

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA  
MINUTES**

**Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center  
Lamar Room  
Two Tenth Street  
Augusta, GA 30901  
October 17, 2014  
9:00 a.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Don Grantham, Chairman  
Emily Dunn, Vice Chair  
Robert Brown, Secretary  
Ann Purcell  
Johnny Floyd  
Sam Wellborn  
Stacey Key  
Dan Moody  
Jamie Boswell  
Jeff Lewis  
Roger Williams

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rudy Bowen  
Jay Shaw  
Dana Lemon

**DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Keith Golden, Commissioner  
Todd Long, Deputy Commissioner  
Angela Whitworth, Treasurer  
Russell McMurry, Chief Engineer

Chairman Don Grantham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Reverend Jim Higgins gave the invocation.

Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2014 meetings. Roger Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2014 meetings, seconded by Ann Purcell and unanimously approved.\*

Russell McMurry, Chief Engineer, presented the projects proposed for the November 2014 Letting for approval. Mike Dover, TIA Administrator, presented the TIA projects proposed for the November 2014 Letting. Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve. Ann Purcell made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the November 2014 Letting, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.\*

Toby Carr, Director of Planning, presented the revisions to the Construction Work Program for October 2014 for approval. Chairman Grantham asked for a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Program for October 2014. Robert Brown made a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program for October 2014, seconded by Ann Purcell and unanimously approved. Toby Carr also presented the revisions to the Construction Work Program coming before the Board in November 2014 for approval.

Dr. Ricardo Azziz, President of the Georgia Regents University (GRU), presented an overview of the University, its nine colleges and its impact on the local area and economy. GRU, the state's only public

academic health centers, is focusing on recruiting and retaining faculty, improving graduation rates and attracting students from across Georgia

Colonel (Ret.) Thom Tuckey gave an overview of the expansion at Fort Gordon due to the base designation as a cyber security facility. The new activities at the base will necessitate around 4,000 new direct employees by 2019 and a projected additional 8,000 jobs from contractors and service providers.

Keith Golden, Commissioner, gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending September 2014; work to date on preparing for the I-285/GA400 interchange reconfiguration; rollout of Variable Speed Limits (VSL) on I-285; Weigh-in-Motion project to electronically monitor truck weights in the travel lanes; a recap of federal funding received to date; and the potential issues related to Trinity guardrail products.

Chairman Grantham motioned to approve the 2015 Legislative Agenda. Jeff Lewis seconded the motion to approve the 2015 Legislative Agenda and it was unanimously approved.

Chairman Grantham thanked the City of Augusta-Richmond County, Columbia County and the Georgia Regents University for hosting the State Transportation Board. There being no further business, Chair Grantham adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

**Approved:**

  
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Don Grantham, Chairman

**Respectfully submitted:**

  
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Robert L. Brown, Jr., Secretary

*\*Denotes documentation in file.*