

[SR 1027](#) (Sen. Jeff Mullis, 53rd, LC 25 6574) Joint Music Economic Development Study Committee; create

Sen. Martin (9th) made a motion SR 1027 **Do Pass**. Sen. VanNess (43rd) seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous, (7-0).

SR 1027 DO PASS

[SR 1028](#) (Sen. Jeff Mullis, 53rd, LC 25 6575) Senate Music Economic Development Study Committee; create

Sen. Martin (9th) made a motion SR 1028 **Do Pass**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous, (7-0).

SR 1028 DO PASS

With no further business, Chairman Beach (21st) adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman

/s/ Sherry Williams, Recording Secretary

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II, (22nd)
Sen. P. K. Martin, (9th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd)
Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd)

NOTE: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary; Sen. Bill Jackson (24th), Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), and Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) were absent.

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

SB 417 (Sen. Jeff Mullis, 53rd, LC 37 2160) 'Georgia Film and Television Trail Act'; create; provide definitions; purpose

Sen. Martin (9th) made a motion SB 417 **Do Pass**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous, (7-0).

SB 417 DO PASS

SB 413 (Sen. Jeff Mullis, 53rd, LC 28 7759) Dept. of Economic Development; establish a state-wide site development initiative; portfolio of properties ready for industrial development

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion SB 413 **Do Pass**. Sen. VanNess (43rd) seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous, 7-0.

SB 413 DO PASS

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman

/s/ Sherry Williams, Recording Secretary

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
MARCH 2, 2016**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. P. K. Martin, (9th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Bill Jackson (24th), Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), Sen. Harold V. Jones II, (22nd), Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th) and Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd) were absent.

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) arrived at 4:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) arrived at 4:14 p.m.

HB 951 (Rep. Chad Nimmer, 178th, LC 34 4897ERS) Sales and use tax; admissions to major sporting events; create exemption

Sen. Butch Miller (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Mullis (53rd) made a motion HB 951 **Do Pass**. Sen. Jones (10th) seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous, (8-0).

HB 951 DO PASS

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Sherry Williams, Recording Secretary

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
MARCH 7, 2016**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Bill Jackson (24th)
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II, (22nd)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)
Sen. P. K. Martin, (9th)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), and Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd) were absent.

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ben Watson (1st) arrived at 4:18 p.m.

HB 513 (Rep. Ron Stephens, 164th, LC 29 7039S) Pleadings and motions; procedure for claims asserted against a person or entity arising from an act which could be construed as an act in furtherance of the right of free speech or right to petition government for redress of grievances; revise provisions

Speakers in support of the bill:

Ben Sheffner from Motion Picture Association of America, Inc.
Lesli N. Gaither from Kilpatrick Townsend

Speakers in opposition to the bill:

Bill Clark from Georgia Trial Lawyers
Katherine Hernacki from The Hernacki Law Firm.

NOTE: Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd) arrived at 4:48 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Bill Jackson (24th) left at 4:48 p.m.

HB 513 HEARING ONLY

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Sherry Williams, Recording Secretary

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
MARCH 10, 2016**

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary
Sen. Bill Jackson (24th)
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II, (22nd)
Sen. David Lucas, Sr. (26th)
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
Sen. Michael A. Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman, Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. P. K. Martin, (9th), and Sen. JaNice VanNess (43rd), were absent.

Vice-Chairman Watson (1st) called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

HB 513 (Rep. Ron Stephens, 164th, LC 29 7039S) Pleadings and motions; procedure for claims asserted against a person or entity arising from an act which could be construed as an act in furtherance of the right of free speech or right to petition government for redress of grievances; revise provisions

Sen. Mullis (53rd) made a motion **HB 513 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Lucas, Sr. (26th) seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous, (8-0).

HB 513 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 37 2212S

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th), Secretary

/s/ Sherry Williams, Recording Secretary

March 28, 2016

David Cook

Secretary of Senate

353 State Capitol

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has no bills to return for the Legislative Session ending March 24, 2016.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sherry B. Williams