

MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA DRIVER’S EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING

December 21, 2020 11:00 am
Meeting Conducted Virtually with Public Access

Call to Order

Chairman Allen Poole called the December 21, 2020 meeting of Georgia Driver’s Education Commission meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were as follows:

Board Members in Attendance	Board Members not in Attendance
Mr. Allen Poole, Chairman	
Mr. Spencer R. Moore, Vice Chairman	
Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins	

Non-Members in Attendance were as follows:

Mr. Josh Turner, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission
Ms. Kisha Bell, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission
Ms. Pamela Farr, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission
Ms. Lisa Owens, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission
Mr. Robert Hydrick, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety
Mr. Michael Mitchell, Georgia Department of Driver’s Services
Ms. Amy Radley, Georgia Attorney General’s Office
Ms. Shenee Bryan, GDEC Contract Epidemiologist

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Poole welcomed everyone for attending today’s board meeting. He announced that he was informed by the Governor’s Office that the vacancies on the Commission would be filled in the beginning of 2021. Everyone was pleased to hear this announcement.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Poole presented the agenda. Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins made a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice Chairman Spencer R. Moore seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of September 22, 2020, Meeting Minutes

Chairman Poole presented the September 22, 2020 meeting minutes. Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Wilkins seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairman Poole offered a time for Public Comment. There was no response.

Staff Report

Mr. Josh Turner presented the staff report including the Provider Scholarship Redemption Report, FY 2020 Customer Service Report, for October through December Scholarship Report. A copy of the Staff Report is attached as a part of these minutes.

Mr. Turner provided an update to the board regarding the research and evaluation project. The project is running behind scheduled due to a delay with the execution of the data sharing agreement. This has delayed the project no more than five weeks. The project is expected to be available before the conclusion of the General Assembly Legislation sessions. Mr. Turner said that he hopes a decline in COVID-19 cases will allow for an in-person presentation for the final report, perhaps in the form of a Lunch and Learn session where driver's education stakeholders and legislators can be invited to participate.

Finally, Mr. Turner reminded Commission members that the affidavit confirming that public officers took no official action in the previous calendar year that had a material effect on such public officer's private financial or business interests is due to the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission by January 31, 2021. The instructions and information were emailed to Commission members on December 18, 2020. If Commission members have any questions, they should consult with General Counsel, Ms. Amy Radley or Mr. Turner.

Chairman Poole asked the board members, if they had any questions for Mr. Turner or Ms. Shenee Bryan regarding the timeline of the project. There was no further discussion.

Chairman Poole acknowledged Ms. Shenee Bryan and her team for doing an outstanding job. He asked were there any additional comments she would like to add at this time. Ms. Bryan thanked Chairman Poole for the opportunity to provide an update regarding the evaluation project. Ms. Bryan stated it has been a great pleasure working with the Georgia Department of Driver's Services team. Everyone displayed dedication by working late hours to retrieve the data extractions. The data match rate has been successful by identifying 94% of the GDEC applicants by the DDS database and 89% of all young adults who has been involved in any fatal crashes in DDS database. This is great news regarding the findings thus far.

Amendment to Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

Chairman Poole recognized Mr. Turner to present the proposed budget amendments. Mr. Turner requested that the scholarship funds be reduced by \$17,000.00 and staff travel be reduced by \$10,000.00 and that computer charges be increased to \$3,000.00 for the purchase of two new computers, that Research and Evaluation be increased by \$5,000.00 for data extraction costs, and Software Support be increased by \$19,000.00 to enhance the Commission's online portal to include electronic submission of provider contracts. Dr. Wilkins made a motion to approve the budget amendments. Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Chairman Poole opened the floor for other business. There was no further discussion.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Wilkins seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kischa Bell
Operational Analyst
Georgia Driver's Education Commission



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Report Date: 10/1/2020

Summary

Monthly Allocation	Total Applied	Total Approved
350	544	350

Applications by Tier

	Applied	Approved	Rejected
Tier 1	0	0	0
Tier 2	299	299	0
Tier 3	245	51	194
Total	544	350	194

Applications by Congressional District

District #	Applied	Approved	Rejected
1	12	11	1
2	35	29	6
3	49	29	20
4	50	39	11
5	10	6	4
6	25	14	11
7	37	23	14
8	46	24	22
9	41	25	16
10	35	21	14
11	57	35	22
12	36	28	8
13	54	31	23
14	57	35	22
Total	544	350	194



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SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Report Date: 11/1/2020

Summary

Monthly Allocation	Total Applied	Total Approved
350	628	350

Applications by Tier

	Applied	Approved	Rejected
Tier 1	1	1	0
Tier 2	322	322	0
Tier 3	305	27	278
Total	628	350	278

Applications by Congressional District

District #	Applied	Approved	Rejected
1	6	4	2
2	34	23	11
3	38	23	15
4	31	24	7
5	16	11	5
6	48	23	25
7	45	29	16
8	23	10	13
9	38	18	20
10	47	30	17
11	126	56	70
12	31	18	13
13	81	44	37
14	64	37	27
Total	628	350	278



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Report Date: 12/1/2020

Summary

Monthly Allocation	Total Applied	Total Approved
350	466	350

Applications by Tier

	Applied	Approved	Rejected
Tier 1	0	0	0
Tier 2	262	262	0
Tier 3	204	88	116
Total	466	350	116

Applications by Congressional District

District #	Applied	Approved	Rejected
1	7	7	0
2	30	27	3
3	34	26	8
4	28	28	0
5	16	16	0
6	29	19	10
7	42	33	9
8	13	11	2
9	18	15	3
10	45	30	15
11	77	45	32
12	41	26	15
13	48	40	8
14	38	27	11
Total	466	350	116

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Provider Scholarship Redemption Report (9/15/2020 – 12/14/2020)

PROVIDER NAME	SCHOLARSHIPS REDEEMED (9/15/2020 – 12/14/2020)
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	239
West Metro Driving School	63
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	53
A+ Driving Services, Inc.	39
New London School of Driving Inc.	37
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	30
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	30
Kennessaw Driving School	27
Advance Driving Academy	25
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	22
Taggart's Driving School	19
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	18
Southern Crescent Technical College	17
Albany Technical College	16
The Wiser Driver	15
AABACUS, Inc.	14
Classic VIP Driving School, LLC	14
Marietta City Board of Education	14
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	14
Southern Regional Technical College	14
AA Academy of Action Driving School	13
Central Georgia Technical College	13
Coastal Pines Technical College	13
Ogeechee Technical College	13
West Georgia Technical College	13
Jones Driver Education School of Augusta, Inc.	11
Duluth DUI and Driving School	10
North Georgia Technical College	10
A Driving Advantage	10
Columbus Technical College	9
Dickerson Driving School, Inc.	9
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	9

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Safe America Foundation, Inc.	8
Georgia Piedmont Technical College	7
Augusta Technical College	6
DriveSmart Systems, Inc.	6
Southern Defensive Driving School	6
Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	6
Athens Technical College	4
Atlanta Technical College	4
Towne Lake Driving School, LLC	4
Savannah Technical College	4
Smith Edwards Group, LLC	4
South Georgia Technical College	4
1st United Driving & DUI School	2
All Star Driver Education, Inc.	1
Calhoun City BOE	1
Rockdale-Newton Driving School	1

FY 2021 Second Quarter Customer Service Report

Provider Email Inquiries	179
Parent Email Inquiries	510
Voicemails Received	50
Invoices Processed	397