

Summary  
Georgia Board of Public Safety  
Virtual and Call-in Meeting

September 14, 2023

**Board Members Present:**

Willie C. Bolton  
Stacey Cotton  
Roy H. Fickling  
Richard Hyde  
Jimmy McDuffie  
Leonard “Dee” Meadows  
Janet L. Moon  
Michael Nail  
Billy New  
Tyrone Oliver  
Samir J. Patel  
Charles D. Sikes  
Joey Terrell  
Craig Tully  
Ellis Wood

**Board Members Absent:**

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the meeting to order.

Sergeant First Class Richard Sikes gave the Invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board approved the minutes of the July 13, 2023 and July 15, 2023 Board meetings.

The Board approved the appointment of Deputy Commissioner Lieutenant Colonel William W. Hitchens, III to serve as Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety and Colonel of the Georgia State Patrol at a salary of \$196,000 effective October 1, 2023.

The Board confirmed the appointment of Major Kendrick Lowe to serve as the Deputy Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety and Lieutenant Colonel of the Georgia State Patrol.

The Board approved the following donation for the Georgia Department of Public Safety:

Item: One (1) Pepperball VKS Launcher  
Value: \$1,315.00  
Donated By: Pierce County Sheriff's Office

The Board approved the following donations for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center:

Item: Five (5) Ford Crown Victoria Police Sedans  
Value: \$4,975.00 (\$995.00 each)  
Donated By: Paulding County Sheriff's Office

Item: Glass Doors and Windows  
Value: \$3,500.00  
Donated By: Big American APL

Item: Eight (8) ECO Tec T-shirts & Performance Polos  
Value: \$500.00  
Donated By: Atlanco

Item: Seven (7) Vinyl Window Graphics  
Value: \$2,600.00  
Donated By: Atlanco

### **GA Crime Information Center Council**

The Council approved actions taken to resolve security policy violations for the 26 criminal justice agencies for FY2023.