

**BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
May 8, 2025  
Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Forsyth, Georgia

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Stacey Cotton  
Mr. Roy H. Fickling  
Mr. Richard Hyde  
Sheriff E. Neal Jump  
Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie  
Commissioner Tyrone Oliver  
Mr. Charles D. Sikes  
Ms. Susan K. Treadaway  
Chief Craig Tully  
Mr. Ellison G. Wood

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Willie Bolton  
Chief Leonard “Dee” Meadows  
Chief Janet L. Moon  
Commissioner Michael Nail  
Mr. Billy New

**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  
Director Chris Hosey, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Assistant Director Scott Dutton, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Director Chris Wigginton, Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Ms. Joan Crumpler, Georgia Department of Public Safety  
Mr. Chae An, Georgia Department of Public Safety  
Ms. Clare McGuire, Georgia Department of Public Safety  
Ms. Cindy Jones, Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Vice-Chairman Ellis Wood called the May 8, 2025 Board of Public Safety meeting to order.

Chief Craig Tully gave the Invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the March 14, 2025 BPS minutes. Chief Craig Tully made the motion to approve the March 14, 2025 minutes. This was seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Oliver and voted approved by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood called for approval of the April 15, 2025 BPS minutes. Sheriff Neal Jump made the motion to approve the April 15, 2025 minutes. This was seconded by Mr. Roy Fickling and voted approved by the Board members.

Regarding election of officers, Vice-Chairman Wood reported the Governor’s Office has made a recommendation that Chief Craig Tully be re-elected as Secretary. Vice-Chairman Wood called for a

motion to re-elect Chief Craig Tully as Secretary. Mr. Stacey Cotton made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Roy Fickling and voted approved by the Board members.

Secretary Craig Tully reported the Governor's Office has made a recommendation that Mr. Ellis Wood continue to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Public Safety and called for a motion to re-elect Mr. Wood as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Stacey Cotton made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Oliver and voted approved by the Board members.

### **DONATIONS**

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

Furniture and Furnishings	\$1,000.00	Circle of Care Thrift Store
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Thirty (30) Break'n Rake Extended Glass Tools and Thirty (30) Break'n Rake Standard Glass Tools	\$36,989.40	Strohman Enterprise, Inc.

The motion to accept these items was made by Chief Craig Tully, which was seconded by Mr. Roy Fickling and voted approved by the Board members.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Director Chris Hosey, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, requested approval of a Resolution to authorize the surplus and transfer of custody, control and use of certain real property and building located in the city of Calhoun, Gordon County, Georgia, formally known as the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Region 1 Investigative Office, to the Department of Public Safety (Georgia State Patrol).

The motion to accept this Resolution was made by Mr. Roy Fickling, which was seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Oliver and voted approved by the Board members.

Ms. Clare McGuire, Georgia Department of Public Safety, requested approval of a Resolution to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations, agreements, and supporting documents with the City of Albany for a new lease for the Georgia State Patrol Aviation Hangar in Albany, Georgia.

The motion to accept this Resolution was made by Chief Craig Tully, which was seconded by Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie and voted approved by the Board members.

Ms. Clare McGuire, Georgia Department of Public Safety, requested approval of a Resolution for the Georgia Department of Public Safety to seek and accept the transfer of custody, control and use of real

property known as the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Region 1 Investigative Office located at 132 Old Fairmount Hwy. SE, Calhoun, Gordon County, Georgia.

The motion to accept this Resolution was made by Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie, which was seconded by Mr. Roy Fickling and voted approved by the Board members.

Ms. Clare McGuire, Georgia Department of Public Safety, requested approval of a Resolution to authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to enter into negotiations, contracts and agreements with Coffee County, Georgia, as necessary to effect the transfer by reversionary warranty deed of Georgia State Patrol Post 36 – Douglas from Coffee County to the State of Georgia.

The motion to accept this Resolution was made by Commissioner Tyrone Oliver, which was seconded by Mr. Stacey Cotton and voted approved by the Board members.

Vice-Chairman Wood noted there will be no Director Reports during this meeting, but asked Commissioner Billy Hitchens, Georgia Department of Public Safety, to make some comments about the Department of Public Safety's current pursuit policy. Commissioner Hitchens reported the Atlanta City Council recently passed a Resolution urging DPS to change its pursuit policy, which had some stipulations in it. Commissioner Hitchens noted the stipulations are things the Department just cannot do. Commissioner Hitchens stated there is not a way for DPS to change the policy to fit every city in the state. Commissioner Hitchens stated DPS has a very good pursuit policy that gives the Troopers/Officers the ability to make decisions. Commissioner Hitchens added the Resolution is non-binding.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked for a vote of support for the Command Staff's leadership of the Department's pursuit policy. Sheriff Neal Jump made the motion to show support for the Georgia Department of Public Safety's current pursuit policy. This motion was seconded by Chief Craig Tully and voted approved 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. Director Wigginton thanked Commissioner Oliver for a donation from the Department of Corrections to the fund raiser that helped fund the Public Safety Memorial, which is 100% funded by donations.

Vice-Chairman Wood asked Director Chris Hosey, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, if he had anything to share with the Board to which Director Hosey shared the Agency has a lot of projects they are working on, and added he appreciates the support of the Board and partnerships.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Craig Tully  
Secretary