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PUBLIC NOTICE: GEORGIA DRIVER'S EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Georgia Driver's Education Commission will conduct its third quarter Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually. The public is welcome to attend. Meeting documents and public access information will be posted on <https://www.gahighwaysafety.org/gdec-resources/> by 5:00 pm on June 16, 2023.

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Agenda

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| 1 | Call to Order | <i>Allen Poole</i> | |
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MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA DRIVER’S EDUCATION COMMISSION

March 21, 2023

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

Vice Chairman Spencer R. Moore called the March 21, 2023, meeting of Georgia Driver’s Education Commission meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were as follows:

| Board Members in Attendance | Board Members not in Attendance |
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| Mr. Allen Poole, Chairman | |
| Mr. Spencer R. Moore, Vice Chairman | |
| Ms. Laura Boalch | |
| Mr. J. Barry Schrenk | |
| Ms. Kathy Watts | |
| Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins | |

Non-Members in Attendance were as follows:

Mr. Josh Turner, Georgia Department of Driver’s Education Commission
Ms. Kisha Bell, Georgia Department of Driver’s Education Commission
Mr. Robert Hydrick, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety
Ms. Laura Bohlander, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety
Mr. Brent Bennett, Georgia Department of Driver Services
Ms. Juenesse Holman, Georgia Department of Driver Services
Ms. Tina Piper, Attorney General Office

Welcome:

Vice Chairman Spencer Moore welcomed everyone in attendance and announced that he will be Chairing the meeting until Chairman Poole arrives.

Approval of Agenda

Vice Chairman Moore presented the agenda. Mr. Barry Schrenk made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Kathy Watts seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of December 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Moore presented the December 13, 2022, meeting minutes. Vice Chairman Moore asked Mr. Josh Turner if there were any changes to the meeting minutes. Mr. Turner stated that several scrivener's errors had been identified and asked that the minutes be approved with the corrections of the scriveners’ errors.

Dr. Malika Reed Wilkins made a motion to approve the December 13, 2022 meeting minutes with the corrections of the scrivener’s errors. Ms. Laura Boalch seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. Turner advised that State Representative Brian Prince, owner of Brock's Driving School requested to address the Commission regarding item number six on the agenda (Policy Regarding Award of Scholarship Prior to Course Start Date).

Representative Prince stated that classes fill up quickly and some parents pay for the course in advance prior to receiving the scholarship and would like the ability to refund a payment made by a parent for a driver's education course who received the scholarship after the student began the driver's education course. The scholarship rules prohibit the scholarships from being used if the scholarship was awarded after the student started the driver's education course.

Additionally, Representative Prince commented on an invoice denial that he received. He said the reason that the invoice was denied was because the student did not have a driver's license or leaners permit prior to receiving a scholarship and asked for feedback and action on the invoice. Representative Prince said that he loves and supports this program, but it's not his businesses' "bread and butter" and couldn't afford to continue losing money due to technicalities.

Vice Chairman Moore asked Representative Prince to clarify his request. Representative Prince stated that he would like a rule change that allows a refund on payments made to a provider for a student who receives the scholarship after they have paid and began their driver's education course, whether they finish the course, or not. Secondly, Representative Prince stated that he had no way of knowing if a student had a permit prior to the scholarships are awarded and he thought that having a permit or license was a requirement to getting the scholarship.

Vice Chairman Moore asked Mr. Turner to respond specifically to the items that Representative Prince addressed. Mr. Turner said he would address the second item first and explained that since the scholarship program was launched in 2017, the Commission relies on the provider redeeming the scholarship to verify that the first, middle, and last name, date of birth, and learner's permit or driver's license number entered on the student application matches the information on the student's learner's permit or driver's license. Further, Mr. Turner stated that the online scholarship system requires the provider to certify that they have viewed the permit or driver's license and that the information matches the information provided on the application before redeeming the scholarship and training the student. If the information on the application doesn't match the information on the permit or driver's license, Mr. Turner explained that the provider is required to upload a copy of the permit or driver's license through a secure and encrypted portal so that Commission staff can appropriately address the matter with the student or their parent/guardian. Mr. Turner stated that he wasn't familiar with the specifics of the invoice that was denied earlier in the day but he would be happy to review the invoice and ensure that it was processed correctly and that the invoice denial was not in error.

Mr. Turner asked Vice Chairman Moore if he could address the first part of Representative Prince's concern in the next agenda item and could provide the specific language of concern. Vice Chairman Moore answered that it would be appropriate to move on to the next agenda item but first wanted to relinquish the Chair position for the meeting to Chairman Allen Poole who had joined the meeting. Chairman Poole asked Vice Chairman Moore to continue chairing the meeting as he was a passenger in a car and was

concerned about adequate cellular service. Vice Chairman Moore agreed. Representative Prince stated that he had to leave the meeting for another appointment and appreciated the Commission's time.

Discussion Regarding Policy on Award of Scholarship Prior Course Start Date

Vice Chairman Moore asked Mr. Turner to address the policy. The policy states "the scholarship must be awarded prior to the start date of the driver's education course." Mr. Turner advised that this requirement was put in place shortly after the program began at the request of providers who did not want to issue refunds and that the policy only became an issue when the Scholarship rules were changed to allow automatic reconsideration of a denied application for the following two months and feels that the policy requires further examination.

Vice Chairman Moore asked if there were other providers asking to issue refunds in addition to Mr. Prince. Mr. Turner stated that he had not received requests from other providers but many parents had contacted the Commission requesting a refund. Mr. Turner said that he was sympathetic to both positions and feels that the policy should be studied more closely.

Ms. Kathy Watts stated that she experienced the same situation at New London School of Driving and that many parents will pay for the course after the first denial not realizing that their scholarship application would be automatically reconsidered until after they receive the award notification 60 days later and then want a refund after receiving the scholarship. Ms. Watts further stated that she doesn't have a problem with issuing refunds to parents who pay for the course and then are awarded a scholarship.

Chairman Poole, stated that he did not feel it was Commission's position to manage how a provider conducts refunds and that the refund policy should be between the provider and the parent and is not up to the board to make this decision. The board is responsible for the policies for this program and the provider should make their own decision when it comes to reimbursements.

Vice Chairman Moore agreed with Chairman Poole and discussion ensued regarding possible solutions.

Ms. Watts suggested changing the policy to state that the scholarship had to be awarded before the completion of the driver's education course. Ms. Laura Boalch agreed with Ms. Watts.

Mr. Barry Schrenk stated that the issue is an unintended consequence of the change of the scholarship rules and that perhaps further explanation of the rules should be provided to the parent/guardian at the time of application or denial. Mr. Schrenk stated that class spots are verify competitive based on demand and that his school's fee for the driver's education course is more than the \$500 scholarship value and stated that he would be refunding more money than he would receive with the scholarship. Mr. Schrenk additionally brought up concerns with the scenario of students who receive the scholarship and do not complete the course and that the can only receive a partial payment from the Commission for those students versus a paying student who doesn't receive any refund if they don't complete the course. He stated that is okay with the provider having the choice to issue a refund but feels that most driving schools have policies that no refunds are issued once payments are made.

Vice Chairman Moore asked Mr. Turner if he requests that the Commission take action on the item or if it was simply a discussion. Mr. Turner stated that the item was placed on the agenda for discussion and if the

Commission wanted to take action, that he could work with Counsel to draft language for consideration at a future meeting.

Staff Report

Mr. Turner presented the staff report including the Scholarship Report for January 2023, February 2023, and March 2023, Provider Scholarship Redemption Report, Third Quarter Customer Service Report as detailed below.



**Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program
Monthly Scholarship Report**

| Month | January 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Total New Applicants This Month: | 347 |
| Tier 1 New Applicants This Month: | 6 |
| Tier 2 New Applicants This Month | 341 |
| Monthly Allocation: | 385 |

| Reconsideration Statistics | Approved | Denied | \$ Needed to Award Denied |
|--|----------|--------|---------------------------|
| Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration: | 0 | 0 | |
| Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration | 0 | 0 | |
| Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration: | 445 | 352 | \$46,500 |
| Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration | 27 | 27 | 0 |

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| New Applicants this Month Eligible First Reconsideration Next Month: | 341 |
| Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month: | 27 |

| Congressional District | Tier 1 | | | Tier 2 | | |
|------------------------|--|--|---------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| | Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration | Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration | Approved This Month | Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration | Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration | Approved This Month |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 31 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 0 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 31 | 0 |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 0 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0 |
| 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 31 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 6 | 27 | 352 | 0 |
| Value of Awards | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 13,500.00 | \$176,000.00 | \$ - |



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

| Month | February 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Total New Applicants This Month: | 716 |
| Tier 1 New Applicants This Month: | 3 |
| Tier 2 New Applicants This Month | 713 |
| Monthly Allocation: | 385 |

| Reconsideration Statistics | Approved | Denied | \$ Needed to Award Denied |
|--|----------|--------|---------------------------|
| Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration: | 0 | 0 | |
| Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration | 0 | 0 | |
| Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration: | 341 | 289 | \$26,000 |
| Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration | 93 | 93 | \$ - |

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| New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month: | 713 |
| Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month: | 52 |

| Congressional District | Tier 1 | | | Tier 2 | | |
|------------------------|--|--|---------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| | Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration | Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration | Approved This Month | Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration | Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration | Approved This Month |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 21 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 28 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 14 | 0 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 28 | 0 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| 13 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 28 | 0 |
| 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 28 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 3 | 93 | 289 | 0 |
| Value of Awards | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,500.00 | \$46,500.00 | \$144,500.00 | \$ - |



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

| Month | March 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Total New Applicants This Month: | 615 |
| Tier 1 New Applicants This Month: | 5 |
| Tier 2 New Applicants This Month | 610 |
| Monthly Allocation: | 385 |

| Reconsideration Statistics | Approved | Denied | \$ Needed to Award Denied |
|--|----------|--------|---------------------------|
| Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration: | 0 | 0 | |
| Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration | 0 | 0 | |
| Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration: | 712 | 328 | \$192,000 |
| Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration | 52 | 0 | \$ - |

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| New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month: | 610 |
| Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month: | 0 |

| Congressional District | Tier 1 | | | Tier 2 | | |
|------------------------|--|--|---------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| | Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration | Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration | Approved This Month | Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration | Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration | Approved This Month |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 24 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 0 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 24 | 0 |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 24 | 0 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 0 |
| 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 24 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 5 | 52 | 328 | 0 |
| Value of Awards | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 | \$26,000.00 | \$164,000.00 | \$ - |

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report between December 10 2022 through March 15, 2023

| Provider Name | Scholarships Redeemed | Provider Name | Scholarships Redeemed |
|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| A-1 Driving School, Inc. | 188 | Georgia Northwestern Technical College | 11 |
| Cobb Subs, Inc. | 108 | Southern Regional Technical College | 11 |
| Barber's Driving School, Inc. | 78 | Hemisphere International Inc | 10 |
| New London School of Driving Inc. | 57 | Ogeechee Technical College | 10 |
| A+ Driving Services, Inc. | 35 | O'keith Wallace | 10 |
| 1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy | 29 | Lanier Technical College | 9 |
| Advance Driving Academy | 26 | Southern Crescent Technical College | 9 |
| South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc. | 26 | AA Academy of Action Driving School | 8 |
| Gwinnett County Board Of Education | 24 | Albany Technical College | 8 |
| Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools | 22 | Augusta Technical College | 8 |
| Brock's Driver Education School, Inc. | 21 | South Georgia Technical College | 7 |
| Coastal Pines Technical College | 21 | !!01 Act Driving Schools, LLC | 6 |
| Kristin National, Inc. | 21 | Duluth DUI and Driving School | 6 |
| Thumbs Up Driving Inc. | 21 | FB Driving, Inc. | 6 |
| SGG Enterprises, Inc | 20 | Georgia Piedmont Technical College | 6 |
| Savannah Technical College | 16 | Athens Technical College | 5 |
| Shead Capital Group, LLC | 16 | Atlanta Technical College | 5 |
| Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc | 16 | Safe America Foundation, Inc. | 4 |
| Georgia Driving School, Inc. | 14 | West Georgia Technical College | 4 |
| Wiregrass Georgia Technical College | 14 | Hugh Miller | 3 |
| Collins Driving School | 13 | Oconee Fall Line Technical College | 3 |
| DriveSmart Systems, Inc. | 13 | Calhoun City BOE | 2 |
| North Georgia Technical College | 13 | Gordon County Board of Education | 2 |
| Marietta City Board of Education | 12 | Oconee County Board of Education | 2 |
| Nathan's Driving School, Inc. | 12 | Columbus Technical College | 1 |
| Central Georgia Technical College | 11 | Total | 1003 |

Customer Service Report for December 2022, January 2023, and February 2023

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|------------------------------------|-----|--|-------|
| GDEC Provider Email Contacts | 234 | Individual Staff Email Contacts | 3,413 |
| GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts | 422 | Invoices Processed: 407 invoices totaling \$420,715.80 accounting for 985 students | |

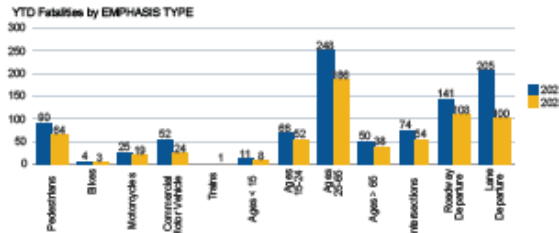
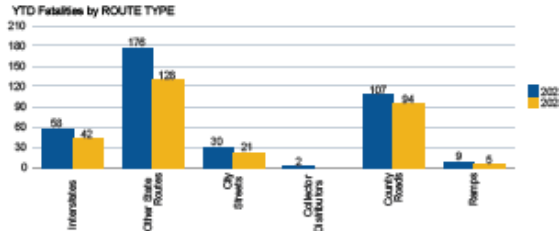


Georgia Traffic Deaths - Yearly Total and Comparison
 GDOT Office of Traffic Operations
 Fatalities as of 03/15/2023

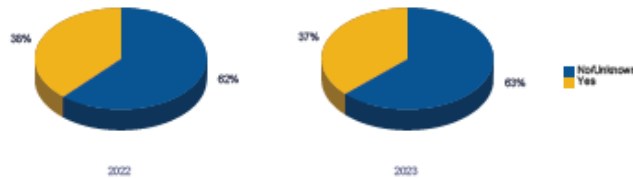
| ROUTE TYPE | | TOTAL | | ANNUAL | | YEAR TO DATE | | YTD CHANGE | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|--|
| Fatality Details | 2021 | 2022 | Difference | Percent | 2022 | 2023 | Difference | Percent | |
| Interstates | 250 | 231 | -25 | -10 | 56 | 42 | -16 | -28 | |
| Collector/Distributors | 8 | 7 | -1 | -13 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ramps | 25 | 47 | 22 | 88 | 9 | 5 | -4 | -44 | |
| Other State Routes | 930 | 856 | -70 | -8 | 176 | 128 | -48 | -27 | |
| County Roads | 477 | 533 | 56 | 12 | 107 | 94 | -13 | -12 | |
| City Streets | 135 | 130 | -5 | -4 | 30 | 21 | -9 | -30 | |
| Grand Total | 1827 | 1884 | -23 | -1 | 382 | 296 | -82 | -24 | |

| YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE | | TOTAL | | ANNUAL | | YEAR TO DATE | | YTD CHANGE | |
|---------------------------------|------|-------|------------|---------|------|--------------|------------|------------|--|
| Fatality Details | 2021 | 2022 | Difference | Percent | 2022 | 2023 | Difference | Percent | |
| Pedestrians | 319 | 339 | 20 | 6 | 93 | 64 | -29 | -31 | |
| Bikes | 14 | 32 | 18 | 129 | 4 | 3 | -1 | -25 | |
| Motorcycles | 184 | 197 | 13 | 7 | 25 | 19 | -6 | -24 | |
| Commercial Motor Vehicle | 208 | 215 | 7 | 4 | 54 | 24 | -30 | -56 | |
| Trains | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ages < 15 | 54 | 62 | 8 | 15 | 11 | 8 | -3 | -27 | |
| Ages 15-24 | 310 | 273 | -37 | -12 | 86 | 52 | -34 | -21 | |
| Ages 25-65 | 1172 | 1187 | 15 | 1 | 252 | 186 | -66 | -26 | |
| Ages > 65 | 278 | 286 | 8 | 3 | 52 | 38 | -14 | -27 | |
| Intersections | 338 | 365 | 27 | 8 | 75 | 54 | -21 | -28 | |
| Roadway Departure | 732 | 649 | -83 | -11 | 142 | 106 | -36 | -24 | |
| Lane Departure | 1019 | 898 | -121 | -12 | 207 | 100 | -107 | -52 | |
| Seat Belt (No/Unknown) | 787 | 766 | -21 | -3 | 164 | 129 | -35 | -21 | |

Note: Any single fatality may fall into one or more Emphasis Types.



YTD Seat Belt Fatalities



In addition to the reports above, Mr. Turner stated that the Commission had processed over 80 provider renewal contracts in the last 30 days.

Mr. Turner announced that HB 242 sponsored by Representative Bill Hitchens, a bill to reestablish the surcharge on traffic citations to fund the Commission and sets the surcharge at 3%. has passed the House and the Senate and been sent to the Governor.

Mr. Turner announced that the Governor's recommend budget only appropriated the cost of living adjustment for the Commission and did not appropriate a general budget despite dedicated traffic citation surcharge funds being collected by the state in the current fiscal year. Mr. Turner stated that he had been working with the House and Senate Appropriation Committees and their staff to restore funding and thanked Chairman Poole and Vice Chairman Moore for their support throughout the process.

Mr. Turner stated that in addition to the policy review previously discussed in the meeting, that he requests the Commission consider eliminating the 90-Day Covid Extension to the Course Completion Deadline that was implemented by resolution in March of 2020 (Resolution 2020-01) at the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Mr. Turner explained that scholarship rules allow for 180 days to complete the course from the date of the award and that students, parents and providers may request a 60-day extension which totals 240 days. The additional 90-day extension allowed the student 330 days to complete the course. Mr. Turner stated that since pandemic backlogs and waiting periods had been eliminated, he is requesting that the program return to the original course completion deadline of 180 days plus the 60-day extension.

Vice Chairman Moore congratulated Mr. Turner on a job well done and thanked Mr. Turner and Ms. Kisha Bell for their work. Dr. Wilkins echoed the congratulations and thanked the staff for their hard work.

Vice Chairman Moore asked Ms. Tina Piper about the March 2020 resolution that was adopted to allow for an additional 90-day extension and the process for rescinding it. Mr. Piper asked for clarity that 90-day extension was by resolution only and not adopted through Rules and Regulations utilizing the Administrative Procedures Act. Mr. Turner confirmed that it was not a rule change through the Administrative Procedures Act.

Chairman Poole made a motion to rescind Resolution 2020-01. Dr Wilkins seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Moore asked for discussion. Mr. Turner stated that Resolution 2020-01 also included language to enable providers to deliver virtual delivery of driver training in sync with the Department of Driver Services Rules. Vice Chairman Moore asked Ms. Juenesse Holman to confirm that the Department of Driver Services authorizes virtual delivery of driver training. Ms. Holman stated that the rule has not been made permanent, but the DDS staff doesn't expect it to be repealed so until a permanent rule is adopted, the temporary delivery of the virtual training is allowed. Ms. Piper suggested considering a vote to eliminate a portion of Resolution 2020-01 as it related to the Covid-19 90-day extension but not rescind the entire motion. Mr. Turner also requested that the motion to eliminate the Covid-19 90-day extension have an effective date of July 1, 2023. Chairman Poole withdrew the motion. Chairman Poole then made a motion to suspend the Covid-19 90-day Course Completion Deadline Extension enacted in Resolution 2020-01 effective July 1, 2023. Mr. Schrenk seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Poole also recommended that the Commission review the policies governing the scholarship program as the Commission will potentially double the number of scholarships when the additional funding is provided. Mr. Schrenk recommended that the Commission establish a subcommittee to review the policies governing the scholarship program. Vice Chairman Moore agreed, and Chairman Poole recommended that the board members contact Mr. Turner if they would like to participate in the process.

Other New Business

There was no other business to come before the Commission.

Adjournment

Chairman Poole made a motion to adjourn, Vice Chairman Poole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kischa Bell
Business Operations Analyst
Georgia Driver's Education Commission



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

| Month | April 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Total New Applicants This Month: | 690 |
| Tier 1 New Applicants This Month: | 681 |
| Tier 2 New Applicants This Month: | 9 |
| Monthly Allocation: | 385 |

| Reconsideration Statistics | Approved | Denied | \$ Needed to Award Denied |
|--|----------|--------|---------------------------|
| Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration: | 0 | 0 | |
| Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration: | 0 | 0 | |
| Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration: | 610 | 610 | \$305,000 |
| Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration: | 384 | 8 | \$ 4,000.00 |

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| New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month: | 681 |
| Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month: | 610 |

| Congressional District | Tier 1 | | | Tier 2 | | |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration | Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration | Applied this Month & Approved This Month | Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration | Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration | Applied this Month & Approved This Month |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 9 | 376 | 0 | 0 |
| Value of Awards | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,500.00 | \$188,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - |



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

| Month | May 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Total New Applicants This Month: | 594 |
| Tier 1 New Applicants This Month: | 590 |
| Tier 2 New Applicants This Month | 4 |
| Monthly Allocation: | 385 |

| Reconsideration Statistics | Approved | Denied | \$ Needed to Award Denied |
|--|----------|--------|---------------------------|
| Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration: | 0 | 0 | |
| Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration | 0 | 0 | |
| Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration: | 680 | 680 | \$340,000 |
| Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration | 609 | 381 | \$ 114,000.00 |

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| New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month: | 590 |
| Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month: | 228 |

| Congressional District | Tier 1 | | | Tier 2 | | |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration | Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration | Applied this Month & Approved This Month | Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration | Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration | Applied this Month & Approved This Month |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 4 | 381 | 0 | 0 |
| Value of Awards | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 | \$190,500.00 | \$ - | \$ - |



Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program Monthly Scholarship Report

| Month | June 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Total New Applicants This Month: | 823 |
| Tier 1 New Applicants This Month: | 8 |
| Tier 2 New Applicants This Month | 589 |
| Monthly Allocation: | 1885 |

| Reconsideration Statistics | Approved | Denied | \$ Needed to Award Denied |
|--|----------|--------|---------------------------|
| Tier 1 Awaiting First Reconsideration: | 0 | 0 | |
| Tier 1 Awaiting Final Reconsideration | 0 | 0 | |
| Tier 2 Awaiting First Reconsideration: | 589 | 0 | \$ - |
| Tier 2 Awaiting Final Reconsideration | 680 | 0 | \$ - |

| | |
|--|-----|
| New Applicants this Month Eligible for First Reconsideration Next Month: | 207 |
| Applicants Eligible for Final Reconsideration Next Month: | 0 |

| Congressional District | Tier 1 | | | Tier 2 | | |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration | Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration | Applied this Month & Approved This Month | Denied Twice; Awaiting Final Consideration | Denied Once; Awaiting Second Consideration | Applied this Month & Approved This Month |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 22 | 34 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 51 | 34 | 48 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 53 | 48 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 32 | 39 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 21 | 30 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 20 | 26 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 49 | 44 | 48 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 26 | 48 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 41 | 48 |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 47 | 43 | 47 |
| 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 68 | 82 | 48 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 45 | 48 |
| 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 78 | 48 |
| 14 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 72 | 48 | 48 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 8 | 680 | 589 | 608 |
| Value of Awards | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,000.00 | \$340,000.00 | \$294,500.00 | \$ 304,000.00 |

Provider Scholarship Redemption Report between March 16, 2023 through June 14, 2023

| Provider Name | Scholarships Redeemed | Provider Name | Scholarships Redeemed |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| A-1 Driving School, Inc. | 198 | Marietta City Board of Education | 27 |
| West Metro Driving School Cartersville LLC | 153 | Albany Technical College | 26 |
| Barber's Driving School, Inc. | 109 | Georgia Driving School, Inc. | 24 |
| New London School of Driving Inc. | 65 | Ogeechee Technical College | 24 |
| A+ Driving Services, Inc. | 59 | AA Academy of Action Driving School | 22 |
| Advance Driving Academy | 50 | Brock's Driver Education School, Inc. | 21 |
| !!01 Act Driving Schools, LLC | 49 | Kristin National, Inc. | 19 |
| 1st Stop Georgia Driving Academy | 47 | Nathan's Driving School, Inc. | 12 |
| Augusta Technical College | 46 | Duluth DUI and Driving School | 11 |
| Central Georgia Technical College | 46 | Oconee Fall Line Technical College | 11 |
| Shead Capital Group, LLC | 38 | Southern Crescent Technical College | 10 |
| Thumbs Up Driving Inc. | 37 | FB Driving, Inc. | 9 |
| Wiregrass Georgia Technical College | 37 | Hugh Miller | 9 |
| Collins Driving School | 36 | Columbus Technical College | 8 |
| South Cherokee/Jasper Driver Improvement Clinic Inc. | 35 | Oconee County Board of Education | 8 |
| Southeastern Regional Driving and Safety Academy Inc | 34 | White County Board of Education | 8 |
| Georgia Northwestern Technical College | 32 | Atlanta Technical College | 7 |
| North Georgia Technical College | 32 | O'keith Wallace | 7 |
| Coastal Pines Technical College | 31 | Athens Technical College | 6 |
| SGG Enterprises, Inc | 31 | Calhoun City BOE | 4 |
| Pinnacle Pointe DUI & Driving Schools | 30 | Georgia Piedmont Technical College | 4 |
| Savannah Technical College | 30 | South Georgia Technical College | 4 |
| Southern Regional Technical College | 29 | Southeastern Technical College | 4 |
| DriveSmart Systems, Inc. | 28 | Gordon County Board of Education | 3 |
| Gwinnett County Board Of Education | 27 | Safe America Foundation, Inc. | 2 |
| Hemisphere International Inc | 27 | West Georgia Technical College | 2 |
| Lanier Technical College | 27 | Total | 1655 |

Customer Service Report for March, April, and May 2023

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|---|-------|
| GDEC Provider Email Contacts | 260 | Individual Staff Email Contacts | 4,265 |
| GDEC Student/Parent Email Contacts | 395 | Invoices Processed: 387 invoices totaling \$376,323.55 accounting for 854 students | |

Georgia Traffic Deaths - Yearly Total and Comparison GDOT Office of Traffic Operations Fatalities as of 06/16/2023

ROUTE TYPE

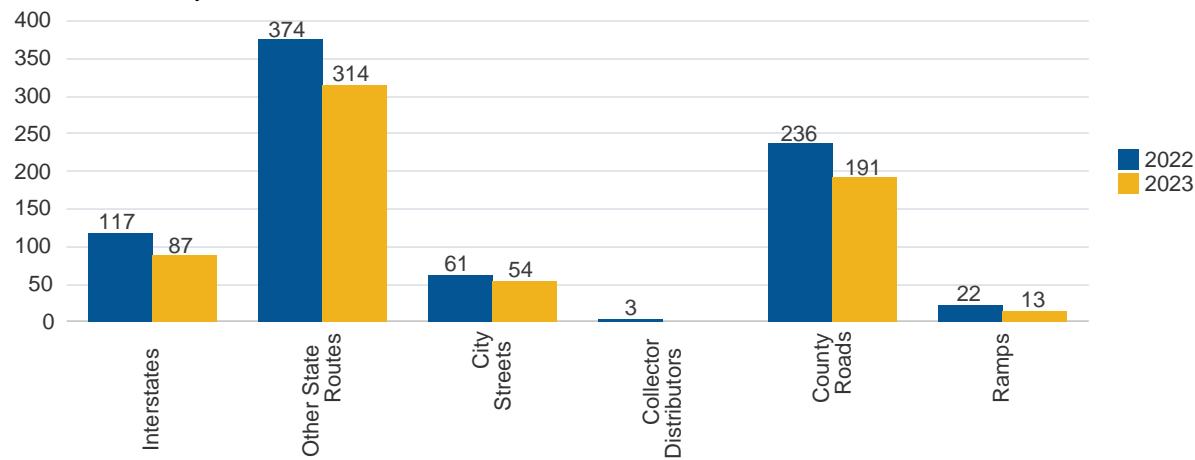
| Fatality Details | TOTAL | | ANNUAL | | YEAR TO DATE | | YTD CHANGE | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Fatality Type | 2021 | 2022 | Difference | Percent | 2022 | 2023 | Difference | Percent |
| Interstates | 256 | 233 | -23 | -9 | 117 | 87 | -30 | -26 |
| Collector Distributors | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3 | | | |
| Ramps | 25 | 49 | 24 | 96 | 22 | 13 | -9 | -41 |
| Other State Routes | 926 | 883 | -43 | -5 | 374 | 314 | -60 | -16 |
| County Roads | 477 | 526 | 49 | 10 | 236 | 191 | -45 | -19 |
| City Streets | 136 | 124 | -12 | -9 | 61 | 54 | -7 | -11 |
| Grand Total | 1828 | 1823 | -5 | -0 | 813 | 659 | -154 | -19 |

YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE

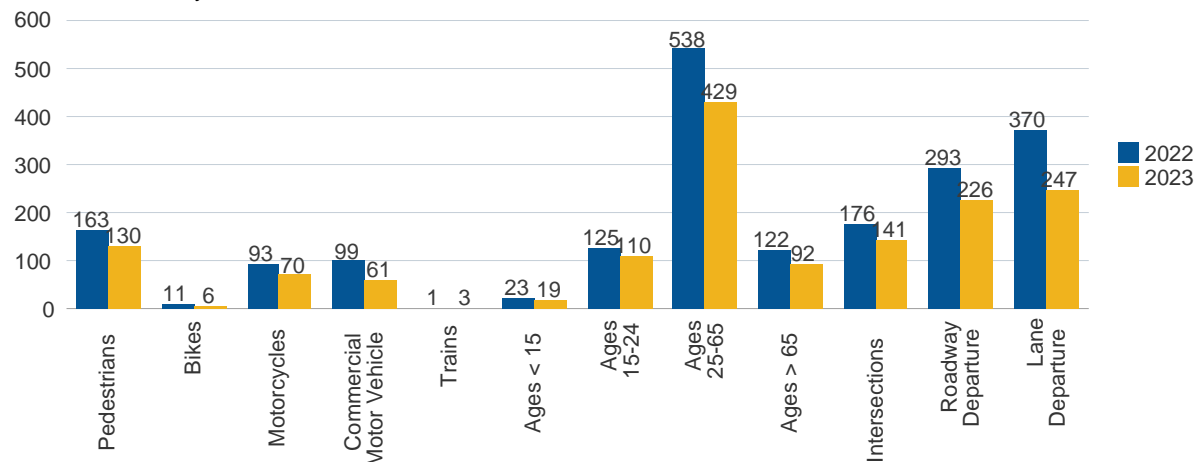
| Fatality Details | TOTAL | | ANNUAL | | YEAR TO DATE | | YTD CHANGE | |
|--------------------------|-------|------|------------|---------|--------------|------|------------|---------|
| Fatality Type | 2021 | 2022 | Difference | Percent | 2022 | 2023 | Difference | Percent |
| Pedestrians | 319 | 344 | 25 | 8 | 164 | 130 | -34 | -21 |
| Bikes | 14 | 33 | 19 | 136 | 11 | 6 | -5 | -45 |
| Motorcycles | 184 | 200 | 16 | 9 | 93 | 70 | -23 | -25 |
| Commercial Motor Vehicle | 206 | 217 | 11 | 5 | 99 | 61 | -38 | -38 |
| Trains | | 2 | | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 200 |
| Ages < 15 | 54 | 56 | 2 | 4 | 23 | 19 | -4 | -17 |
| Ages 15-24 | 309 | 274 | -35 | -11 | 125 | 110 | -15 | -12 |
| Ages 25-65 | 1174 | 1215 | 41 | 3 | 540 | 429 | -111 | -21 |
| Ages > 65 | 278 | 271 | -7 | -3 | 122 | 92 | -30 | -25 |
| Intersections | 306 | 371 | 65 | 21 | 176 | 141 | -35 | -20 |
| Roadway Departure | 733 | 649 | -84 | -11 | 294 | 226 | -68 | -23 |
| Lane Departure | 1020 | 705 | -315 | -31 | 370 | 247 | -123 | -33 |
| Seat Belt (No/Unknown) | 768 | 770 | 2 | 0 | 328 | 279 | -49 | -15 |

Note: Any single fatality may fall into one or more Emphasis Types.

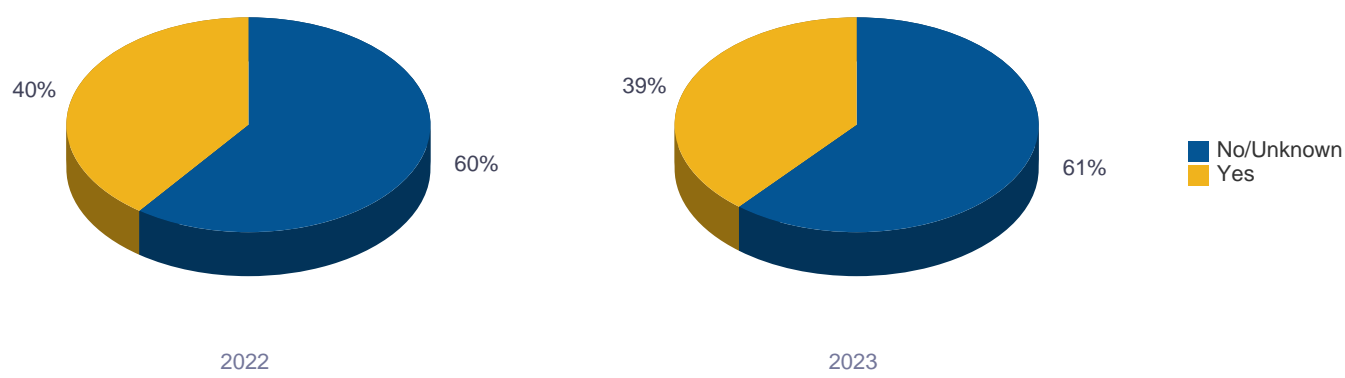
YTD Fatalities by ROUTE TYPE



YTD Fatalities by EMPHASIS TYPE



YTD Seat Belt Fatalities



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Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Meeting Schedule

First Quarter Meeting: September 12, 2023

Second Quarter Meeting: December 14, 2023

Third Quarter Meeting: March 19, 2024

Fourth Quarter Meeting: June 11, 2024

All meeting times are at 1:30 pm unless otherwise posted.

Amended Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal

| Budget Category | Cost Category | Fiscal Year 2023 | Amended Fiscal Year 2023 Budget | Fiscal Year 2024 Budget* |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 |
| Software Support (Scholarship Program IT Support) | Contractual Services | \$ 75,000.00 | \$ 75,000.00 | \$ 75,000.00 |
| Temporary Labor | Contractual Services | \$ 32,000.00 | \$ 32,000.00 | \$ 32,000.00 |
| Scholarships | Grants | \$ 2,333,500.00 | \$ 2,205,580.00 | \$ 904,881.00 |
| Board Member Expenses | Per Diem | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Personnel Services | Personnel Services | \$ 244,000.00 | \$ 244,000.00 | \$ 257,939.00 |
| Board Meeting Expenses | Regular Operating | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Office Supplies | Regular Operating | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Printing | Regular Operating | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Shipping | Regular Operating | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Software License | Regular Operating | \$ 81,000.00 | \$ 81,000.00 | \$ 82,680.00 |
| Subscriptions, Memberships and Certifications | Regular Operating | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Rent | Rent | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Telecommunications | Telecommunciations | \$ 39,000.00 | \$ 39,000.00 | \$ 39,000.00 |
| Staff & Board Member Travel | Travel | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Total | | \$ 2,913,000.00 | \$ 2,785,080.00 | \$ 1,500,000.00 |

*FY 2023 Collections as of 6/14/2023 was \$1,427,347.26. The FY 2024 budget appropriation as \$2,913,000; however, we anticipate a reduction in the Amended FY 2024 budget to reflect the actual FY 2023 collections.