

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA
MINUTES**

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

**August 18, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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 9:01 a.m. Dana Lemon gave the invocation.

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

Joe Carpenter, Director of P3/Program Delivery, presented the projects proposed for the September 2016 Letting for approval. Chair Dunn asked for a motion to approve. Jamie Boswell made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the September 2016 Letting, seconded by Stacey Key and unanimously approved.*

Commissioner Russell McMurry gave the monthly Department report, including state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending July 2016; the announcement and recognition of the 2016 GDOT employee college scholarship recipients; the I-85 groundbreaking of the 10 miles of express lanes; the GDOT District 7 job fair; the 2016 GDOT Management program that employees are currently participating in; the opening of the DBE business center; major projects opened to traffic; the number of fatalities on Georgia roads this year; the announcement of the House Study Committee on Regional Transit meeting; and an update on Drive Alert, Arrive alive.

Commissioner McMurry presented the following comprehensive rezoning resolution. Chair Dunn asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Ann Purcell. The motion passed with Jeff Lewis abstaining.*

A Resolution by the State Transportation Board

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November, 18, 1971 adopt a policy on outdoor advertising; and

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, that State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December, 18, 1975, adopt a resolution that said that the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with the State and Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

<u>CITY/COUNTY</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE ZONING</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
City of Richmond Hill	1999 Updated Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approve

NOW, THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above recommendations.

Stacey Key presented the following retirement resolution to the Assistant Director of P3/Program Delivery, Genetha Rice-Singleton. Stacey Key made a motion to waive the 10-day rule, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved. Mark Burkhalter made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Don Grantham and unanimously approved*

A Resolution by the State Transportation Board

WHEREAS, Genetha Rice-Singleton, native of Georgetown, South Carolina; a graduate of South Carolina State University with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering Technology, started her career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1987; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Department, Mrs. Rice-Singleton has gained invaluable experience in the areas of engineering, design and program management while simultaneously sharing her expertise with past and present Georgia DOT employees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rice-Singleton began her career as a civil engineer technologist in the Office of Urban Design; and due to her dedication to the Department and keen understanding of engineering, earned multiple promotions within the office until being promoted to Design Group Manager in 2000; and

WHEREAS, after spending 16 years in the Office of Urban Design, Mrs. Rice-Singleton was promoted to State Scheduling Engineer in 2003 until she became the Assistant Director of Preconstruction in 2006. Shortly after, she was appointed the Program Control Engineer in 2009; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Mrs. Rice-Singleton was instrumental in the successful delivery of projects across the state. Notable projects include the I-16/I-75 interchange in Macon, I-20 widening and the Andrew Young International Boulevard in Atlanta. She also managed the Governor's Road Improvement Program, coordinated the Fast Forward Program and several Stimulus-funded projects and served on the team that designed the Atlanta HOV lanes for the 1996 Olympics – a critical transportation project that helped make Atlanta a destination city; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rice-Singleton has represented the Department on several -Transportation Research Board and National Cooperative Highway Research Program committees; while advancing the Department internally through leading the development of the Local Administered Projects Manual, the first Plan Development Process training team, Project Change Request Form Process, the Department's cost estimating process, risk management and the use of baseline project schedules; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Mrs. Rice-Singleton was reassigned to State Program Delivery Engineer where she coordinated project development and delivery with Department offices, local government, business and community stakeholders, and other state and federal agencies until her reassignment to Assistant Director of P3/Program Delivery in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in this role she successfully assisted in managing the responsibilities for the offices of Program Delivery, Program Control and Innovative Delivery and has proven to be essential in the effective management and development of major mobility improvements and the ongoing economic development needs of the state; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rice-Singleton made a significant impact throughout the years in conceptualizing, managing and ensuring the delivery of major projects throughout the state while also guaranteeing the efficient and effective use of taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, for the past 29 years, the Georgia Department of Transportation has greatly benefitted from the vision, expertise and innovation of Genetha Rice-Singleton. Her commitment to serving Georgians has greatly impacted the Department, enhanced the quality of life for motorists that travel through the state and helped influence and shape transportation infrastructure statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Genetha Rice-Singleton for her exemplary contributions and loyal service to the Georgia Department of Transportation; appreciates her dedication to ensuring a safe and reliable transportation network for all motorists, commuters and travelers in the state; thanks her for sharing her knowledge and providing leadership that enhanced the Department's competitiveness nationwide; and wishes her well in her 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 Genetha Rice-Singleton in recognition of her commitment, dedication and selfless service.

Ann Purcell gave a report from the Finance Committee. Angela Whitworth, Treasurer, presented the FY 17 Amended and the FY 18 budget requests. The department will be amending in \$100.6 million in motor fuel funds and fees for AFY 17. The total state budget for AFY 17 is \$1.928 billion. The FY 18 state budget is \$1.982 billion. There is also an FY 18 bond request for \$100 million in General Obligation Bridge Bonds to improve and replace bridges around the state. Ann Purcell asked for a motion to approve the AFY 17 and FY 18 Budget requests. Don Grantham made a motion to approve the AFY 17 and FY 18 Budget requests, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.

Chair Dunn called for Board elections of new Board officers, and she stated that their term will begin immediately following this meeting. Don Grantham made a motion to nominate Robert Brown for Chairman, Jamie Boswell for Vice Chairman and Ann Purcell for Secretary, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.

Don Grantham made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Rudy Bowen and unanimously approved. The new officers were elected by acclamation.

There being no further business, Chair Dunn adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Approved:



Emily Dunn, Chair

Respectfully submitted:



Jamie Boswell, Secretary

**Denotes documentation in file.*