

**Georgia Student Finance Commission  
Board of Commissioners  
APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
2/6/2015**

Georgia Student Finance Commission  
Executive Board Room  
2082 E. Exchange Place  
Tucker, Georgia 30084

**Members**

Dr. Patricia Burd, Chair  
Middleton Ramsey  
Jonathan Pannell  
Faison Middleton  
Thomas Bowen  
Laura Morgan  
Linda McWhorter

Dr. Sarah Beck Hawthorne  
David Austin  
Don Howard  
Roy Kilpatrick  
John Cowherd  
John Coleman

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome**  
The meeting was called to order by Dr. Patricia Burd, Chair at 1:25 p.m.
  
- II. **Attendance Report**  
An Attendance Report was read by Monica Cherry. All Board of Commissioners were present with the exception of Jonathan Pannell, Linda McWhorter and Faison Middleton. The seventh district is vacant.
  
- III. **Approval of Agenda**  
The Agenda for the February 6, 2015 meeting of the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners was approved as distributed.  
Motion made by: John Cowherd  
Motion seconded by: Tom Bowen  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
  
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**  
The minutes from the November 7 and December 1, 2014 Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners meetings were approved as distributed.  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
  
- V. **President's Report to the Board**  
President Tricia Chastain reported on Agency operations to the members of the Board. A motion was made by John Cowherd, seconded by Dr. Sarah Beck Hawthorne and unanimously approved; the May meeting will take place on the campus of Georgia Southern University in Statesboro and for the meeting to start in the morning, the exact time to be determined.

**VI. 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 No Action Items
- Committee on Public Policy and Law
  - o HOPE Scholarship Program Exception Requests-APPROVED
- Strategic Planning Committee of the Whole
  - o No Action Items
- Executive and Compensation Committee
  - o Discussion of Personnel Matter-APPROVED

**VII. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Motion made by: David Austin

Motion seconded by: John Cowherd

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**Georgia Student Finance Authority  
Board of Directors  
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**II. Attendance Report**

An Attendance Report was read by Monica Cherry. All Board of Directors were present with the exception of Jonathan Pannell, Linda McWhorter and Faison Middleton and the seventh congressional district is vacant.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda for the February 6, 2015 meeting of the Georgia Student Finance Authority Board of Directors was approved as distributed.

Motion made by: David Austin

Motion seconded by: Tom Bowen

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

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Voting: Unanimously Approved

A motion was made by John Cowherd, seconded by Tom Bowen and unanimously approved; the May meeting will take place on the campus of Georgia Southern University in Statesboro and for the meeting to start in the morning, the exact time to be determined.

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

The Board of Directors of the Georgia Student Finance Authority accepted the reports and recommendations as presented by the Chair of each Committee

- Committee on Finance and Business Operations
  - o No Action Items
- Committee on Public Policy and Law
  - o No Action Items
- Strategic Planning Committee of the Whole
  - o No Action Items
- Executive and Compensation Committee
  - o Discussion of Personnel Matter-APPROVED

**VI. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the Georgia Student Finance Authority Board of Directors adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Motion made by: David Austin

Motion seconded by: John Cowherd

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation  
Board of Directors  
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**III. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda for the February 6, 2015 meeting of the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation Board of Directors was approved as distributed.

Motion made by: David Austin

Motion seconded by: Roy Kilpatrick

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the November 7 and December 1, 2014 Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation Board of Directors meetings were approved as distributed.

Voting: Unanimously Approved

A motion was made by Don Howard, seconded by Dr. Sarah Beck Hawthorne and unanimously approved, the May meeting will take place on the campus of Georgia Southern University in Statesboro and for the meeting to start in the morning, the exact time to be determined.

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

The Board of Directors of the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation accepted the reports and recommendations as presented by the Chair of each Committee

- Committee on Finance and Business Operations
  - o No Action Items
- Committee on Public Policy and Law
  - o No Action Items
- Strategic Planning Committee of the Whole
  - o No Action Items
- Executive and Compensation Committee
  - o Discussion of Personnel Matter-APPROVED

**VI. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation Board of Directors adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Motion made by: David Austin

Motion seconded by: Dr. Sarah Beck Hawthorne

Voting: Unanimously Approved