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SENATE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Committee on Children and Families has general jurisdiction over legislation related to adoption, foster care, child protection, and mental health.

COMMITTEE RULES

1. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public in accordance with Senate Rule [15.1].

2. The quorum for the Children and Families Committee shall be six (6) members.

3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered; the Chairman shall have the authority to call a bill, resolution, substitute or amendment for debate and explanation only.

4. The Chairman shall have the sole authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees, in turn, shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full committee. All actions of any subcommittee shall be approved or disapproved by the standing Committee.

5. The committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.

6. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

7. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a Minority report in writing, setting forth concise reasons for their dissent.

8. These rules may be amended or waived upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by a majority of a quorum of the Committee, in a meeting called by the Chairman.

9. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designated to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure; the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.

10. When these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Children and Families
Tuesday, February 4, 2025

The Senate Committee on Children and Families met on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairwoman
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th), Vice-Chairman *(Left Early)*
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Secretary *(Left Early)*
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Jason Esteves (35th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Nabilah Islam Parkes (7th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) *(Left Early)*
Sen. Derek Mallow (2nd) *(Left Early)*
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio *(Left Early)*

NOTE: Sen. Brian Strickland (42nd), Ex-Officio, was absent.

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Esteves (35th) arrived at 1:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Islam Parkes (7th) arrived at 1:04 p.m.

The Chair introduced the committee rules for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion to **Adopt the Rules** for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Rules is attached to these Minutes.

NOTE: Sen. Hatchett (50th), Vice-Chairman, assumed the Chair.

SB 8 (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 57 0179) Courts; arrest warrant requirements when juvenile courts are acting as courts of inquiry; provide

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

Testimony in favor of the Bill:
Regina Quick, DHS
Judge Neal Brunt, Bartow County

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:
None

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **SB 8 Do Pass (LC 57 0179)** Sen. Mallow (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 8 DO PASS (LC 57 0179)

NOTE: Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) resumed the Chair.

The Chair recognized Judge Carolyn Altman, Scott Dutton, and Nicole McDougland for the purposes of presenting the Child Fatality Review. Judge Carolyn Altman, Scott Dutton, and Nicole McDougland presented the Child Fatality Review.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) left early at 1:45 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Hatchett (50th) left early at 1:57 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) left early at 1:57 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Mallow (2nd) left early at 1:58 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Brass (6th) left early at 1:58 p.m.

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Secretary

/s/
Hannah Holcomb, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Children and Families
Tuesday, February 11, 2025

The Senate Committee on Children and Families met on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairwoman
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Max Burns (23rd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Nabilah Islam Parkes, 7th (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Derek Mallow (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Jason Esteves (35th), Sen. Kim Jackson (41st), and Sen. Brian Strickland (42nd), Ex-Officio, were absent.

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Mallow (2nd) arrived at 1:17 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Hatchett (50th) at 1:29 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Burns (23rd) arrived at 1:31 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Brass (6th) arrived at 1:35 p.m.

The Chair recognized Miranda Williams, Grant Rivera, and Kevin McPherson for the purposes of presenting a Special Presentation on Cell Phones in Schools. Miranda Williams, Grant Rivera, and Kevin McPherson presented to the Committee.

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairwoman

/s/
Hannah Holcomb, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Children and Families
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

The Senate Committee on Children and Families met on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairwoman
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Ex-Officio *(Left Early)*
Sen. Nabilah Islam Parkes (7th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Jason Esteves (35th), Sen. Derek Mallow (2nd), and Sen. Brian Strickland (42nd), Ex-Officio, were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) and Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) were appointed to the Senate Committee on Children and Families, as Ex-Officio members, by the Committee on Assignments for the meeting held on February 18, 2025. Copies of the letters of appointment are attached.

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

SB 98 (Sen. Cowsert, 46th, LC 49 2134) Guardian and Ward; county and conservators; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Cowsert (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Cowsert (46th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 98 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 57 0226S).** Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 98 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 57 0226S)

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) left at 11:10 a.m.

SB 100 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 44 2993) "Andee's Law"; enact

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Robertson (29th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor to the public.

Testimony in favor of the bill:
Jamie Weiss, Georgia Alliance for Adoptee Rights

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:
None

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **SB 100 Do Pass (LC 44 2993).** Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 100 DO PASS (LC 44 2993)

SB 110 (Sen. Anavitarte, 31st, LC 49 2114) Definitions Relative to the Juvenile Code; definition of neglect and to provide for new definitions

The Chair recognized Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Anavitarte (31st) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Islam Parkes (7th) arrived at 11:19 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Brass (6th) arrived at 11:23 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor to the public.

Testimony in favor of the Bill:
David Delugas, ParentsUSA
Jackson Widner, Aggrieved Child
Beth Widner, Aggrieved Mom
Darice Good, Attorney

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:
None

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 110 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 2252S)**. Sen. Hatchett (50th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 110 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 2252S)

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairwoman

/s/
Hannah Holcomb, Recording Secretary

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2/10/, 2025

Mr. James Tripp
Secretary of the Senate
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Secretary Tripp,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Randy Robertson of the 29th District as an ex-officio member of the Children & Families Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 2/10/2025. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

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2/16, 2025

Mr. James Tripp
Secretary of the Senate
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Secretary Tripp,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Bill Cowsert of the 46th District as an ex-officio member of the Children + Families Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 2/16/2025. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Children and Families
Friday, February 28, 2025

The Senate Committee on Children and Families met on Friday, February 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairwoman
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Jason Esteves (35th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Derek Mallow (2nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Ed Setzler (37th), Ex-Officio *(Left Early)*

NOTE: Sen. Nabilah Islam Parkes (7th), Sen. Kim Jackson (41st), and Sen. Brian Strickland (42nd), Ex-Officio, were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) and Sen. Ed Setzler (37th) were appointed to the Senate Committee on Children and Families, as Ex-Officio members, by the Committee on Assignments for the meeting held on February 18, 2025. Copies of the letters of appointment are attached.

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

SB 245 (Sen. Hodges, 3rd, LC 57 0150) Grandparents; Include within the category of persons who may seek to revoke or amend an existing grandparent visitation order

NOTE: Sen. Brass (6th) arrived at 2:04 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Esteves (35th) arrived at 2:04 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Setzler (37th) left early at 2:05 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Mike Hodges (3rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Hodges (3rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for public testimony. She recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:
Steve Smith, Grandparent
Linda Smith, Grandparent
Gary Calhoun, Grandparent

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Mallow (2nd) who made a motion that **SB 245 Do Pass (LC 57 0150)**. Sen. Payne (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 245 DO PASS (LC 57 0150)

SB 259 (Sen. Brass, 6th, LC 52 0801) Juvenile Code; Certain procedures to be followed when there is a determination of suspected child abuse or neglect; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (6th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Brass (6th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for public testimony. She recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:
Darice M. Good, Attorney
Colleen Puckett, Affected Parent
Bailey Collins, Affected Parent
Kelly Holshek-Lopez, Affected Parent

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:
None

The Chair recognized Sen. Hatchett (50th) who made a motion to **Amend** by changing the name of the bill to "Ridges Law" and any accompanying grammatical changes. Sen. Mallow (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burns (23rd) who made a motion that **SB 259 Do Pass by Substitute.** Sen. Goodman (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 259 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 57 0260S)

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Secretary

/s/
Hannah Holcomb, Recording Secretary

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Mr. James Tripp
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Secretary Tripp,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Ed Setzler of the 37th District as an ex-officio member of the Children & Families Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 2/26/2025. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

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2/26, 2025

Mr. James Tripp
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Secretary Tripp,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Russ Goodman of the 8th District as an ex-officio member of the Children & Families Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 2/26/2025. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Burt Jones
President of the Senate

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Children and Families
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

The Senate Committee on Children and Families met on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairwoman
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Jason Esteves (35th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Nabilah Islam Parkes, (7th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Derek Mallow (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Brian Strickland (42nd), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th), Vice-Chairman, was absent.

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Esteves (35th) arrived at 1:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Mallow (2nd) arrived at 1:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Brass (6th) arrived at 1:19 p.m.

HB 175 (Rep. Jones, 25th, LC 49 2064) Education; employee comprehensive background checks for early care and education programs and head start programs; revise provisions

The Chair recognized Rep. Todd Jones (25th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Jones (25th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Strickland (42nd) who made a motion that **HB 175 Do Pass (LC 49 2064).** Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 175 DO PASS (LC 49 2064)

HB 181 (Rep. Ehrhart, 36th, LC 57 0199) Vital records; issuance of a Certificate of Foreign Birth by the state registrar without a judicial order if certain criteria is satisfied; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Ginny Ehrhart (36th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Ehrhart (36th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion to **Amend** by striking lines 21-24. Sen. Mallow (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **HB 181 Do Pass by Substitute.** Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 181 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 57 0269S)

HB 253 (Rep. Clark, 100th, LC 56 0329S) Ethan's Law; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. David Clark (100th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Clark (100th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor to public testimony. She recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:
Kitty Mayo, Private Citizen
Karli Okeson, Private Citizen

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:
Will Davis, Attorney

Committee Recommendation: HB 253 (LC 56 0329S) No action was taken

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Secretary

/s/
Hannah Holcomb, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Children and Families
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

The Senate Committee on Children and Families met on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairwoman
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Jason Esteves (35th)
Sen. Nabilah Islam Parkes (7th)
Sen. Derek Mallow (2nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (6th), Secretary, Sen. Kim Jackson (41st), and Sen. Brian Strickland (42nd), Ex-Officio, were absent.

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

SR 310 (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 57 0256) Senate Study Committee on Additional Services and Resources for Transition Age Youth in Foster Care; enact

The Chair presented the bill the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burns (23rd) who made a motion that **SR 310 Do Pass (LC 57 0256)** Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 310 DO PASS (LC 57 0256)

HB 253 (Rep. Clark, 100th, LC 56 0329S) Ethan's Law; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. David Clark (100th) for the purposes of presenting the bill. Rep. Clark (100th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 253 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 57 0272S)** Sen. Esteves (35th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Payne (54th)

Committee Recommendation: HB 253 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 57 0272S)

NOTE: Sen. Hatchett (50th) left at 3:10 p.m.

HB 340 (Rep. Hilton, 48th, LC 49 2284S) Distraction-Free Education Act; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. Scott Hilton (48th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Hilton (48th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor to public comment. She recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:
Margaret Ciccaerlli, PAGE
Michael O'Sullivan, Georgia CAN
Miranda Williams, Excel in Ed in Action

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:
None

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 340 Do Pass (LC 49 2284S).** Sen. Esteves (35th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

Sen. Burns (23rd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Esteves (35th), and Sen. Mallow (2nd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Islam Parkes (7th) voted in opposition to the motion.

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)

Committee Recommendation: HB 340 DO PASS (LC 49 2284S)

HB 433 (Rep. Ballinger, 23rd, LC 48 1526S) Human Services; Department of; Authorized to access restricted and sealed information to conduct employee oversight in certain circumstances; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Ballinger (23rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 433 DO PASS (LC 48 1526S)** Sen. Mallow (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd)

Committee Recommendation: HB 433 DO PASS (LC 48 1526S)

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick (32nd) adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Chairwoman

/s/
Hannah Holcomb, Recording Secretary