

**Georgia Student Finance Commission  
Board of Commissioners  
APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
5/2/2014**

Callaway Gardens  
Mountain Creek Conference Center, Room 111  
17800 U.S. Highway 27  
Pine Mountain, GA 31822

**I. Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Patricia Burd, Board Chair at 12:49 p.m.

**II. Attendance Report**

An Attendance Report was read by Monica Cherry. The following members were present: Tom Bowen, Faison Middleton, Joe Edwards, Ashley Addison, Dr. Sarah Beck Hawthorne, Dr. Patricia Burd, Mid Ramsey, Don Howard, Roy Kilpatrick, John Cowherd and David Austin. Lauren Morgan and Jonathan Pannell were absent and the Seventh District is vacant.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda for the May 2, 2104 meeting of the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners meeting was approved as presented.

Motion made by: Joe Edwards

Motion seconded by: John Cowherd

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**IV. Approval of February 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the February 7, 2014 Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners meeting were approved as presented.

Motion made by: Joe Edwards

Motion seconded by: John Cowherd

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**V. Approval of Meeting Dates for FY 2014-2015**

Board meetings are held quarterly on the first Friday in the months of February, May, August and November. The proposed schedule for FY 2014-2015 is as follows:

Friday, August 1, 2014 (Tucker)

Friday, November 7, 2014 (Tucker)

Friday, February 6, 2015 (Tucker)

Thursday and Friday, April 30 and May 1, 2015 (Location to be determined)

Motion made by: Don Howard  
Motion seconded by: Mid Ramsey  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

**VI. President's Report to the Board**

President Tracy Ireland reported on Agency operations to the members of the Board.

**VII. Discussion and Acceptance of Committee Reports**

The Board of Commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission accepted the reports and recommendations as presented by the Chair of each Committee.

- Committee on Finance and Business Operations
  - o Intergovernmental Agreement between the Georgia Student Finance Commission and the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation – Approved
- Committee on Public Policy and Law
  - o 2014-2015 State Scholarship, Grant and Loan Program Regulations – Approved
  - o HOPE Scholarship Program Exception Requests - Approved
- Strategic Planning Committee of the Whole
  - o No Action Items
- Committee on Executive and Compensation
  - o Election of Officers for the July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 Term - Approved

**VIII. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Motion made by: Dr. Sarah Beck Hawthorne

Motion seconded by: Joseph Edwards

Voting: Unanimously Approved

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**III. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda for the May 2, 2014 meeting of the Georgia Student Finance Authority Board of Directors was approved as distributed.

Motion made by: John Cowherd  
Motion seconded by: Mid Ramsey  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

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Motion seconded by: John Cowherd  
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  - o Georgia Student Finance Authority Budget – Approved
- Committee on Public Policy and Law
  - o 2014-2015 State Scholarship, Grant and Loan Program Regulations – Approved
- Strategic Planning Committee of the Whole
  - o No Action Items
- Committee on Executive and Compensation
  - o Election of Officers for the July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 Term - Approved

**VII. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the Georgia Student Finance Authority Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Motion made by: David Austin  
Motion seconded by: Mid Ramsey  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

**Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation**  
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Motion made by: Mid Ramsey

Motion seconded by: David Austin

Voting: Unanimously Approved

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Motion made by: David Austin  
Motion seconded by: Tom Bowen  
Voting: Unanimously Approved