

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

CONFERENCE CALL

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Billy Hancock, *Chairperson*

Alex Lee, *Vice Chairperson*

William Wright, *Secretary*

Cheryl Greathouse

Brian Screws

**Board Members Absent:**

Billy Grogan

Amy Oneacre

Steve Nichols

Ted Wynn

Pete Olson

The Georgia Emergency Communications Authority held board meeting on September 28, 2022, as a conference call. 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. Sheriff Billy Hancock called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

All board members are present except Billy Grogan, Amy Oneacre, Steve Nichols, Ted Wynn and Pete Olson. Five of the ten total board members are present, so quorum is not met.

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

**Roll Call**

**Approval of Minutes**

Sheriff Hancock made a motion to approve the June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. However, having not met a quorum, the GECA Board of Director's cannot vote for approval of minutes.

**Old Business**

Chairperson Billy Hancock opened the floor for old business. Continuation of FY22 was on the agenda for the meeting, however, without a quorum the Board cannot discuss or vote on the continuation of proposed budget.

**New Business**

Chairperson Billy Hancock opened the floor for new business. A decision was made by Members on the call that items *a.*, *b.*, *d.*, *e.*, *f.*, *g.* and *h.* from the agenda would not be discussed since a quorum was not met and not enough Board Members present to discuss further. However, it was decided that items *c.* (*Carl Vinson Institute Training*) and *i.* (*NASNA's Letter to Congress*) could be explained further for clarification, but no votes would be taken. Thus, GECA Executive Director, Greg Whitaker, began to discuss the Carl Vinson Institute Training plans

which is scheduled for the following week, October 4-5, 2022. Director Whitaker informed the Board that GECA employees has finalized lodging, catering, and the speakers. Weather permitting, the event is still on (GEMA is under Full Activation due to Hurricane Ian). Director Whitaker then asked Chairman Hancock how he shall proceed in discussion since the board doesn't meet a quorum. A further explanation of item *a. (Continuation of FY22)* under Old Business on the agenda was introduced out of the need to explain item *d. (Internal Financial Audit)*. Secretary William Wright took the floor to explain further. Mr. Wright informed the Board Members that an excel spreadsheet of the auditor's initial findings would be sent out immediately following the board meeting. Thus, regarding item *a.* on the agenda – Mr. Wright clarified that the GECA Budget Committee accounted for certain line items that will need to be re-addressed in a continuation of FY22 Budget based upon certain discoveries made by the auditors. Mr. Wright also explained what each page of the excel spreadsheet demonstrates and what the Budget Committee hopes to achieve with a more detailed budget. Had the Board met a quorum today, the Budget Committee planned to make a recommendation to the Board for an additional 30-day extension under the current budget that GECA is working under. Come October, the new budget would then be ready. Chairman Hancock then asked Cheryl Greathouse if she would like to briefly explain item *d. (NASNA's Letter to Congress)* to set in place a conversation for the next board meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Chairperson Sheriff Hancock opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairperson Billy Hancock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. With no opposition to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.

These minutes are hereby approved and adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

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Billy Hancock  
Chairperson

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William Wright  
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Official Attachments:

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**GECA/GEMA-HS Staff Members:**

Greg Whitaker

Aleisha Rucker-Wright

Skylar Whitaker

Amy Ramsey

Jason Lawson

Jonathan Jones

Pamela Waters

**911 Advisory Panel and Others:**

Barry Woodward

Amelia Baxter

T. Muwwakkil-Smith

Debra Gross

Bob Sabin

Lt. Veronica Edins

Scott Sirotkin

Rick James

Kelly Barnard

Daniel Dunlap

Fay Cooper

Anessa Westmoreland

Bill Laird

Katye Vogt

Cliveta Brown

Monique Blakely

Sara Dussault

Clay Patterson

