



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On February 24, 2023, Mr. Gregory Baker, Tax Commissioner for Douglas County, was indicted on one count of Conspiracy in Restraint of Free and Open Competition in Transactions; 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 February 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS: The fourteen-day period following receipt of the indictment as prescribed by O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(e) has passed; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(b), since the Attorney General of Georgia brought the indictment against Commissioner Baker, the Attorney General shall not serve on the commission, and a retired Supreme Court Justice or retired Court of Appeals Judge shall serve in place of the Attorney General.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the Honorable Leah Ward Sears, retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia; Tax Commissioner Kevin Payne of Floyd County; and Tax Commissioner Alicia Hester of Thomas County are hereby appointed as the review commission to determine whether the above-mentioned indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of the duties by Commissioner Baker such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby, and to make a written report to me within thirty days with a recommendation as to whether Commissioner Baker should be suspended from office as required by O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(c).

This 21st day of March 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR