

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

July 11, 2024

Virtual and Call-In Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Willie Bolton
Mr. Stacey Cotton
Mr. Roy H. Fickling
Mr. Richard Hyde
Chief Leonard “Dee” Meadows
Chief Janet L. Moon
Commissioner Michael Nail
Sheriff Joey Terrell
Ms. Susan K. Treadaway
Chief Craig Tully
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie
Mr. Billy New
Commissioner Tyrone Oliver
Mr. Charles D. Sikes

OTHERS:

Ms. Tina Piper, Attorney General’s Office
Mrs. Jennifer Pendarvis, Board Liaison
Commissioner Billy Hitchens, Department of Public Safety
Lt. Colonel Kendrick Lowe, Department of Public Safety
Major Doug Wilson, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Captain Jonathan Huff, Department of Public Safety/MCCD
SFC Billy Schwab, Department of Public Safety/GSP
Director Chris Hosey, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Deputy Director Rhonda Westbrook, Georgia Bureau of Investigation/GCIC
Deputy Director Cleveland Miles, Georgia Bureau of Investigation/Crime Lab
Mr. Jacob Harmon, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Deputy Director Cheryl Greathouse, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Ray Ham, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Ms. Lorri Smith, Georgia Department of Public Safety
Ms. Joan Crumpler, Georgia Department of Public Safety
Ms. Cindy Jones, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Ms. Sharla Shockley, Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Ms. Sara Letson, Office of Planning and Budget
Ms. Crystal Munoz, Office of Planning and Budget
Ms. Megan Nolan, Office of Planning and Budget
Mr. Rahsaan Thompson, Office of Planning and Budget

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the July 11, 2024 Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Vice-Chairman Wood gave the Invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the June 13, 2024 BPS minutes. Sheriff Joey Terrell made the motion to approve the June 13, 2024 minutes. This was seconded by Mr. Willie Bolton and voted approved by the Board members.

DONATIONS

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

Attendance at the 105 th American Legion National Convention	\$3,600.00	The American Legion Department of Georgia
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The motion to accept this item was made by Sheriff Joey Terrell, 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:

Four (4) Training Burn Cells	\$16,000.00	Paul Davis Restoration
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The motion to accept these items was made by Chief Craig Tully, which was seconded by Mr. Richard Hyde and voted approved by the Board members.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Commissioner Billy Hitchens, Georgia Department of Public Safety, reported DPS sent about 450 personnel to the Atlanta Metro Area in reference to the Presidential Debate on June 27th.

Commissioner Hitchens advised DNR and DOC helped with those numbers and there were some protests, but with the overwhelming presence from APD, GSP, and Motor Carrier everything was peaceful and there were no issues.

Director Chris Hosey, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, reported different operations are going on across the state and they are very active, especially GISAC, and the Bureau's undercover resources and tactical resources.

Director Hosey shared the Crime Lab was successful in transitioning to a new case management system, which will make their work more efficient.

Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, introduced Mr. Ray Ham, reporting he will be running the Police Academy Division. Director Wigginton explained Mr. Ham came from DJJ and stated he has been involved in gang training and SRO training around the state.

Director Wigginton reported the Training Center is working diligently on the basic mandate expansion with an anticipated kickoff on January 1, 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Craig Tully
Secretary