

**MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA DRIVER’S EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING**

December 20, 2018 1:30 pm
7 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive • Suite 643 • Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Chairman Harris Blackwood called the December 20, 2018, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were as follows:

Board Members in Attendance	Board Members not in Attendance
Mr. Harris Blackwood, Chairman	Mr. Kevin Boyd
Mr. Spencer Moore, Vice Chairman (by phone)	Ms. Lidell Greenway
Mr. Alfred Barber (by phone)	
Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins (by phone)	
Ms. Beth Graham (by phone)	

Non-Members in Attendance were as follows:

- Mr. Josh Turner, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission
- Ms. Kisha Bell, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission
- Ms. Pamela Farr, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission (by phone)
- Mr. Kyle Cain, Georgia Department of Driver Services (by phone)
- Ms. Becky Dobris, Attorney General Office (by phone)
- Ms. Denea Hartsfield, Georgia Department of Driver Services (by phone)
- Mr. Mike Mitchell Georgia Department of Driver Services (by phone)
- Ms. Juenesse Holman, Georgia Department of Driver’s Services (by phone)
- Mr. Toni Abasi Hill, Malcom Omari Hill Scholarship Fund, Inc.
- Ms. Mariama Credell, Malcom Omari Hill Scholarship Fund, Inc.
- Mr. Pierre Maloof, Tiny Towne

Approval of December 20, 2018 Agenda

Chairman Blackwood presented the agenda. Dr. Reed made a motion to adopt the agenda, as proposed. Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of September 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Blackwood presented the meeting minutes from September 28, 2018. Ms. Graham made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, as presented. Mr. Barber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no discussion.

Staff Report

Mr. Turner presented the October Scholarship Report. 601 applications were submitted with 2 applicants with Tier 1, 343 applicants in Tier 2, and 256 applicants in Tier 3. 350 applicants were awarded scholarships with both applications awarded from Tier 1, all 343 applications from Tier 2 and 5 from Tier 3. 251 applicants were denied scholarships.

In November, the scholarship report shows 509 applications were submitted with 275 applicants in Tier 2, and 234 applicants in Tier 3. 350 applicants were awarded scholarships and 159 applicants were denied scholarships.

December scholarship report, 473 applications were submitted with 229 applicants in Tier 2, and 244 applicants in Tier 3. 350 applicants were awarded scholarships and 123 applicants were denied scholarships.

The Provider Scholarship Redemption Report from September 18, 2018 through December 19, 2018 which shows the number of scholarships each provider has redeemed since the last board meeting.

The second quarter customer service report for the months of October, November, and December shows the staff answered 2,676 provider inquires and 2,247 student and parent inquires to our general information email account not including inquires directed to individual staff. Additionally, we have addressed 801 voicemails. We have processed 395 invoices which is an increase of 26% since the last quarter.

Other Business

Chairman Blackwood opened the floor for other business.

Public Comment

Mr. Pierre Maloof from Tiny Towne was recognized. Mr. Maloof announced that Tiny Towne is providing free driving education courses for at least 200 applicants that may be interested and offered the course for grant scholarship applicants who were denied. Mr. Turner asked if Tiny Towne is licensed by DDS as a driver training school. Mr. Maloof responded that Tiny Towne is not licensed by Tiny Towne at this time.

Mr. Toni Abasi Hill, Malcom Omari Hill Scholarship Fund, Inc., stated they are conducting driving classes 2019 and so far have 14 free instructional safe driving courses for teens and young adults for those in the metro Atlanta. Classes are also scheduled in Columbus, Ga and Cordell, Ga. In addition, free courses are offered to seniors in Cordell, Ga.

Adjournment

Chairman Blackwood asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, the chair called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Reed made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kischa Bell
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Georgia Driver's Education Commission