

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA
MINUTES**

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

**August 20, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stacey Key
Dana Lemon

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Chairman Don Grantham called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Jeff Lewis gave the invocation.

Chairman Don Grantham asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2015 meetings. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2015 meetings, seconded by Ann Purcell and unanimously approved.*

Genetha Rice-Singleton, Assistant Director of P3/Program Delivery, presented the projects proposed for the September 2015 Letting for approval. Mike Dover, TIA Administrator and new Deputy Commissioner of the Department, presented the TIA projects proposed for the September 2015 Letting. Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the September 2015 Letting, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.*

Jay Roberts, Director of Planning, presented revisions to the Construction Work Program for August 2015. Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for August, seconded by Roger Williams and unanimously approved.*

Jay Roberts also presented a list of upcoming revisions to the Construction Work Program for September. No action was needed on these items.

Commissioner Russell McMurry gave the monthly Department report, including state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending July 2015; major projects opened to traffic; update on the Highway Trust Fund; certificate of appreciation from the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town of Oklahoma for the Department's Environmental Service staff for providing cultural preservation; an update of 285/400 project; update on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) public outreach hearings; new "Welcome to Georgia" signs; and an update on the Drive Alert, Arrive Alive campaign.

Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve the following rezoning resolutions. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the following resolutions, seconded by Ann Purcell. The motion to approve passed with Jeff Lewis abstaining.*

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

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 Dacula	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.

Resolved this 20th day of August, 2015.

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

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 Eastman	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.

Resolved this 20th day of August, 2015.

Sam Wellborn presented the following retirement resolution to Deputy Commissioner Todd Long. Roger Williams made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Ann Purcell and unanimously approved.*

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

WHEREAS, Todd Ivey Long, native of Hinesville, Georgia; a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology with a bachelor's and master's degree in Civil Engineering, started his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1990 in the engineering training program; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Department, Mr. Long has gained invaluable experience in the areas of transportation planning, engineering and administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Long earned the certification of Professional Engineer in 1994, and his certification as a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Todd Long has served in various positions in the Office of Planning and Traffic Operations until his promotions to Assistant District Engineer and District Engineer for District One in the early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Long made a significant impact throughout his years in the district, reorganizing and implementing cost cutting measures to ensure the efficient and effective use of taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Long made history in being selected by then Governor Perdue and confirmed by the House of Representative as the first Director of Planning for the Georgia DOT after the passage of Senate Bill 200 implementing this position; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Mr. Long was appointed Deputy Commissioner where he successfully oversaw the responsibilities for the Divisions of Local Grants/Field Districts and Administration, and the offices of Procurement, Information Technology and Communications; and has been instrumental in the efficient reorganization of many of these offices; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in transportation, he has served, directed, mentored and nurtured many young engineers within the Department and in various transportation organizations; including his service as President of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, co-director of the Transportation Engineers of the Future Scholarship Program, and Board Member for the TIME Task Force, Georgia DOT Credit Union, Hall County YMCA, and the Georgia Tech Civil Engineering Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, the Georgia Department of Transportation has greatly benefitted from the vision, expertise and innovative direction of Todd Long. His commitment to customer service and efficiency has positively impacted the Department, enhanced the quality of life for Georgia motorists and advanced the transportation infrastructure statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Todd Long for his exemplary contributions and his loyal service to the Georgia Department of Transportation; shows extreme gratitude for his commitment to improving and providing a connected and sustainable transportation system that enhances Georgia's competitiveness; appreciates his dedication to ensuring a safe and reliable transportation network for all motorists, commuters and travelers in Georgia; and wishes him well 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 Todd Ivey Long in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

Adopted this 20th day of August, 2015.

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Legislative Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Emily Dunn gave a report from the Intermodal Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Chairman Grantham asked the Board Nominating Committee to present their slate of officers for Board elections. Ann Purcell made a motion to nominate Emily Dunn for Chairman, Robert Brown as Vice Chairman and Jamie Boswell as Secretary, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.

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

Incoming Chairman Emily Dunn thanked Chairman Grantham for his service and leadership, and presented him with a crystal gavel.

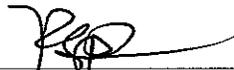
Under new business, Don Grantham highlighted some of the Department's accomplishments over the past fiscal year. There being no further business, Chairman Grantham adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Approved:



Don Grantham, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:



Robert L. Brown, Jr., Secretary

**Denotes documentation in file.*