

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA
MINUTES**

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

**February 19, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Don Grantham, Chair
Emily Dunn, Vice Chair
Ann Purcell
Johnny Floyd
Sam Wellborn
Stacey Key
Mark Burkhalter
Rudy Bowen
Jay Shaw
Jamie Boswell
Jeff Lewis
Dana Lemon
Roger Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Brown, Secretary

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 9:07 a.m. Jeff Lewis gave the invocation.

Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2015 meetings. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2015 meetings, seconded by Ann Purcell and unanimously approved.*

Joe Carpenter, Director P3/Program Delivery, presented the projects proposed for the March 2015 Letting for approval. Mike Dover, TIA Administrator, presented the TIA projects proposed for the March 2015 Letting. Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve. Ann Purcell made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the March 2015 Letting, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.*

Cindy VanDyke, Interim Director of Planning, presented the revisions to the Construction Work Program for approval at the regular March 2015 meeting.

Russell McMurry, Commissioner, gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending January 2015; major projects opened to traffic; an update on inclement weather activities; AASHTO recognition of service to Meg Pirkle, Mike Dover and Dale Brantley; successful efforts related to reducing fatalities across Georgia; and an update on HB170.

Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve the following rezoning resolution. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the following rezoning resolutions, seconded by Johnny Floyd. 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>
Dawson County	Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning Plan, Parcel Number 083-007	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.

Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve the following rezoning resolution. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the following rezoning resolutions, seconded by Johnny Floyd. 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>
Ware County	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 19th day of February, 2015.

Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve the following resolution. Roger Williams made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Jay Shaw and unanimously approved.

A Resolution by the State Transportation Board

WHEREAS, Lonis Keith Golden, P.E., graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's and a Master's degrees in Civil Engineering, and started his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1986 in the Planning Division; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Golden held numerous positions in the Department related to planning, design and program delivery before moving into the area of traffic operations in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Keith Golden continued his focus on operations, serving as the manager of the Transportation Management Center, and eventually rose to the position of Director of the Permits and Operations Division in 2009, with responsibilities for Statewide Maintenance, Traffic Operations, Utilities and Transportation Data; and

WHEREAS, Keith Golden, a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Georgia, was most recently performing in the role of Commissioner of the Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Golden served as a member of the Board of Directors of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority in his role as Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Keith Golden's 28 year career at the Department of Transportation provided an opportunity for him to perform in various Divisions and impact the state's transportation network.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Keith Golden for his exemplary service and contributions to the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his loyal and devoted service, 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 Lonis Keith Golden in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve the following resolution. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Jeff Lewis and unanimously approved.

A Resolution by the State Transportation Board

WHEREAS, Paul V. Liles, Jr., P.E., graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree in Civil Engineering, and started his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1970, shortly before being called to active military duty as an officer in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Liles returned from the service in 1972 and resumed his work at GDOT as a Civil Engineer Trainee and held roles in many offices at the Department where he has spent his entire career, and found his true calling in the area of bridge design. Mr. Liles' focus and love of things related to bridges allowed him to swiftly master the skills necessary to serve as the State Bridge Engineer for 22 years from 1988 until 2010; and

WHEREAS, Paul Liles is an institution in the bridge and structural engineering world, serving on a variety of committees for both state and national organizations over the years, including AASHTO's Seismic, Construction, Concrete, Welding, Polymer Composites and Security committees, as well as the Transportation Research Board's General Structures, Concrete Bridges, Steel Bridges, Structural Fiber Reinforced Plastics and Bridge Management committees; and

WHEREAS, Paul Liles, a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Georgia, was most recently performing in the role of Assistant Division Director of Engineering for the Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Liles holds the current title of longest serving employee at the Department with 45 years of dedicated and professional activities on his record; and

WHEREAS, Paul Liles' influence, role and impact on engineering and bridge design in the State of Georgia is truly meaningful, and will be valued for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Paul V. Liles, Jr. for his exemplary service and contributions to the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his loyal and devoted service, 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 Paul Liles in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to waive the 10-day rule on the following resolution. Ann Purcell made a motion to waive the 10-day rule, seconded by Rudy Bowen and unanimously approved. Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve the following resolution. Ann Purcell made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.

A Resolution by the State Transportation Board

WHEREAS, Joe W. Sheffield, P.E., graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and started his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1983 as a Transportation Engineer Associate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheffield spent time in all the key functional areas of the Department during his two year training program before moving into the role of Project Engineer and overseeing the reconstruction of Interstate 75 through Tifton; and

WHEREAS, Joe Sheffield moved into the position of Assistant Area Engineer and then Area Engineer with responsibility for maintenance and construction efforts in the field; and

WHEREAS, Joe Sheffield was then promoted to the District Office as the Design Engineer, Preconstruction Engineer and most recently as District Engineer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheffield managed all operations in District Four, covering 32 counties in South Georgia, 646 employees, \$40 million annual operating budget, 1,000 bridges, 3,685 centerline miles and over 100 miles on Interstate 75; and

WHEREAS, Joe Sheffield's 32 years with the Department of Transportation provided an opportunity for him to impact the quality of life for citizens in South Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Joe Sheffield for his exemplary service and contributions to the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his loyal and devoted service, 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 Joe W. Sheffield in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Grantham adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Approved:



Don Grantham, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:



Robert L. Brown, Jr., Secretary

*Denotes documentation in file.