

BOARD OF HOMELAND SECURITY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021
1:30 TO 3:00 PM
GEMA/HS HEADQUARTERS
TRAINING ROOM

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

James Stallings, Vice Chairperson
Col. Chris Wright, Secretary
Chris Carr
Mark Williams (WebEx)
Russell McMurry
Calvin Rhodes (WebEx)
Kyle Sapp (WebEx)
Bill Cowsert (WebEx)
Alan Powell (WebEx)

Board Members Absent:

Vic Reynolds
MG Thomas Carden
Kathleen Toomey
Richard Woods
Gary Black

Representatives Present:

John Melvin
Lt. Col. Pervis Brown
Scott Minarcine (WebEx)
Venessa Sims

The Board of Homeland Security held the board meeting on June 2, 2021 at the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. A List of Attendees, the Agenda, and the Board Presentations are attached hereto and made official parts of these minutes as Attachments #1, #2, and #3. Vice Chairperson James Stallings called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

All board members are present except Director Vic Reynolds with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Adjutant General Thomas Carden with the Georgia Department of Defense, Commissioner Kathleen Toomey with the Georgia Department of Public Health, Superintendent Richard Woods with the Georgia Department of Education, Commissioner and Gary Black with the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

Vice Chairperson James Stallings welcomed everyone to the GEMA/HS Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. The Governor's Office has been notified of the vacancies of the board and will handle the appointments.

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes:

Vice Chairperson James Stallings presented the minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting for discussion and approval. Commissioner Russell McMurry made a motion to approve the minutes. Attorney General Chris Carr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairperson James Stallings presented the minutes of the April 7, 2021 meeting for discussion and approval. Colonel Chris Wright made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Russell McMurry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Vice Chairperson James Stallings opened the floor for discussion on any new business.

a) Transnational Organized Crime

David Walker with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security provided a briefing on Transnational Organized Crime. A Transnational Criminal Organization (TCO) includes one or more foreign persons, threatens the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States, and engages in an ongoing pattern of serious criminal activity involving the jurisdictions of at least two foreign states, or one foreign state and the United States. Focus areas are drug trafficking, human smuggling, TCO facilitators, and foreign nexus.

b) Intel Division

Dennis Valone with GEMA/HS presented on the agency's new Intelligence Unit within the Homeland Security Division. The unit will consist of one intel unit supervisor, one cyber intel analyst from the Georgia Technology Authority, one intel liaison from the Georgia State Patrol, and two intel analysts. GEMA/HS is currently in the hiring process for the two intel analysts. The unit will focus on collecting, analyzing, and disseminating intelligence relating to the preparedness, response, and recovery of natural and man-made emergencies. Also, the unit will look at domestic terrorism and protection of the State's most critical public and private resources. The main support functions will be Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources, Emergency Management, Special Events, School Safety, and State Resource Allocation.

c) Homeland Security Strategic Plan

Vice Chairperson James Stallings tabled the Homeland Security Strategic Plan discussion until the next board meeting on August 4, 2021.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Vice Chairperson James Stallings adjourned the meeting at 2:33 PM.

Official Attachments:

1. List of Attendees
2. Agenda
3. Board Presentation

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Others Attending:

Anna Braue
Will Daughtry
Ashley Larrow
Harlan Proveaux
Ashley Seay
Warren Shepard
Mike Smith
Dennis Valone
Tina Piper
Jordan Watson
Latarsha McQueen (WebEx)
David Walker
Katina Hopper (WebEx)
David Allen (WebEx)
Emily Fish
Andy Gienapp



Board of Homeland Security Meeting

AGENDA

June 2, 2021

1:30 - 3:00 P.M.

GEMA/HS Headquarters

Training Room

Atlanta, GA

Agenda Topic

Speaker

Call to Order

James C. Stallings, Vice Chairperson
GEMA/HS

Roll Call

Harlan Proveaux, Deputy Director
GEMA/HS

Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2021

Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2021

New Business

a) Transnational Organized Crime

David Walker, DHS

b) Intel Division

Dennis Valone, GEMA/HS

c) Homeland Security Strategic Plan

Ashley Larrow, GEMA/HS

Adjournment




**Georgia Emergency Management
& Homeland Security Agency**

Homeland Security Intelligence Unit

Dennis Valone Operations/Intel Manager

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Homeland Security Intelligence

The Unit

- One Intel Unit Supervisor- William Daughtry-GEMA/HS
- One Cyber Intel Analyst- Jonathan Baugh- GTA
- One Intel Liaison- Lt. Chad Johnson- GSP
- Two Intel Analysts- GEMA/HS

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Homeland Security Intelligence

Focus- The GEMA/HS Intelligence Unit will focus on collecting, analyzing, and disseminating intelligence relating to the preparedness, response, and recovery of natural and man-made emergencies. The unit will focus heavily on domestic terrorism and protection of the state's most critical public and private resources. The main support functions will be Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources, Emergency Management, and Special Events.


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Homeland Security Intelligence

- **Emergency Management**
 - All Hazard Planning and Response
- **Critical Infrastructure & Key Resources**
 - Threats
 - Trends
- **School Safety**
 - Threats to Life
 - All Hazard Planning
- **State Resource Allocation**

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