

**Georgia Student Finance Commission  
Board of Commissioners  
APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
11/04/2016  
Executive Board Room  
2082 E. Exchange Place  
Tucker, GA 30084**

**Members**

Don Howard, Chair  
Middleton Ramsey  
Lee Tucker  
Faison Middleton  
Thomas Bowen  
Laura Morgan  
Linda McWhorter

Dr. Sarah Beck Hawthorne  
David Austin  
Dr. Patricia Burd  
Roy Kilpatrick  
Joy Lampley-Fortson  
John Coleman  
Anna Chafin

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Don Howard, Board Chair, at 11:16 a.m.

**2. Attendance Report**

An Attendance Report was read by Monica Cherry, Board Secretary. All Board of Commissioners were present with the exception of David Austin, Dr. Patricia Burd, John Coleman, Joy Lampley-Fortson, Faison Middleton and Laura Morgan.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

It is recommended that the Agenda for the November 4, 2016 meeting of the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners be approved as presented.

Motion made by: Sarah Beck Hawthorne

Motion seconded by: Lee Tucker

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes, August 5, 2016 and October 18, 2016**

It is recommended that the minutes from the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners August 5, 2016 and October 18, 2016 meetings be approved as presented.

Motion made by: A. Middleton Ramsey

Motion seconded by: Lee Tucker

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**5. Board Recognition of former President**

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission approve the Resolution as presented, recognizing Tricia Chastain, former GSFC President, On a Job Well Done.

Motion made by: Anna Chafin

Motion seconded by: Sarah Beck Hawthorne

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**6. Board Recognition of former Chief Financial Officer**

It is recommended that the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Directors approve the Resolution as presented, honoring Dana R. Russell, on his retirement after more than thirty-one years of outstanding and meritorious service to the state of Georgia.

Motion made by: Lee Tucker

Motion seconded by: Sarah Beck Hawthorne

Voting: Unanimously Approved

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

A report on Agency operations was shared with members of the Board at the November meeting as information.

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

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission accept the reports and recommendations as presented by the Chair of each Committee.

- Committee on Finance and Business Operations – No Action Items
- Committee on Public Policy and Law
  - o Board Bylaws Revisions – Approved
  - o Proposed Changes to FY 2017 State Program Regulations – Approved
  - o HOPE Scholarship Program Exception Requests – Approved
- Committee on Audit – No Action Items

**9. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, it is recommended that the Board of Commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission meeting be adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Motion made by: Anna Chafin

Motion seconded by: Thomas Eugene Bowen

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**Georgia Student Finance Authority**

**Board of Directors**

**APPROVED Meeting Minutes**

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John Coleman

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Don Howard, Board Chair, at 11:38 a.m.

**II. Attendance Report**

An Attendance Report was read by Monica Cherry, Board Secretary. All Board of Directors were present with the exception of David Austin, Dr. Patricia Burd, John Coleman, Joy Lampley-Fortson, Faison Middleton and Laura Morgan.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

It is recommended that the Agenda for the November 4, 2016 meeting of the Georgia Student Finance Authority Board of Directors be approved as presented.

Motion made by: Thomas Eugene Bowen

Motion seconded by: Anna Chafin

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes, August 5, 2016 and October 18, 2016**

It is recommended that the minutes from the Georgia Student Finance Authority Board of Directors August 5, 2016 and October 18, 2016 meetings be approved as presented.

Voting: Unanimously Approved

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

It is recommended that the Board of Directors of the Georgia Student Finance Authority accept the reports and recommendations as presented by the Chair of each Committee.

- Committee on Finance and Business Operations - No Action Items

- Committee on Public Policy and Law

- o Board Bylaws Revisions – Approved
- o Proposed Changes to FY 2017 State Program Regulations – Approved
- o HOPE Scholarship Program Exception Requests – Approved

- Committee on Audit – No Action Items

**VI. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, it is recommended that the Board of Directors meeting of the Georgia Student Finance Authority be adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Motion made by: Roy C. Kilpatrick

Motion seconded by: Linda McWhorter

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation**  
**Board of Directors**  
**APPROVED Meeting Minutes**  
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Dr. Sarah Beck Hawthorne  
David Austin  
Dr. Patricia Burd  
Roy Kilpatrick  
Joy Lampley-Fortson  
John Coleman  
Anna Chafin

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Don Howard, Board Chair.

**2. Attendance Report**

An Attendance Report was read by Monica Cherry, Board Secretary. All Board of Directors were present with the exception of David Austin, Dr. Patricia Burd, John Coleman, Joy Lampley-Fortson, Faison Middleton and Laura Morgan.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

It is recommended that the Agenda for the November 4, 2016 meeting of the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation Board of Directors be approved as presented.

Motion made by: Anna Chafin

Motion seconded by: Roy C. Kilpatrick

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes, August 5, 2016 and October 18, 2016**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors of the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation approve the minutes from the August 5, 2016 and October 18, 2016 meetings as presented.

Voting: Unanimously Approved

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

It is recommended that the Board of Directors of the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation accept the reports and recommendations as presented by the Chair of each Committee.

- Committee on Finance and Business Operations - No Action Items
- Committee on Public Policy and Law
  - o Board Bylaws Revisions – Approved
- Committee on Audit – No Action Items

**6. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the Board of Directors meeting of the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation be adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Motion made by: Thomas Eugene Bowen

Motion seconded by: Linda McWhorter

Voting: Unanimously Approved