

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021
10:30 AM TO 1:00 PM
HYBRID MEETING

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Billy Hancock, Chairperson
William Wright, Secretary
Cheryl Greathouse
Amy Oneacre
Greg Whitaker
Ted Wynn
Steve Nichols
Kevin Curtin
Billy Grogan
Steve Horton

Board Members Absent:

Major Robert Balkcom
Ted Wynn
Alex Lee, Vice Chairperson
Peter Olson
Michael Wall

The Georgia Emergency Communications Authority held a hybrid board meeting on March 24, 2021 at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, with an option to call-in to the conference line. A List of Attendees, an Agenda, and the Meeting Presentation are attached hereto and made official parts of these minutes as Attachments #1, #2 and #3. Billy Hancock called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM.

All board members are present except Maj. Robert Balkcom, Ted Wynn, Alex Lee, Peter Olson and Michael Wall.

Chairperson Hancock welcomed everyone to the meeting and the conference call.

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes:

Michael Nix presented the minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting for discussion and approval. Chairperson Billy Hancock asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes; Cheryl Greathouse made a motion to approve the minutes. William Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Update

Michael Nix provided updates on GECA's support for the COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Sites. GECA continues to deliver to COVID-19-positive information to 911 centers; they have done so for over 350 days. In the last 30-days, GECA staff activated and distributed over 500 iPads and 200 radios to the State Operated Mass Vaccination Sites. GECA Field Staff is also working as support at the vaccination sites. Director Nix provided updates on FY20/FY21 911 fee amounts and GECA funds. Budget Planning begins in late spring; GECA will begin working on a more

regular reporting system to deliver to the Finance and Budget Committee and will work to prioritize any projects that need to be funded in the next fiscal year. Director Nix provided an update on the Field Staff program which has been implemented for a year. Nix also provided a federal update in regard to communications and 911. Natalie Lee with the Geospatial Information Office (GIO) provided a progress report for the GIS component of NG911.

See Attachment #3 for full presentation.

Board Presentations

Chairperson Billy Hancock opened the floor for board presentations. Cheryl Greathouse presented on 911 Training and the 911 Directors Academy update. A 40-hour, pilot class will be offered in May 2021. The curriculum was carefully created by Occupational Analysis. Greathouse also discussed vendor sponsored grant training. GPSTC and GECA have been working together to decipher the needs throughout the state via surveys.

Old Business

Chairperson Billy Hancock opened the floor for old business. Michael Nix began with a legislative discussion. HB 631, HB 787, SB 308, HB 84 and SB 76 were all discussed. The NG911 Readiness Assessment was conducted by Mission Critical Partners and Nicola Tidey presented their findings of what we have completed thus far, and what we have yet to complete.

New Business

Chairperson Billy Hancock opened the floor for new business. There was no new business to discuss.

Public Comment:

Chairperson Billy Hancock opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments made.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Michael Nix called for a motion to adjourn. Chairperson Billy Hancock made a motion and William Wright seconded the motion. Cheryl Greathouse approved the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:39 PM.

These minutes are hereby approved and adopted this 29th day of April 2021.

Billy Hancock
Chairperson

William Wright
Secretary

Official Attachments:

1. List of Attendees
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9-1-1 Advisory Panel:

Daniel Dunlap, Augusta-Richmond County
Jason Lawson, Troup County
Lynn Smith, APCO
Russ Palmer
Barry Woodward

Others Attending:

Natalie Lee
Nicola Tidey

GECA Staff Members:

Michael Nix
Aleisha Rucker-Wright
Bess Larson
Skylar Whitaker