



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On June 11, 2024, Mr. Marcello Banes, Chairman of the Newton County Board of Commissioners, was indicted by the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia on one count of Money Laundering Conspiracy, three counts of Transactional Money Laundering, one count of Concealment Money Laundering, and one count of False Statements to a Federal Agent; and

**WHEREAS:** A certified copy of the indictment was transmitted to the Governor pursuant to Code Section 45-5-6(b), and received on January 2, 2025; and

**WHEREAS:** The fourteen-day period following receipt of the indictment as prescribed by Code Section 45-5-6(e) has passed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 45-5-6, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That Attorney General Christopher Carr, Clinton Johnson of the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners, and Bruce Henry of the Jasper County Board of Commissioners are hereby appointed as the review commission to determine whether the above-mentioned indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of duties by Mr. Banes such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby, and to make a written report to me within fourteen days with a recommendation as to whether Mr. Banes should be suspended from office as required by Code Section 45-5-6(c).

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2025.

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GOVERNOR