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## **Ethics Commission Needs New Director, Part II**

*At today's meeting, group will again call for Director's termination*

Atlanta, GA - Ethics watchdog group Common Cause Georgia will again call for the Commission to terminate the Executive Secretary of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission (known as the ethics commission) during the public comment portion of today's [commission meeting](#).

"This is about accountability," said William Perry, the organization's Executive Director. "The leadership of this agency played a major role in the mismanagement that led to Georgia taxpayers being on the hook for [\\$3 million paid out to ethics whistleblowers](#)."

CCGA called for the Director's resignation and termination in June after the group's board of directors voted unanimously to demand new leadership at the agency.

"The Director has not resigned and has in fact notified the Commission that she is seeking whistleblower protection, so clearly she won't resign. As for termination, our call came just days before outgoing Commission Chairman Kevin Abernethy's term expired. He responded to us saying it would be inappropriate for him to move for termination at the end of his term with a new chairperson coming in. Today the Commission will elect a new chairperson, so it is appropriate to renew our call for new leadership," said Perry.

**The commission meeting will be held today, Tuesday, August 19 at 10:00 AM in the West Tower of the "Sloppy Floyd" building at 200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1402, Atlanta, GA 30334. Perry will be available for interviews after the meeting. Please text interview requests to 678-358-6966.**

CCGA has long called for substantive reform of the ethics commission, and the organization plans to release a report later this summer that includes specific reform recommendations. While comprehensive reform will require action from the state legislature, Common Cause Georgia believes changes in the Georgia Government

Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission leadership must take place now.

*Common Cause Georgia is a statewide, non-partisan, cross-ideology education and advocacy watchdog group dedicated to openness, accountability, and ethics in government. To learn more, visit [www.CommonCause.org/GA](http://www.CommonCause.org/GA)*

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