

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA
MINUTES**

**Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308**

**April 21, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Emily Dunn, Chair
Robert Brown, Vice Chairman
Jamie Boswell, Secretary
Ann Purcell
Johnny Floyd
Sam Wellborn
Stacey Key
Mark Burkhalter
Rudy Bowen
Tim Golden
Jeff Lewis
Don Grantham
Roger Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dana Lemon

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Russell McMurry, Commissioner
Mike Dover, Deputy Commissioner
Angela Whitworth, Treasurer
Meg Pirkle, Chief Engineer
Matt Cline, General Counsel

Chair Emily Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Jeff Lewis gave the invocation.

Chair Dunn asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2016 meetings. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.*

Joe Carpenter, Director of P3/Program Delivery, presented the projects proposed for the May 2016 Letting for approval. Chair Dunn asked for a motion to approve. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the May 2016 Letting, seconded by Ann Purcell and unanimously approved.*

Commissioner Russell McMurry gave the monthly Department report, including state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending March 2016; the announcement of Marc Mastronardi as the new Division Director for Construction; major projects opened to traffic; the number of fatalities on Georgia roads this year; an overview of National Work Zone Awareness Week and the events the Department participated in to raise awareness; a work zone awareness video; overview of the Georgia Logistics Summit in which the Commissioner and the Governor participated; announcement of the transportation symposium hosted by the Georgia Archives; the proclamation signing by the Governor that celebrates GDOT's 100 years; scholarships being awarded to GDOT employees on behalf of SASHTO; update on Drive Alert, Arrive Alive campaign.

Don Grantham presented the following resolution to Senator Tommie Williams. Don Grantham made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Roger Williams and unanimously approved.

A Resolution by the State Transportation Board

WHEREAS, Senator Tommie Williams, native of Lyons, Georgia; a graduate of the University of Georgia and Georgia Southern University, has served the state as a State Senator since 1998; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board is honored to extend its appreciation to Senator Williams for his continued support and partnership in building a more sustainable and connected transportation network; and

WHEREAS, for 18 years Senator Williams has represented the interests of his constituents in 19 counties in South Georgia; and during his tenure, Senator Williams served in various roles, from Majority Leader to President Pro Temp; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to transportation led to legislation to allow private citizens and groups to participate in public-private road-building initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Senator Williams served multiple terms as the chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee; and in his most recent appointment to chairman for the 2015-2016 term, he was instrumental in the passage of House Bill 170 during the 2015 Legislative Session and assisting with the 10 Year Strategic Plan for the Transportation Funding Act; and

WHEREAS, he was also influential in passing legislation which reformed Georgia's Certificate of Need laws to bring free market principles to healthcare and providing greater access and choices to healthcare in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, since serving in the Senate, he received the Legislator of the Year Award from the Georgia Christian Coalition; awarded a perfect score from the National Federation of Independent Businesses for his voting record supporting small business owners; and has been endorsed by Georgia Right to Life; and

WHEREAS, Senator Williams was named to the 2010 Georgia Trend magazine list of the 100 Most Influential Georgians, served as president of the Toombs County Chamber of Commerce, named the 1997 Citizen of the Year for Lyons, served on the Board of the Altamaha Bank of Vidalia and is a graduate of Leadership Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the state of Georgia has benefitted greatly from his leadership and advocacy on major issues surrounding transportation, healthcare, education and natural resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that the State Transportation Board and the Georgia Department of Transportation acknowledges Senator Tommie Williams for faithfully serving the people of District 19 during his time in office; expresses gratitude for his dedication to enhancing transportation infrastructure statewide; recognizes him as an outstanding public servant; and thanks him for years of shaping much of the agenda and legislation that passed the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to Senator Tommie Williams in recognition and appreciation of his support and service.

Ann Purcell presented the following retirement resolution to the Director of Construction, Jeff Baker. Ann Purcell made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Don Grantham and unanimously approved.

A Resolution by the State Transportation Board

WHEREAS, Jeff Baker, native of Latrobe, PA; a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, started his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1988; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Department, Mr. Baker has been an integral part of many of Georgia DOT's accomplishments – from helping to write key legislation to winning national awards – Mr. Baker's invaluable experience in the areas of engineering, construction and maintenance had a positive impact on the Georgia DOT; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker began his career in District 7, Area 1 Field Construction as a construction inspector; and became the Project Engineer on the last segment of the *Freeing the Freeways Construction Program*, which also turned out to be the first project in Georgia DOT's history to have HOV lanes; and

WHEREAS, after spending seven years in Field Construction, Mr. Baker was promoted to Regional Bridge Inspection Engineer, and then State Bridge Inspection Engineer where he oversaw the inspection and maintenance of the state's nearly 14,500 bridge structures; and

WHEREAS, as the State Bridge Inspection Engineer, Mr. Baker managed the development and implementation of the first ever Quality Control Inspection Plan as his office transitioned from manual to electronic reporting, and he spearheaded innovative practices like the composite fiber material used for repairing and rehabilitating bridge structures; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Mr. Baker earned his Professional Engineer's license, and was promoted to Assistant Office Head in the Office of Utilities in 1999; and then State Utilities Engineer in 2000; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Baker and his staff were nominated for 19 national, AASHTO, federal and state awards – winning 15, including the FHWA Excellence Award for Leadership and Innovation, the James F. Condron Award and the Commissioner's Merit Award; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Mr. Baker was appointed by then Governor Perdue to the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act Advisory Committee, is recognized and respected among his professional peers by serving on several boards including the Georgia Utility Coordinating Council and Operations LifeSaver; and a lifelong member of the American Society of Civil Engineers; and

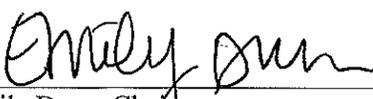
WHEREAS, in 2013, Mr. Baker was promoted to the Division Director of Construction, and for the past 28 years, the Georgia Department of Transportation has greatly benefitted from his dedication, expertise and innovative spirit.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Jeff Baker for his exemplary contributions and loyal service to the Georgia Department of Transportation; thanks him for his commitment to serving Georgians; and wishes him the very best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to Jeff Baker in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

There being no further business, Chair Dunn adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Approved:



Emily Dunn, Chair

Respectfully submitted:



Jamie Boswell, Secretary