

**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS  
2022 ROSTER**

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**The Senate Committee on Ethics**  
**2021 – 2022 Rules**

As used in these rules, the term “ethics matter” shall mean any matter within the Committee that relates to a violation of Part Four of Section One of the Rules of the Senate.

The following rules shall govern the Committee proceedings on matters that are not ethics matters:

1. These Committee Rules of Operations shall be consistent with Senate Rule 2-1.5 regarding the establishment of Rules of Operations.
2. The quorum of the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
3. The Chair shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered, and the order in which said measures are considered. No motion that the Committee recommends (Do Pass, Do Not Pass, etc.) shall be in order until the Chair has stated that such a motion will be entertained. The Chair shall have the authority and discretion to call a bill, resolution, substitute, or amendment for debate and explanation only.
4. The Chair shall have the authority to create one or more subcommittees to consider bills, resolutions or other matters referred to the committee and make referrals to such subcommittees for study and recommendations in a manner consistent with the Rules of the Senate. Such subcommittees in turn shall make recommendations on such measures to the full committee at such time as shall be designated by the Chair.
5. The committee shall only consider amendments or substitutes received twenty-four (24) hours before a committee meeting. This requirement may be waived by the Chair.
6. The author of the bill/resolution must write a letter to the chairperson one week prior to a Committee meeting requesting it to be heard by the committee. This requirement may be waived by the Chair.
7. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
8. Public comments may be heard on any bill before the Committee at the discretion of the Chair and time limits on those comments will be determined as circumstances warrant.
9. During Committee meetings, Committee members and those in the audience shall turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers, and other similar devices.
10. A bill or resolution will be considered only after the primary author or other legislator whom he or she may designate is given an opportunity to appear and be heard. The primary author shall be the legislator whose signature appears first on the list of authors on the bill back.
11. Any member(s) of the Committee who disagrees with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire. Such report shall be filed in accordance with the Rules of the Senate.
12. The Chair may present to the Committee a proposed change in these rules at any time. Any other member proposing a change in these rules shall provide written notice of the proposed change to the Chair and Secretary at least 72 hours before presenting any proposed change to the Committee.

These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics**  
**Thursday, January 13, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Ethics met on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) Secretary  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)  
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), and Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) were absent.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) for a prayer.

**NOTE:** Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) arrived at 8:03 a.m.

**[SR 363](#) (Sen. Miller, 49th, LC 28 0367) United States Citizens; right to register and vote; provide**

The Chair recognized Sen. Butch Miller (49th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Miller (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harrell (40th) arrived at 8:09 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Sam Teasley, Secretary of State's Office

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

Janelle Clodfelter, Private Citizen

Merry Belle Hodges, Private Citizen

Cindy Battles, Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda

Katherine Maddox, Protect the Vote

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) who made a motion that **SR 363 Do Pass (LC 28 0367)**. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-2.

Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th), and Sen. Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the bill.

Sen. Jones (22nd) and Sen. Harrell (40th) voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SR 363 DO PASS (LC 28 0367)**

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/ Ashley Thomas, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics**  
**Friday, February 11, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Ethics met on Friday, February 11, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Gloria Butler (55th), Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) and Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) were absent.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) was appointed to the Senate Committee on Ethics as an Ex-Officio member by the Committee on Assignments for the remainder of Session. A copy of the letter of appointment is attached.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) for a prayer.

**[HB 907](#) (Rep. Smith, 18th, LC 47 1485S) Elections; dates for special elections; question related to sales and use taxes for transportation; revise provisions**

The Chair recognized Rep. Tyler Paul Smith (18th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Smith (18th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Mullis (53rd) and Sen. Harrell (40th) arrived at 8:10 a.m.

The Chair recognized Rep. Smith (18th) for the purpose of presenting a substitute to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion that **HB 907 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 44 1964S)**. Sen. Hatchett (50th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 907 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 1964S)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Dugan (30th) left at 8:20 a.m.

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 8:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman*

*/s/ Ashley Thomas, Recording Secretary*



**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

210 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

**GEOFF DUNCAN**  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 14, 2022

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Cook,

In accordance with the Senate Rules, I hereby appoint **Senator Jeff Mullis** to serve as an **Ex-Officio** for the Senate Ethics Committee.

Sincerely,

Geoff Duncan  
Lieutenant Governor

cc: Senator Max Burns, Chairman  
Senator Jeff Mullis, Appointee  
Ms. Amy Bottoms, Legislative Fiscal Officer

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics**  
**Thursday, March 3, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Ethics met on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Sen. Sally Harrell (40th), Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), and Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) were absent.

**NOTE:** Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) was appointed to the Senate Committee on Ethics as an Ex-Officio member by the Committee on Assignments for the meeting held on March 3, 2022. A copy of the letter of appointment is attached.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m. The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) for a prayer.

The Chair submitted the following Caucus application for approval by the Committee:  
The Mental Health Caucus, co-chaired by Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) and Sen. Brian Strickland (17th).

The Chair asked for a motion to adopt the Caucus. Sen. Hatchett (50th) made a motion that the Caucus be adopted as presented. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 580 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 28 0495) Ethics in Government; provide**

The Chair stated that SB 580 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dolezal (27th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Cindy Battles, Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda



*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*  
None

**Committee Recommendation: SB 580 (LC 28 0495) No action was taken.**

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman

/s/ Ashley Thomas, Recording Secretary



OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
265 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

GREG DOLEZAL  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 3, 2022

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Cook,

In accordance with the Senate Rules, I hereby appoint Senator Greg Dolezal to serve as an Ex-Officio for the Senate Ethics Committee on March 3, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Duncan'.

Geoff Duncan  
Lieutenant Governor

cc: Senator Max Burns, Chairman

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics**  
**Monday, March 7, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Ethics met on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman  
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) Secretary  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)  
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)  
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), and Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) were absent.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. The Chair recognized Sen. Harbison (15th) for a prayer.

**SB 580 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 28 0495) Ethics in Government; provide**

The Chair recognized Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dolezal (27th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 580 Do Pass (LC 28 0495)**. Sen. Miller (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 580 DO PASS (LC 28 0495)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte arrived at 4:10 p.m.

**SR 623 (Sen. Tippins, 37th, LC 28 0484) Election and Term of Members; implementation of staggered terms of office for members of the Senate; provide**

The Chair recognized Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Tippins (37th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dugan arrived at 4:14 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion to **Amend** the resolution by striking lines 12-13, striking the word “stagger” on line 34, and striking lines 21-29 and inserting “In the 2024 general election, the members of the Senate shall be elected to four-year terms of office”. Sen. Harbison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated his preferences that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion that **SR 623 Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Harbison (15th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: SR 623 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 47 1740S)**

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/ Ashley Thomas, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics**  
**Monday, March 21, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Ethics met on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 4:00 pm. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)  
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), Sen. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Mullis (53rd), and Sen. Strickland (17th) were absent.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. The Chair recognized Sen. Hatchett (50th) for a prayer.

**HR 842 (Rep. Cantrell, 22nd, LC 43 2385S) General Assembly; establish standard salary for Senators and Representatives equal to 60 percent of median household income**

The Chair recognized Rep. Wes Cantrell (22nd) for the purpose of presenting the resolution to the Committee. Rep. Cantrell (22nd) presented the resolution to the Committee.

The Chair stated that HR 842 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Sen. John Albers (56th), State Senator  
Jodie Tianelly, Private Citizen

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

None

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st) left at 4:16 p.m.

**Committee Recommendation: HR 842 (LC 43 2385S) No action was taken.**

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman

/s/ Ashley Thomas, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics**  
**Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Ethics met on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman  
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)  
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)  
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Sen. Butch Miller (49th), and Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) were absent.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) for a prayer.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dugan (30th) left at 5:01 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dugan (30th) returned at 5:02 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harbison (15th) arrived at 5:03 p.m.

**[HB 1464](#) (Rep. Burchett, 176th, LC 47 1759S) Georgia Bureau of Investigation; original jurisdiction to investigate election fraud and election crimes; provide**

The Chair recognized Rep. James Burchett (176th) and Rep. Stan Gunter (8th) to present the bill to the Committee. Rep. Burchett (176th) and Rep. Gunter (8th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair stated that HB 1464 would receive a hearing only.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 5:07 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at 5:08 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 5:09 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st) left at 5:42 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harbison left at 5:45 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dugan left at 5:58 p.m.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1464 (LC 47 1795S) No action was taken.**

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/ Ashley Thomas, Recording Secretary



**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Ethics met on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman  
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) (*Left Early*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), and Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) were absent.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The Chair recognized Sen. Burke (11th) for a prayer.

**[HB 923](#) (Rep. Oliver, 82nd, LC 47 1757S) Local government; development authorities; cap the per diem allowance available to directors**

The Chair recognized Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver (82nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Oliver (82nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair stated that HB 923 would receive a hearing only.

**NOTE:** Sen. Burke (11th) left at 8:04 a.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at 8:04 a.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 8:04 a.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Burke (11th) returned at 8:05 a.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Harrell (40th) arrived at 8:08 a.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 8:08 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Robertson (29th) left at 8:15 a.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Robertson (29th) returned at 8:18 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. The Chair recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Jeff Rader, Dekalb Board of Commissioners  
Kathleen Bowen, ACCG

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

Kevin Shea, Georgia Economic Developers Association

**NOTE:** Sen. Robertson (29th) left at 8:25 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harbison (15th) arrived at 8:45 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Burke (11th) left at 8:46 a.m.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 923 (LC 47 1757S) No action was taken.**

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/ Ashley Thomas, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics**  
**Monday, March 28, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Ethics met on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman  
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)  
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) (*Left Early*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), and Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) were absent

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. The Chair recognized Sen. Hatchett (50th) for a prayer.

**[HB 1464](#) (Rep. Burchett, 176th, LC 47 1759S) Georgia Bureau of Investigation; original jurisdiction to investigate election fraud and election crimes; provide**

Chair stated that HB 1464 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. The Chair recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Vasu, Abhiraman, ACLU  
Liz Throop, Private Citizen  
Joseph Kirk, Bartow County Government  
Joel Natt, Forsyth County Board of Elections  
Tonnie Adams, Heard County Board of Elections  
Omega Finney, Henry County Board of Elections  
Rene Russo, Elections Clerk  
Anne Gray, Common Cause  
Elizabeth Delmar, Private Citizen  
Garland Favorito, Voter GA  
Tamara Segmonr, Voter GA  
Julie Adams, Private Citizen  
Janelle Clodfelter, Voter GA

Laura Petcu, Voter GA  
Carmen V. Tripp, Private Citizen  
Kevin Grindlay, Private Citizen  
Earl Ferguson, Private Citizen  
Todd Edwards, ACCG  
Heather Mullins, Investigative Reporter

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

Vasu Abhiraman, ACLU  
Cindy Battles, Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda  
Liz Throop, Private Citizen  
Joeseph Kirk, Bartow County Government  
Joel Natt, Forsyth County Board of Elections  
Dexter Benning, Bartow County Board of Elections  
Anita Tucker, Forsyth County Board of Elections  
Korli Swift, DeKalb County Board of Elections  
Cathy Woolard, Fulton County Board of Elections  
Pat Pullar, Clayton County Board of Elections  
Rocky Raffle, Athens- Clarke County Board of Elections  
Katherine Maddox, Protect the Vote  
Asim Javed, GA MVP  
Geovani Serrano, GLAHR  
Luis Zaldavor, CASA  
Bobbie Paul, All Grandmothers for Peace  
Vyanti Joseph, AAAF  
Isabel Otero, SPLC Action  
Jordyn Madden, Campaign Legal Center  
Kevin Soachin, GLAHR  
Madan Simha, AAAJ  
Tonnie Adams, Heard County Board of Elections  
Stacy Ramirez, Crimminz & Associates  
Karen Evans-Daniel, Macon-Bibb Board of Elections  
Nichola Hines, League of Women Voters Atlanta- Fulton County  
Kelly Robinson, Newton County Board of Elections  
Dele L. Smith, DeKalb County Board of Elections  
Omega Finney, Henry County Board of Elections  
Mark Putman, Voters of Tomorrow  
Nathan Orck, Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections  
Rene Russo, Elections Clerk  
Lupita Quezada, LCF Georgia  
Hannah Gebresilassie, Protect the Vote  
Anne Gray, Common Cause  
Aklima Khondoker, New Georgia Project  
Salik Sohani, GA Muslim Voter Project  
Mamida Labi, NAACP LDF  
Malinda Hodge, Chatham County Board of Elections

Julie Adams, Private Citizen  
Stephen W. M. Reynolds, Private Citizen  
Bentley Hudgins, GA AFL-CLO  
Todd Edwards, ACCG

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 4:16 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte (31st) arrived at 4:29 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Mullis (53rd) left at 4:44 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Hatchett (50th) left at 4:44 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dugan (30th) left at 4:54 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Butler (55th) left at 4:57 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harbison (15th) arrived at 4:59 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Miller (49th) left at 5:04 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Robertson (29th) left at 5:18 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Robertson (29th) returned at 5:21 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones II (22nd) left at 5:23 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Robertson (29th) left at 5:27 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones II (22nd) returned at 5:37 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones II (22nd) left at 5:39 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones II (22nd) returned at 5:43 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte (31st) left at 6:22 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte (31st) returned at 6:29 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones II (22nd) left at 6:50 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones II (22nd) returned at 7:04 p.m.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1464 (LC 47 1759S) No action was taken.**

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd), Secretary

/s/ Ashley Thomas, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Ethics**  
**Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Ethics met on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman  
Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd) Secretary (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)  
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)  
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)  
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)  
Sen. Butch Miller (49th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd), and Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) were absent.

Chairman Burns (23rd) called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte (31st) for a prayer.

**NOTE:** Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at 5:09 a.m.

**[HB 1464](#) (Rep. Burchett, 176th, LC 47 1759S) Georgia Bureau of Investigation; original jurisdiction to investigate election fraud and election crimes; provide**

The Chair presented a proposed substitute (LC 47 1850S) to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion that **HB 1464 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 47 1850S)**. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1464 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 47 1850S)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Harbison (15th) arrived at 5:12 p.m.

**[HR 842](#) (Rep. Cantrell, 22nd, LC 43 2385S) General Assembly; establish standard salary for Senators and Representatives equal to 60 percent of median household income- CA**

The Chair recognized Rep. Wes Cantrell (22nd) for the purpose of presenting the resolution and a proposed substitute (LC 47 1841S). Rep. Cantrell (22nd) presented the resolution to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion to **Amend** the resolution by striking “50%” on lines 3, 19, and 41 and replacing it with “one-half”. Sen. Harrell (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-5.

Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Harbison (15th), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Butler (55th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Gooch (51st), and Sen. Robertson (29th) voted against the motion.

The Chair broke the tie by voting in favor of the motion.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Butler (55th) who made a motion that **HR 842 Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Jones II (22nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HR 842 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 47 1853S)**

**[HB 923](#) (Rep. Oliver, 82nd, LC 47 1757S) Local government; development authorities; cap the per diem allowance available to directors**

The Chair recognized Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver (82nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Oliver (82nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones II (22nd) left at 5:26 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harbison (15th) who made a motion that **HB 923 Do Pass (LC 47 1757S)**. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 923 DO PASS (LC 47 1757S)**

Chairman Burns (23rd) adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Chairman

/s/ Ashley Thomas, Recording Secretary