

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA
MINUTES**

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

**November 19, 2015
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
Dana Lemon
Roger Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Don Grantham

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 9:04 a.m. Johnny Floyd gave the invocation.

Chair Dunn asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2015 meetings. Ann Purcell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Roger Williams and unanimously approved.*

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

Jay Roberts, Director of Planning, also presented upcoming revisions to the Construction Work Program for December. No action was taken on this item.

Commissioner Russell McMurry gave the monthly Department report, including state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending October 2015; major projects opened to traffic; recognized Cedric Moore for his photography acknowledgement and Stan Reecy for passing the American Institute of Certified Planning exam; recognized Chief Engineer Meg Pirkle for being named the Women in Transportation's 2015 Woman of the Year at their annual event and Chair Emily Dunn who was also recognized at this event; DBE forum update; information on the Contractors Forum; information on the Transportation Summit of ACEC Georgia and the Georgia DOT; showcasing of GDOT's winter weather

preparation efforts; an update on the Drive Alert, Arrive Alive campaign; acknowledgement of the Communications Department's presence on social media; and an update on GDOT's Centennial in 2016.

Matt Cline gave an update on the Kinder Morgan Pipeline case.

Mark Burkhalter gave a report from the Equal Access Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

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

Dana Lemon gave a report from the Statewide Transportation Planning Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Tim Golden gave a report from the Communications Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Ann Purcell presented the following Military Resolution to GDOT employee Veronica Davis. Mrs. Purcell made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.*

Resolution of the State Transportation Board

WHEREAS, Veronica M. Davis is a railroad safety coordinator for the Georgia Department of Transportation and a service member in the U.S. Army Reserves; and **WHEREAS**, Ms. Davis took a temporary leave of absence from the Department from January 2008 through January 2013 in order to train and deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan with the 729th Engineer Facility Detachment; and **WHEREAS**, Ms. Davis, a Chief Warrant Officer in the Army with nearly 30 years of service, demonstrated boundless courage in her willingness to use her engineering experience to help defend the Constitution of the United States; and **WHEREAS**, during this third deployment while with the Department, she was responsible for the development, implementation, negotiation and supervision of training programs for Afghan facilities and engineers; and **WHEREAS**, Ms. Davis resumed her 21 years of service to the residents of Georgia, returning to the Department January 16, 2013, after spending years serving her country; and **WHEREAS**, upon returning Ms. Davis was transferred to the Office of Roadway Design and was assigned a traffic signal design project for the State's first Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) also known as a Displaced Left-Turn (DLT) intersection in Dawson County located at SR 400/US 19 at SR 53. While challenging, Ms. Davis approached this project and others with the same tenacity and dedication shown during her deployment; and **WHEREAS**, Ms. Davis has exhibited true courage and bravery in the face of adversity; sacrificed her time in the name of liberty and justice; and remained steadfast in her mission even in times of war; and **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Veronica M. Davis for her self-sacrifice and commitment to her country and the people of Georgia. The Board recognizes the valiant efforts of Ms. Davis and expresses its utmost appreciation for her loyal and devoted service. **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 Veronica M. Davis in recognition of her commitment, diligence and selfless service.

Sam Wellborn presented the following Memorial Resolution to the family of Jay Shaw. Mr. Wellborn made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Ann Purcell and unanimously approved.*

Resolution of the State Transportation Board

WHEREAS, James Slaton “Jay” Shaw was a highly respected and deeply loved member of the State Transportation Board; led the Board as Chairman of the State Transportation Board in 2013; and diligently representing the eighth congressional district from 2010 until 2015; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Mr. Shaw has shown himself to be a true public servant having dedicated his life to serving the citizens of South Georgia as well as the state of Georgia through a multitude of elected positions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw, a native of Lakeland, Georgia, attended Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College before later establishing The Jay Shaw Company, a real estate and insurance agency focused on providing financial support and involvement for communities in and around Lakeland; and

WHEREAS, during his many years of service, Mr. Shaw was involved in organizations statewide ranging from transportation, healthcare and business to education, agriculture and forestry; and

WHEREAS, during his 17 years in the Georgia House of Representatives, Mr. Shaw was a staunch supporter of providing much needed funding for the improvement of Georgia’s transportation system. He was also a strong advocate for advancing healthcare in rural areas – spending a majority of his time working to improve the hospitals and nursing homes in South Georgia. While in the General Assembly representing State House District 176, Mr. Shaw served as the chairman of the community health subcommittee for the House Appropriations Committee bringing rural healthcare initiatives and funding to South Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw proudly served Lakeland as its mayor for 10 years representing the people’s interests, advancing the community’s position in the region. In his time as mayor, he was also instrumental in working with state and federal government agencies to preserve the future of Banks Lake, a historic landmark in South Georgia. He is also recognized for his unwavering service to his community as a Trustee and Board member of the Unity United Methodist Church in Lakeland and as a Board member of FMB Bancshares for 29 years. Through these various roles, Mr. Shaw continued to reaffirm his commitment to being a champion for his constituencies ensuring fairness, balance and positive reform; and

WHEREAS, for the past five years, the Georgia Department of Transportation has greatly benefitted from the leadership and expertise of Mr. Shaw. His commitment to advocating on behalf of the eighth congressional district has positively impacted Georgia motorists and advanced the transportation infrastructure statewide; and

WHEREAS, known for his impeccable reputation, Mr. Shaw will be remembered for his generosity, intellect, selflessness, quick wit and charm – all of which made a significant impact on his fellow Board members and the Department as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw’s legacy will continue through his loving wife of 45 years, Libby Shaw; his devoted sons and daughters-in-law Jason, Sam, Katy and Christa Shaw; and his adoring grandchildren Jenna, Brady, Anne and Slaton Shaw; and

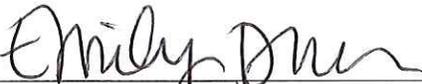
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes James Shaw for his exemplary contributions and his loyal service to the Georgia Department of Transportation and Georgians statewide; appreciates his dedication to improving and advancing Georgia’s transportation infrastructure; expresses extreme gratitude for having the opportunity to have known someone of his caliber; and offers prayers of strength and perseverance for his family; and

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 the family of James Shaw in recognition of his commitment, service and substantive contributions.

Chair Dunn asked that the December board meeting be moved to December 10th. Johnny Floyd made a motion for the meeting to be moved to December 10th, seconded by Tim Golden and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Chair Dunn adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Approved:



Emily Dunn, Chair

Respectfully submitted:



Jamie Boswell, Secretary

**Denotes documentation in file.*