



## House of Representatives

Blue-Ribbon Study Committee on Youth Exposure to Kratom and Retail Available Substances  
Representative Rick Townsend – Chairman  
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Atlanta, Georgia, 30334  
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### Blue-Ribbon Study Committee on Youth Exposure to Kratom and Retail Available Substances **MEETING NOTICE**

TO: Members of the Blue-Ribbon Study Committee on Youth Exposure to Kratom and Retail Available Substances

Rep. Jordan Ridley  
Rep. Michelle Au  
Rep. John Corbett

Rep. Steven Meeks  
Rep. Tyler Paul Smith

Rep. Danny Mathis  
Rep. Darshun Kendrick

FROM: **Rep. Rick Townsend Chairman**

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The **Blue-Ribbon Study Committee on Youth Exposure to Kratom and Retail Available Substances** will hold the following meeting:

**Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2026

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** 415 CLOB

\*To watch a live stream of this meeting, please visit <https://www.legis.ga.gov/schedule/house> or <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8988927>

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The meeting agenda is as follows: \*Please note that the agenda is subject to change at the discretion of the chairman.

- **Intro/ Welcome-** From the Chairman and Committee Members
- **Witness-**
  1. **Dr. Alaina Steck:** MD, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Emory University | Assistant Medical Director, Georgia Poison Center | Medical Director, Grady MAOT (Medication for Alcohol and Opioid Treatment) Clinic (**Presentation**)
  2. **Patrick C Filkins:** PharmD, BCPS, DABAT Clinical Toxicologist, Operations and Special Projects Manager | Georgia Poison Center Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacist | Grady

cc: Jon Burns, Speaker of the House  
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Memorial Hospital Adjunct Instructor of Emergency Medicine | Emory University School of  
Medicine Data Coordinator | REAL TTIME Grant

3. **Jeff Breedlove:** CEO American Addiction Recovery Association
4. **Christopher R McCurdy, Ph.D., F.A.A.P.S.:** Professor And The Frank A. Duckworth Eminent Scholar Chair; Associate Dean for Faculty Development; Director Of The UF Translational Drug Development Core (**Presentation**)
5. **Robert Durkin:** Counsel to the AKA
6. **Andrew Kolodny:** MD Medical Director, Opioid Policy Research Collaborative, Brandeis University (**Presentation**)
7. **Dr. William Crandall:** Ph.D | Emory University
8. **Dr. Merrill Norton Pharm.D., D.Ph., CMAC, CCS:** Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus | University of Georgia College of Pharmacy
9. **Michael Templeton:** DEA Special Agent, Ret. | CEO, Barrister Intelligence
10. **Eli Cohen:** Trial Attorney at the Wetherington Law Firm | POST Certified Training for law enforcement on gas station drugs

- **Conclusion**

**If time permits then public comments may be heard (Discretion of Chairman).**

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