

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

April 15, 2025

Virtual and Call-In Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Willie Bolton
Mr. Stacey Cotton
Mr. Richard Hyde
Chief Leonard “Dee” Meadows
Chief Janet L. Moon
Commissioner Michael Nail
Mr. Billy New
Mr. Charles D. Sikes
Ms. Susan K. Treadaway
Chief Craig Tully
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Roy H. Fickling
Sheriff E. Neal Jump
Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie
Commissioner Tyrone Oliver

OTHERS:

Ms. Deborah Gore, Attorney General’s Office
Mrs. Jennifer Pendarvis, Board Liaison
Commissioner Billy Hitchens, Department of Public Safety
Lt. Colonel Robert Balkcom, Department of Public Safety
Major Walt Christian, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Major Chris Rodewolt, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Major David Bryant, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Major Gary Langford, Department of Public Safety/Capitol Police
Captain J.K. Crews, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Captain Chad Gray, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Lieutenant Richard Sikes, Department of Public Safety/GSP
SFC Billy Schwab, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Deputy Director Cheryl Greathouse, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mrs. Lorri Smith, Department of Public Safety
Ms. Cindy Jones, Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the April 15, 2025 Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Lieutenant Richard Sikes gave the Invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Wood announced there will be no Director Reports during this meeting, but asked Commissioner Billy Hitchens, Georgia Department of Public Safety, if he had anything to share with the Board, to which Commissioner Hitchens stated the Department of Community Supervision’s funding to assist DPS with the Crime Suppression Unit has ended and they will no longer be assisting. Commissioner Hitchens thanked Commissioner Nail for what they have done to help in the city of Atlanta.

DONATIONS

Ms. Lorri Smith, Georgia Department of Public Safety, requested approval of the following donations:

Fuel for Helicopters and Hotel Rooms to perform at the 2025 Air Dot Show in Augusta, GA April 26-27, 2025	\$4,500.00	The Augusta Air Show
ELSAG License Plate Reader Systems Upgrade and Assorted Parts	\$201,355.00	The Atlanta-Carolina High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Four (4) Sets of ELSAG License Plate Reader Systems and Assorted Parts	\$40,000.00	The Savannah Police Department
Two (2) Vizio LED Smart TVs	\$796.00	The City of Covington Police Department

The motion to accept these items was made by Mr. Stacey Cotton, which was seconded by Mr. Willie Bolton and voted approved by the Board members.

Ms. Cindy Jones, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, requested approval of the following donation:

Cash Donation	\$1,000.00	Georgia Fire Investigators Association
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The motion to accept this item was made by Chief Craig Tully, which was seconded by Chief Dee Meadows and voted approved by the Board members.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Billy Hitchens, Georgia Department of Public Safety, presented the DPS 2024 Pursuit Liability Summary to be accepted by the Board.

The motion to accept the 2024 Pursuit Summary was made by Mr. Willie Bolton, which was seconded by Mr. Charles Sikes and voted accepted by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, if he had anything to share with the Board, to which Director Wigginton stated the employee that had been recently arrested was terminated on Monday and the Center is dealing with additional media requests and policy violations and it has been handled appropriately.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Craig Tully
Secretary