



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** On July 6, 2021, Augusta-Richmond County Commissioner Sammie Lee Sias was indicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia on one count of Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records in a Federal Investigation and one count of False Statement or Representation Made to a Department or Agency of the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** The indictment was transmitted to the Governor pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(b), and the certified copy was received on July 9, 2021; and
- WHEREAS:** An Executive Order was issued on July 26, 2021, appointing members to the Review Commission to determine whether the indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of the office of Augusta-Richmond County Commissioner such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected; and
- WHEREAS:** On August 9, 2021, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(c), members of the review commission requested a 30-day extension for the commission to issue its report; and
- WHEREAS:** On August 20, 2021, Executive Order 08.20.21.01 was issued to extend the deadline for the review commission to issue its report and recommendation; and
- WHEREAS:** By the report dated August 24, 2021, the Review Commission found that the indictment of Sammie Lee Sias does relate to and does adversely affect the administration of the office of Commissioner, and that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby; and recommended that Sammie Lee Sias be suspended from office pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED:

That Mr. Sammie Lee Sias is hereby suspended from office immediately and without further action pending the final disposition of the case or until the expiration of his term of office, whichever occurs first, as provided in 45-5-6(c).

This 30th day of August, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. P. L.', written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR