

BOARD OF HOMELAND SECURITY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020

1:30 TO 2:30 PM

MEETING VIA WEBEX/CONFERENCE CALL

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Homer Bryson, Vice Chairperson
Philip Peacock, Secretary
Vic Reynolds
Col. Gary Vowell
Mark Williams

Representatives Present:

Col. Thomas Barnard
Larry Barnes
Travis Johnson
Garry McGiboney
BG Dwayne Wilson

Board Members Absent:

Chris Carr
MG Thomas Carden
Kathleen Toomey
Richard Woods
Russell McMurry
Gary Black
Calvin Rhodes
Kyle Sapp
Bill Cowsert
Alan Powell
Chief Erika Shields

The Board of Homeland Security held the board meeting on June 3, 2020 via conference call. A List of Attendees and the Agenda are attached hereto and made official parts of these minutes as Attachments #1 and #2. Director Homer Bryson called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

All board members are present except Attorney General Chris Carr with the Georgia Department of Law, 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, Russell McMurry with the Georgia Department of Transportation, Commissioner Gary Black with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Executive Director Calvin Rhodes with the Georgia Technology Authority, Sheriff Kyle Sapp with, Senator Bill Cowsert with the Georgia Senate, Representative Alan Powell with the Georgia House of Representatives, and Chief Erika Shields with the Atlanta Police Department.

Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson welcomed everyone to the call.

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes:

Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson postponed the approval of the February 5, 2020 meeting minutes since a quorum was not present.

Old Business:

Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson asked the Board for discussion on any old business. No further business to discuss.

New Business:

Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson opened the floor for discussion on any new business.

a) Update on COVID-19 Response

Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson provided an update on the State COVID-19 Response. GEMA/HS has been responding to COVID-19 and civil unrest in the State Operations Center (SOC). The Governor has issued a phased re-opening of the State. There are 823 COVID positive patients and 655 pending tests in the hospital system currently. Those numbers continue to decrease, but there is concern with the ongoing protests. The Georgia Department of Public Health and the Georgia National Guard have helped GEMA/HS with the COVID-19 response. Our agency has been supplying PPE to hospitals, first responders, and long-term care facilities across the State. Over 4 million N95 masks, 8.7 million surgical masks, 12.5 million gloves, and 500,000 gowns have been distributed.

Civil unrest continues to be an issue in the State. GEMA/HS continues to monitor the situation and upcoming events planned. Lt. Colonel Chris Wright has been appointed the incident commander for the response. Several of our state partners are currently in the SOC assisting with civil unrest. The priority in metro Atlanta is protecting the State Capitol, the Georgia World Congress Center, and the interstate system. Our agency is working with the Atlanta Police Department and several other local governments.

b) Approval of Future Meeting Dates and Times

Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson postponed the approval of the future meeting dates and times since a quorum was not present.

c) Homeland Security 2020 Grant Funding

Harlan Proveaux provided a brief overview of the FY 2020 Homeland Security Grant Funding. This year FEMA and DHS placed some new requirements on the States for funding. The States did not have enough time to put that together, so FEMA will be using last year's requirements instead. There will be an 80/20 funding split. Eighty percent will go to the locals and twenty percent will go to state agencies. DHS and FEMA have determined that there should be four priorities: enhancing cybersecurity and election security, enhancing and protecting of soft targets, enhancing information and intelligence sharing, and addressing emerging threats. The overall funding amount is \$5,750,000. GEMA/HS receives five percent of the UASI funding for management of the grants and this bring the total to \$7 million. All the projects have been allocated for state and local agencies. It is awaiting approval from FEMA and DHS.

The next Board of Homeland Security meeting will be determined at a later date.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Vice Chairperson Homer Bryson adjourned the meeting at 1:47 PM.

Official Attachments:

1. List of Attendees
2. Agenda

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Board of Homeland Security Meeting

AGENDA

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WebEx/Conference Call

Atlanta, GA

Agenda Topic

Speaker

Call to Order

Homer Bryson, Vice Chairperson
GEMA/HS

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2020

Old Business

New Business

Homer Bryson, Vice Chairperson
GEMA/HS

- a) Update on COVID-19 Response
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Harlan Proveaux, Deputy Director
GEMA/HS

Adjournment