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Georgia Driver's Education Commission

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PUBLIC NOTICE: GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Georgia Driver's Education Commission will conduct its regularly scheduled quarterly Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. by teleconference. The public is welcome to attend by phone by calling toll-free (866) 590-5055 and using access code 2905267. The meeting documents will be available for review by visiting www.gahighwaysafety.org/gdec/ on Friday, March 27, 2020.

Proposed Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Adoption of Agenda
- 3. Approval of December 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Page 2)
- 4. Approval of March 20, 2020 Called Meeting Minutes (Page 4)
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. Staff Report (Page 9)
- 7. Approval of Second Amendment to FY 2020 Budget (Page 14)
- 8. Presentation on Proposed Research/Evaluation and Possible Approval of Issuance of Request for Proposals (Page 15)
- 9. Other Business
- 10. Adjournment

<u>MINUTES OF THE</u> GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING

December 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety 7 Martin Luther King Jr., Drive, Suite 643, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Chairman Poole called the December 17, 2019, Georgia Driver's Education Commission meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were as follows:

Board Members in Attendance	Board Members not in Attendance
Mr. Allen Poole, Chairman	Mr. Kevin Boyd
Mr. Spencer Moore, Vice Chairman	
Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins	

Non-Members in Attendance were as follows:

Mr. Josh Turner, Georgia Department of Driver's Education Commission

Ms. Kischa Bell, Georgia Department of Driver's Education Commission

Ms. Lisa Owens, Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Mr. Robert Hydrick, Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Mr. Mike Mitchell, Georgia Department of Driver's Services

Ms. Denae Hartsfield, Georgia Department of Driver's Services

Ms. Amy Radley, Georgia Attorney General's Office

Ms. Eva Hill, Malcom Omari Hill Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Mr. Toni Abasi Hill, Malcom Omari Hill Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Poole presented the agenda. Dr. Wilkins makes a motion to adopt the agenda and Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of September 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Poole presented the meeting minutes from September 30, 2019 meeting. Dr. Wilkins makes a motion to adopt the minutes and Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no discussion.

Public Comment

Toni Abasi Hill advised that many schools in the State of Georgia are unaware of the Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship program. Mr. Hill advised he will continue distributing the Georgia Driver's Education Scholarship brochures providing awareness about the program. Chairman Poole took a moment and thanked Mr. Hill and his wife Eva Hill for their efforts in educating the public that a scholarship is available.

Staff Report

Mr. Josh Turner presented the staff report, the Provider Scholarship Redemption Report from September 27, 2019 through December 13, 2019 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. The staff answered 3,346 provider inquiries and 2,945 student and parent inquiries sent to the general information email account not including inquiries directed to individual staff. Additionally, we have addressed 1,123 voicemails. We have processed 546 invoices this quarter which is an increase of 2% since the last quarter.

Tier eligibility levels. Tier I is for the students who are dependents of military personnel killed in action or public safety professionals killed in the line of the duty. Tier 2 is for students who qualify on a financial needs basis determined by 125% of the free and reduced price meal eligibility levels for Georgia. Tier 3 is for all other student who does not qualify under Tier 1 or Tier 2.

October 2019 Scholarship Report. 649 applications were submitted with 3 applicants in Tier 1, 369 applicants in Tier 2, and 277 applicants in Tier 3. 385 applicants were awarded scholarships. All 3 applicants in Tier 1 and all 369 applicants in Tier 2 were awarded scholarships. 13 applicants in Tier 3 were denied scholarships.

November 2019 Scholarship Report. 612 applications were submitted with 394 applicants in Tier 2 and 218 applicants in Tier 3. 385 applicants in Tier 2 were awarded scholarships while 9 applicants in Tier 2 were denied scholarships. All 218 applicants in Tier 3 were denied scholarships.

Finally, the December 2019 Scholarship Report. 534 applications were submitted with 337 applicants in Tier 2, and 197 applicants in Tier 3. All 337 applicants in Tier 2 were awarded scholarships and 197 applicants in Tier 3 were awarded scholarships. 48 applicants in Tier 3 were denied scholarships.

Finally, at the last meeting, there was a request for data on crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving young drivers. The data has been retrieved and will be sent to you by email. After researching the data, the effectiveness of the scholarship program, the program only serving about 5,500 students annually out of over 215, 000 students who receive a permit or license annually. Mr. Turner would argue that 2.5% of students serviced by our scholarship program does not make a large enough footprints in the overall number of student driver's to determine the success of the program by the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities involving young drivers. If there is interest, more research can be provided and presented at the next board meeting.

Vice Chairman Moore stated he support the efforts to determine if indeed that the commission is accomplishing its mission by reaching the right students. The Chairman and the board members supports any research that we can do to help strengthen or streamline our processes so, we are having a larger impact for the State of Georgia.

Adjournment

Dr. Wilkins made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Kischa Bell Business Operations Analyst Georgia Driver's Education Commission

<u>MINUTES OF THE</u> GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION COMMISSION CALLED MEETING

March 20, 2020, 11:30 am

Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety 7 Martin Luther King Jr., Drive, Suite 643, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Chairman Poole called the March 20, 2020 called meeting of Georgia Driver's Education Commission meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were as follows:

Board Members in Attendance	Board Members not in Attendance
Mr. Allen Poole, Chairman	
Mr. Spencer Moore, Vice Chairman	
Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins	

Non-Members in Attendance were as follows:

Mr. Josh Turner, Georgia Department of Driver's Education Commission Ms. Kischa Bell, Georgia Department of Driver's Education Commission Mr. Mike Mitchell, Georgia Department of Driver's Services Ms. Amy Radley, Georgia Attorney General's Office

Chairman Poole thanked those in attendance and explained that due to the Public Health State of Emergency declared by Governor Kemp, Commission members and staff were attending by phone and that he and Mr. Turner were in the office. Mr. Turner stated for the record that the Public Notice for the called meeting was published in the *Fulton Daily Report*, posted at the Governor's Office Highway Safety and Georgia Driver's Education Commission offices, and posted on the Georgia Driver's Education Commission website.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Poole presented the agenda. Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Wilkins seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairman Poole offered a time for Public Comment. There was no response.

Adoption of Resolution 2020- 01, A Resolution to Ease Restrictions Contained in the Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements in Response to COVID-19.

Chairman Poole called on Mr. Turner to present the resolution. Mr. Turner explained that due to the Public Health State of Emergency declared by Governor Kemp, it is necessary to extend certain deadlines contained in the Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements to encourage social distancing and allow students ample time to complete their driver's education course. Specifically, the resolution would extend the course completion deadline by 90 days for all scholarship recipients with course completion deadlines occurring between March 14, 2020 and April 30, 3020. Additionally, the resolution would extend the redemption deadline to May 30, 2020 for all scholarship recipients whose redemption deadline occurs on or before April 30, 2020. Finally, the resolution clarifies that the prohibition of scholarships to be used for online driver's education courses not be interpreted as to

prohibit providers from conducting classroom train via web services in accordance with the Georgia Department of Driver Service's Emergency Rule 375-5-2-1.0.1-1.0 entitled "Remote Classroom Instruction." The resolution also gives the Chairman the authority to further extend deadlines without the Commission's approval if the Public Health State of Emergency is extended.

Dr. Wilkins made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-01. Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. Chairman Poole asked if there were any questions or further discussion. There was none. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Other Business

Chairman Poole asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission.

Mr. Turner reminded the Commission that the third quarter regularly scheduled Commission meeting would be held on March 31, 2020 by teleconference.

Chairman Poole notified the Commission that HB 1021, a bill in the Georgia General Assembly increasing the surcharge on traffic citations for driver's education funding from 1.5% to 3% had passed the House and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Wilkins seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Josh Turner, Director Georgia Driver's Education Commission



RESOLUTION 2020-01

A Resolution by the Georgia Drivers Education Commission

- WHEREAS: In late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus emerged in Wuhan, China; and
- WHEREAS: The respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus, known as "COVID-19," is an infectious virus that can spread from person-to-person and can result in serious illness or death; and
- WHEREAS: On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a national emergency; and
- WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States, and has advised that the person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has noted that COVID-19 is proliferating via "community spread," meaning people have contracted the virus in areas of Georgia as a result of direct or indirect contact with infected persons, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected; and
- WHEREAS: On March, 14, 2020 Governor Brian P. Kemp declared a Public Health State of Emergency in the State of Georgia due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Driver's Education Commission has adopted the Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements to govern the Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program; and
- WHEREAS: The Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements state:

"the driver's education course must be completed within 180 days of the grant scholarship award date. If a scholarship is not redeemed after 30 days of notice of the award and the course is not completed within 180 days of notice of the award of the grant scholarship by the student, the grant scholarship is forfeited and the student loses the scholarship and eligibility to apply again in the future. Students and providers may petition the Chairman of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission, or his designee, for a one-time 60 day extension of these deadlines" (Paragraph A-10); and

"Scholarships are only valid for students who agree to complete a standard 30/6 driver's education course in which the student receives a minimum of thirty (30) hours of classroom training and six (6) hours of behind the wheel training." (Paragraph A-8); and

Providers must agree that the scholarship grants may only be applied toward a standard 30/6 driver's education course in which the student receives a minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind the wheel instruction. For the purpose of this scholarship criteria, classroom instruction means in-person training conducted by an approved instructor. Virtual classroom instruction does not qualify for eligibility in this grant scholarship program." (Paragraph B-8); and

WHEREAS: On March 13, 2020, The Georgia Department of Driver Services adopted Emergency Rule 375-5-2-0.1-.10 entitled "Remote Classroom Instruction" stating:

"Under the authority granted to the Commissioner of Department of Driver Services, the Commissioner has determined that an Emergency Rule is hereby necessary to provide for remote classroom instruction for Driver Training, Commercial Driver Training, Driver Improvement Clinic, and DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction programs certified and monitored by the Department. A licensed Driver Training, Commercial Driver Training, Driver Improvement Clinic, and DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction programs may utilize remote services for classroom instruction and the administration of assessments. DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction providers may utilize remote services for both components of the Risk Reduction program. Such instruction, training, and assessments may be done via web services, such as, but not limited to, Skype, Zoom, Web Ex. Schools utilizing such methods must notify the Department and keep rosters of students enrolled in these programs pursuant to existing rules and regulations of the Department. Such programs shall continue to be subject to all monitoring, training, and auditing pursuant to existing rules and regulations of the Department"

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 15-21-175 AND O.C.G.A. § 15-21-178, BY THE GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION COMMISSION, BE IT

- RESOLVED: Any and all scholarship completion deadlines occurring between March 14, 2020 and April 30, 2020 be extended 90 days to allow scholarship recipients ample time to complete his/her training; and BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED: Any and all scholarship redemption deadlines occurring on or before April 30, 2020 be extended until May 30, 2020; and BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED: That paragraph B-8 of the Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements specifically stating:

"For the purpose of this scholarship criteria, classroom instruction means in-person training conducted by an approved instructor. Virtual classroom instruction does not qualify for eligibility in this grant scholarship program."

not be interpreted as to prohibit providers from conducting classroom training via web services, such as, but not limited to, Skype, Zoom, and Web Ex in accordance with the Department of Driver Service's Emergency Rule 375-5-2-0.1-.10 entitled "Remote Classroom Instruction"; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the Chairman of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission has the authority to extend the 90 scholarship completion deadline, the scholarship redemption date, and the addition of the classroom training via web services (if the Emergency Rule 375-5-2-0.1-.10 entitled "Remote Classroom Instruction" is extended or a similar Emergency Rule or Order is enacted) if the Governor's Public Health State of Emergency is extended.

This 20th day of March, 2020

ATTESTED TO BY:

Allen Poole, Chairman

Georgia Driver's Education Commission

WITNESSED BY:

Josh Turner, Director Georgia Driver's Education Commission

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PROVIDER NAME	SCHOLARSHIPS REDEEMED (12/14/2019 – 3/26/2020)
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	200
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	62
A+ Driving Services, Inc.	44
New London School of Driving Inc.	43
Savannah Technical College	43
West Metro Driving School	40
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	39
Southern Regional Technical College	37
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	31
DriveSmartGeorgia.com	30
Taggart's Driving School	29
Advance Driving Academy	26
Albany Technical College	21
Coastal Pines Technical College	21
North Georgia Technical College	21
Kennesaw Driving School	21
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	20
Central Georgia Technical College	19
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	19
West Georgia Technical College	17
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	16
Southern Crescent Technical College	16
Lanier Technical College	15
The Wiser Driver	15
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	15
Augusta Technical College	13
A Driving Advantage	13
Classic VIP Driving School, LLC	12
Jones Driver Education School of Augusta, Inc.	12
Ogeechee Technical College	12
Safety 1st Driver Education	12
Dickerson Driving School, Inc.	11

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report (12/14/2019 through 3/26/2020)

Atlanta Technical College	10
Executive Results DUI & Defensive Driving School, LLC	10
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	10
Georgia Piedmont Technical College	10
South Georgia Technical College	9
AABACUS, Inc.	8
Just Driver Training	8
Duluth DUI and Driving School	7
FB Driving, Inc.	7
Oconee Fall Line Technical College	7
Columbus Technical College	6
Marietta City Board of Education	6
Oconee County Board of Education	6
AA Academy of Action Driving School	5
Athens Technical College	5
Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	5
Southern Defensive Driving School	4
Rockdale-Newton Driving School	4
All Star Driver Education, Inc.	3
Towne Lake Driving School, LLC	3
Calhoun City BOE	3
Safe America Foundation, Inc.	3
1st United Driving & DUI School	1
Drive Again Driving School	1

FY 2020 Second Quarter Customer Service Report

Provider Email Inquiries	3,347
Parent Email Inquiries	3,135
Voicemails Received	1,125
Invoices Processed	520

Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program

Scholarship Report

January 2020

Summary

Monthly Allocation	Total Applied	Total Approved
385	510	385

Applications by Tier

	Applied	Approved	Rejected
Tier 1	1	1	0
Tier 2	340	340	0
Tier 3	169	44	125
Total	510	385	125

Applications by Congressional District

District #	Applied	Approved	Rejected
1	23	21	2
2	42	34	8
3	48	34	14
4	36	32	4
5	15	14	1
6	23	16	7
7	40	23	17
8	30	21	9
9	41	28	13
10	32	27	5
11	59	37	22
12	37	29	8
13	36	32	4
14	48	37	11
Total	510	385 GDEC 3/31/2020 Meet	125 ing Documents Page 11

Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program

Scholarship Report

February 2020

Summary

Monthly Allocation	Total Applied	Total Approved
385	1079	385

Applications by Tier

	Applied	Approved	Rejected
Tier 1	2	2	0
Tier 2	671	383	288
Tier 3	406	0	406
Total	1079	385	694

Applications by Congressional District

District #	Applied	Approved	Rejected
1	56	28	28
2	73	28	45
3	100	29	71
4	91	29	62
5	35	22	13
6	41	23	18
7	94	28	66
8	84	29	55
9	71	28	43
10	79	29	50
11	130	28	102
12	67	28	39
13	74	28	46
14	84	28	56
Total	1079	385 GDEC 3/31/2020 Mee	694 ting Documents Page 12

Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program

Scholarship Report

March 2020

Summary

Monthly Allocation	Total Applied	Total Approved
385	728	385

Applications by Tier

	Applied	Approved	Rejected
Tier 1	0	0	0
Tier 2	519	385	134
Tier 3	209	0	209
Total	728	385	343

Applications by Congressional District

District #	Applied	Approved	Rejected
1	56	30	26
2	63	29	34
3	52	29	23
4	44	29	15
5	22	16	6
6	27	18	9
7	51	29	22
8	51	29	22
9	53	29	24
10	48	29	19
11	79	29	50
12	64	30	34
13	71	30	41
14	47	29	18
Total	728	385 GDEC 3/31/2020 Meet	343 ing Documents Page 13

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Budget Category	Cost Category		Budget	FY 2020 Budget		FY 2020 Budget		
					(Oct 2019)		(March 2020)	
Computer Charges	Computer Charges	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	
Administrative Fees	Contractual Services	\$	67,000.00	\$	67,000.00	\$	67,000.00	
GTA Service Agreement								
Scholarship Program IT Support	Contractual Services	\$	150,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	150,000.00	
Temporary Labor	Contractual Services	\$	24,800.00	\$	24,800.00	\$	24,800.00	
Scholarships	Grants	\$2	2,309,900.00	\$	2,283,000.00	\$2	2,400,000.00	
Board Member Expenses	Per Diem	\$	1,000.00			\$	-	
Personnel Services	Personnel Services	\$	220,000.00	\$	220,000.00	\$	220,000.00	
Board Meeting Expenses	Regular Operating	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	150.00	
Office Supplies	Regular Operating	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	495.00	
Printing	Regular Operating	\$	5,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	
Shipping	Regular Operating	\$	1,000.00	\$	200.00	\$	-	
Simulator Insurance	Regular Operating	\$	2,300.00	\$	-	\$	-	
Software License	Regular Operating	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	
Subscriptions, Memberships and								
Certifications	Regular Operating	\$	1,000.00	\$	500.00	\$	55.00	
Rent	Rent	\$	23,000.00	\$	23,000.00	\$	23,000.00	
Mobile Phone Service	Telecommunciations	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,500.00	
Staff Travel (Training and Audits)	Travel	\$	25,000.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	14,000.00	
Total		\$ 2	2,913,000.00	\$	2,796,500.00	\$2	2,978,000.00	

Georgia Driver's Education Commission Fiscal Year 2020 Budget



IMPACT OF THE DRIVER'S EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Teen Driving Trends & Procurement Opportunity

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 @ 1:30-2:30 PM EST CONFERENCE CALL: 1 (866) 590 - 5055 ACCESS CODE: 290 5267 #

ON TODAY'S CALL...

Driver's Education Commission:

- Allen Poole, Chairman
- Spencer Moore, Vice Chairman
- Malika Reed Wilkins, PhD

Data Team:

- Shenee Bryan (GOHS)
- Courtney Ruiz (GOHS)
- Denise Yeager (DPH, CODES)
- David Adams (GDOT)

Department of Administrative Services:

- Ms. Toni Owens
- Ms. Dana Harris

























PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITY | CONTRACT TERMS

- All data requests must be submitted to the agencies by August 15, 2020.
 All deliverables must be submitted by December 1, 2020.
- Contractor is not allowed to produce any publications or independent research using the data and/or information received from this project.
- Contractor must obtain cybersecurity insurance and the capacity to receive/send secure files before any official data request.
- Contractor must delete or remove all data and information related to the project from all systems (i.e., networks, devices, data repositories, and external hard drives/storage) within two (2) months after all deliverables are accepted as final.



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PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITY TECH. COMPONENTS	
 CONSULTANT'S QUALIFICATIONS Team Composition - role and expertise Resume/CVs Samples of previous work ITEMIZED COST Cost of each task in the Scope of Work Level of Effort (LOE) for each team member 	
 DETAILED WORK PLAN Tasks to accomplish the Scope of Work Timeline of task/activities Plan to mitigate potential issues to the project Protocol for dealing with highly- 	
sensitive data and information	

PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITY | SCORING CRITERIA

Scoring Criteria	Weight
Research approach, understanding of the scope of work, and timeline	40%
Cost and composition of team (LOE)	30%
Past performance and work experience	30%

Potential Mandatory Requirements:

- At least 5 years experience in conducting research studies
- Experience in traffic safety research or GDL evaluations

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PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITY | POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

Potential Challenges	Proposed Solution
MOUs & Data Sharing Agreements	Create agreements now and include them as attachments in the supplier's Contract
Obtaining Board input in the during the proposal evaluation process (review/scoring)	Nominate a board member to be part of the proposal review team
Turnaround time to fulfill data requests	Require all data request to be submitted by Aug 15 (considering the state and federal fiscal year demands)
Protection of personal identifiable information (PII) and accurate (consistent) linking of data	Data linking (using PII) will be performed by member(s) of the CODES board