



OFFICE OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL

NATHAN DEAL
Governor

DERON R. HICKS
State Inspector General

October 24, 2011

Ryan Teague, Executive Counsel
Office of the Governor
201 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Reference: File No. 11-106

Dear Mr. Teague:

The Office of the State Inspector General (OIG) received a complaint alleging that Governor Deal violated public trust and the conflict of interest section of the Code of Ethics for Executive Branch officers and employees. Specifically, the complainant alleged that Governor Deal used his public office for personal gain and had his appointee, Patrick Millsaps, Chairman of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission (formerly State Ethics Commission) "get rid of Executive Secretary Stacey Kalberman."

I have been conducting a preliminary inquiry to determine if there is any evidence of impropriety. In reviewing this matter, I have conducted interviews and reviewed official files, documents, and existing policies and procedures. The inquiry has not revealed any evidence to support the allegation. However, as a final step, I would like to request Governor Deal's response to the allegation.

I respectfully ask that you assist me by posing the following questions to the Governor, and subsequently furnish OIG with a written response for our file:

- 1) Did you have any discussion with Director Millsaps or anyone from the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission regarding personnel transactions relating to Stacey Kalberman?
- 2) If so, what was the nature of that conversation?
- 3) Did you have Director Millsaps "get rid of" Stacey Kalberman?

I appreciate your assistance, Sir. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 404-651-6431 or dwallace@oig.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed & hand-delivered this date

Deborah A. Wallace
Deputy Inspector General