

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

April 11, 2022

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

Chairman Allen Poole called the April 11, 2022, meeting of Georgia Driver’s Education Commission meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were as follows:

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

**Non-Members in Attendance were as follows:**

Mr. Josh Turner, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission  
Ms. Kisha Bell, Georgia Driver’s Education Commission  
Ms. Lisa Owens, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety  
Ms. Juenesse Holman, Georgia Department of Driver’s Services  
Mr. Michael Mitchell, Georgia Department of Driver’s Services  
Ms. Amy Radley, Georgia Attorney General’s Office

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of December 15, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Poole presented the December 15, 2022, meeting minutes. Dr. Wilkins made a motion to adopt the minutes. Vice Chairman Moore 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.

**Important Update regarding the GDEC Program**

Chairman Poole made the board members aware that during the 2022 Georgia General Assembly Legislative Session that the bill to extend the sunset provision for Joshua Law was not called for a vote on the Senate Floor. Chairman Poole and Mr. Josh Turner, are working together with legislators, the Governor’s Office, and Office of Planning and Budget for direction moving forward past June 30, 2022.

**Staff Report**

Mr. Josh Turner presented the staff report including the Provider Scholarship Redemption Report, FY 2021 Third Quarter Customer Service Report, for January through March Scholarship Report. A copy of the Staff Report is attached as a part of these minutes.

### **Other Business**

Chairman Poole open the floor for other business. There was no further discussion.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Mr. Turner stated there could potentially be special called meetings in the months ahead and he would keep the board informed on the upcoming dates after receiving direction on how to proceed since the legislation extending Joshua's Law did not pass.

Chairman Poole stated he would like to thank the staff for all that they do and have done, and he will stay encouraged that the program will overcome this challenge. He thanked everyone for their patience and diligence to be a part of the Commission.

Chairman Poole asked the board members if they would like to comment? Vice Chairman Moore stated he was hopeful that the program will find a way to a positive outcome. Dr. Wilkins stated, "if there is a will, there is a way."

### **Adjournment**

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

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



## Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship

### SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Report Date: 1/1/2022

#### Summary

Monthly Allocation	Total Applied	Total Approved
220	404	220

#### Applications by Tier

	Applied	Approved	Rejected
Tier 1	0	0	0
Tier 2	195	195	0
Tier 3	209	25	184
<b>Total</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>184</b>

#### Applications by Congressional District

District #	Applied	Approved	Rejected
1	13	10	3
2	27	19	8
3	33	16	17
4	28	17	11
5	9	7	2
6	10	4	6
7	25	9	16
8	18	6	12
9	27	14	13
10	44	21	23
11	48	21	27
12	36	18	18
13	45	32	13
14	41	26	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>184</b>



## Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship

### SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Report Date: 2/1/2022

#### Summary

Monthly Allocation	Total Applied	Total Approved
220	832	220

#### Applications by Tier

	Applied	Approved	Rejected
Tier 1	0	0	0
Tier 2	386	220	166
Tier 3	446	0	446
<b>Total</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>612</b>

#### Applications by Congressional District

District #	Applied	Approved	Rejected
1	28	14	14
2	63	16	47
3	92	17	75
4	45	17	28
5	27	16	11
6	31	7	24
7	50	18	32
8	37	16	21
9	52	16	36
10	73	17	56
11	126	17	109
12	51	16	35
13	68	17	51
14	89	16	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>612</b>



## Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship

### SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Report Date: 3/1/2022

#### Summary

Monthly Allocation	Total Applied	Total Approved
220	798	220

#### Applications by Tier

	Applied	Approved	Rejected
Tier 1	1	1	0
Tier 2	377	219	158
Tier 3	420	0	420
<b>Total</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>578</b>

#### Applications by Congressional District

District #	Applied	Approved	Rejected
1	25	13	12
2	60	16	44
3	76	16	60
4	49	16	33
5	24	14	10
6	39	12	27
7	55	18	37
8	42	15	27
9	55	16	39
10	71	16	55
11	95	18	77
12	49	17	32
13	76	16	60
14	82	17	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>578</b>

**Provider Scholarship Redemption Report between December 9, 2021 through March 31, 2022**

<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Scholarships Redeemed</b>	<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Scholarships Redeemed</b>
A-1 Driving School, Inc.	160	The Wiser Driver	9
Barber's Driving School, Inc.	45	Classic VIP Driving School, LLC	8
West Metro Driving School	44	Ogeechee Technical College	8
Advance Driving Academy	30	Atlanta Technical College	7
New London School of Driving Inc.	28	Duluth DUI and Driving School	7
South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc.	28	Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools	7
Savannah Technical College	26	!!01 Act Driving Schools, LLC	6
A+ Driving Services, Inc.	25	Albany Technical College	6
Gwinnett County Board Of Education	21	DriveSmart Georgia	6
AA Academy of Action Driving School	15	Just Driver Training	6
Georgia Piedmont Technical College	15	Nathan's Driving School, Inc.	6
Southern Regional Technical College	15	North Georgia Technical College	6
Coastal Pines Technical College	14	South Georgia Technical College	5
Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc	14	Southeastern Technical College	5
Lanier Technical College	13	West Georgia Technical College	5
Southern Crescent Technical College	13	Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	5
Augusta Technical College	12	1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy	4
Georgia Driving School, Inc.	12	FB Driving, Inc.	3
Marietta City Board of Education	12	Oconee Fall Line Technical College	3
Brock's Driver Education School, Inc.	11	Safe America Foundation, Inc.	3
Central Georgia Technical College	11	Calhoun City BOE	2
Dickerson Driving School, Inc.	11	Columbus Technical College	2
Jones Driver Education School of Augusta, Inc.	10	Southern Defensive Driving School	2
Taggart's Driving School	10	Oconee County Board of Education	2
A Driving Advantage	10	1st United Driving & DUI School	1
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	9	Athens Technical College	1
SGG Enterprises, Inc	9	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>748</b>

**Customer Service Report for December 2021 and January, February & March 2022**

GDEC Provider Email Contacts	420	Individual Staff Email Contacts	6,299
GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts	623	Invoices Processed: 561 invoices totaling \$527,252.99 accounting for 1,277 students	