

TRANSCRIPT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
CONDUCTED BY THE GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION COMMISSION  
ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY  
FOR THE GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION GRANT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

MAY 23, 2022, 10:00 AM

AT THE OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY  
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ALLEN POOLE: Good Morning, I'm Allen Poole. I'm the Chairman of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission. Today, I'd like to call the Public Hearing to Order. Let the record reflect that it is 10 o'clock. Our purpose is to put forth any changes that we make as a Commission to the public and give them an opportunity to voice concerns or ask any questions. With that said, I'm going to defer to the Director of the Georgia Driver's Education Commission, Josh Turner. Josh.

JOSH TURNER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This Public Hearing is for proposed changes to the Student Eligibility for the Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program. All proposed changes have been posted on our website for the public to view and to comment. We have posted this hearing notice as well as the final meeting notice to adopt the changes in the Legal Organ of Fulton County. There are no members of the public present, so if there are no questions, I will defer back to the Chairman.

ALLEN POOLE: Is there any members of the public online today?

AMY RADLEY: Josh, do you know who "meeting guest" that is in the list?

JOSH TURNER: I think that's you.

AMY RADLEY: Okay. No. Really? I'm on here separately.

JOSH TURNER: I only show five participants: Allen Poole, Amy Radley, Kisha Bell, Pamela Farr, and Josh Turner.

AMY RADLEY: Okay.

JOSH TURNER: If there is anyone else on the call, please make yourself known.

AMY RADLEY: And Josh, did anyone appear at y'all's offices that wish to participate?

JOSH TURER: No one is here.

AMY RADLEY: Okay. And have you received any emails or anything by mail with regards to these changes from the public?

JOSH TURNER: We have not.

AMY RADLEY: Okay. Well, if you've ever wanted to say "speak now or forever hold your peace," now would be the time.

LAUGHTER FROM THE PARTICIPANTS

JOSH TURNER: Let me check the office one more time just to make sure that no one is here.

ALLEN POOLE: So, Ms. Amy, this is a question for legal.

AMY RADLEY: Sure.

ALLEN POOLE: How long do we have to go before we close the meeting. Is there a requirement.

AMY RADLEY: There's nothing written in the legal requirement. I would say give it at least five minutes in case somebody is having trouble getting on. Honestly, it's not like you can't continue to take public comments up until, I believe you guys set your hearing for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

ALLEN POOLE: Yes, ma'am.

AMY RADLEY: The Public can always comment via email or mail, as well, and even show up at your office and say: "Hey, I want to let y'all know this" because it's not a debate, it's simply them expressing whatever issue they feel there may be. So, I would say 10:05, your good.

ALLEN POOLE: Thank you for that information. It's not like the county where you're required to hold a public hearing, I believe, it's thirty minutes or an hour. So that's good news... we don't have to sit here for that long. But we are always open to any suggestions, you know, that people may have, after the fact, and we will be more than happy to address their concerns or any questions they may have.

LONG PAUSE IN COMMENTS

AMY RADLEY: Just out of curiosity, is it raining downtown. too?

ALLEN POOLE: Pouring.

AMY RADLEY: Yeah, it's pouring here, also.

ALLEN POOLE: Pouring.

ALLEN POOLE: So uh, I have 10:05. Let me reiterate, that at any time, any public, if you're on today or not, you have the liberty to come in and question anything regarding the changes or proposal that is going to go forth at our next meeting of the Commission will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm to be approved by the Driver's Education Commission. With that said, if there are no questions or any information from anyone, I will close the Public Hearing and thank you all so much for your participation.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING – 10:05 AM

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