



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** Mr. Royce Reeves, Ward 2 Commissioner on the Cordele City Commission, was indicted on August 2, 2021, on two counts of Obstruction of an Officer, one count of Violation of Oath by a Public Officer, one count of Criminal Trespass, and one count of Disorderly Conduct; 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 August 11, 2021; and
- WHEREAS:** On September 7, 2021, I appointed Attorney General Christopher Carr, Barnesville City Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower, and McDonough City Councilmember Benjamin Pruett as the Review Commission to determine whether the indictment related to and adversely affected the administration of the office of Commissioner Reeves such that the rights and interests of the public were adversely affected thereby, and to issue a written report within fourteen days with a recommendation as to whether said commissioner should be suspended from office as required by O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(e); and
- WHEREAS:** On October 21, 2021, pursuant to a request from the Review Commission, I extended the deadline for the Review Commission's report and recommendation to December 14, 2021; and
- WHEREAS:** On January 20, 2022, the Review Commission issued its report finding that the indictment of Royce Reeves does relate to and adversely affect the administration of the office of Commissioner, and that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby; and recommending that Royce Reeves be suspended from office pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6; and
- WHEREAS:** On January 21, 2022, pursuant to the recommendation of the Review Commission, I issued Executive Order 01.21.22.01 suspending Mr. Reeves from his office as Ward 2 Commissioner on the Cordele City Commission; and

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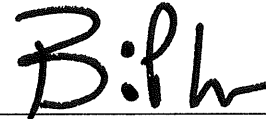
Mr. Reeves, through counsel, on February 3, 2022, petitioned for a review of his suspension as Ward 2 Cordele City Commissioner under O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(f).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:**

That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(f), Attorney General Christopher Carr, Barnesville City Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Hightower, and McDonough City Councilmember Benjamin Pruett are hereby re-appointed as the Review Commission to review the suspension of Mr. Royce Reeves as Ward 2 Cordele City Commissioner and to make a written report within 14 days.

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.



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GOVERNOR