Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority
245 Peachtree Center Ave., Suite 2300
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Board Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Walter M. Deriso, Jr., Chairman
Steve Brock, Vice Chairman
Dick Anderson
Bert Brantley
Katie Childers
Ann Hanlon
Russell McMurry
Darrell McWaters
Narender Reddy
Todd VerSteeg

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Deriso called the inaugural Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority (GTEA) meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. A quorum was confirmed for the meeting. Chairman Deriso began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA

Chairman Deriso called for a vote to approve the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Executive Report

Interim Executive Director Jannine Miller delivered a briefing on the statutory duties of GTEA, highlighting the retained functions from the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (ATL).

Interim Executive Director Miller provided an update on major express lane projects, including ongoing construction of the State Route 400 Express Lanes and the procurement phase for the I-285 East Express Lanes.

Bylaws Review and Adoption

Mr. Cain Williamson, Deputy Director of GTEA, provided an update on the development of bylaws for the newly established GTEA. Staff prepared an initial draft set of bylaws for Board consideration, drawing from the previous GRTA and ATL bylaws and incorporating the provisions most applicable to the responsibilities of the new organization.

Mr. Williamson recommended that the Board consider adoption of the draft bylaws with the understanding that amendments can be introduced as necessary.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BYLAWS REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Chairman Deriso called for a motion to adopt the Bylaws. Board member Narender Reddy made the motion which was seconded by Board member Todd VerSteeg. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

Designation of Compliance Zone Counties

Mr. Williamson provided an overview of the compliance zone county designation process and its importance to the organization's governance and statutory responsibilities.

Mr. Williamson noted that Governor Brian Kemp issued an initial executive order establishing a temporary list of compliance zone counties to allow the new Board to be seated properly. Williamson explained that once constituted, the Board must formally adopt a resolution to permanently designate the thirteen counties in metro Atlanta as the Compliance Zone for both governance and DRI program administration.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF COMPLIANCE ZONE COUNTIES

Chairman Deriso called for a motion approving the Designation of Compliance Zone Counties. Board member Russell McMurry made the motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Board member VerSteeg. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

Development of Regional Impact Policy Adoption

Mr. Williamson provided an update on the policies governing Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) reviews. He explained that under state law and regulations established by the Department of Community Affairs, DRI reviews occur statewide; however, in the thirteen county metropolitan Atlanta region, these reviews include an additional level of transportation focused analysis. This enhanced review process has historically been overseen by GRTA and will now be performed by GTEA.

He concluded by explaining that the recommendation before the Board is to adopt the same set of DRI policies previously used by GRTA, allowing GTEA to continue the program without interruption and aligning the organization's work with established procedures.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT POLICY ADOPTION

Chairman Deriso called for a motion approving the Development of Regional Impact Policy Adoption. Mr. Todd Ver Steeg made the motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Steve Brock. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

Vice Chair Election

Chairman Deriso initiated the nomination process for the Vice Chair of GTEA. Board member Dick Anderson nominated Board member Steve Brock and was seconded by Board member Reddy. No additional nominations were brought forward. With no objections raised, the nomination period was formally closed.

Chairman Deriso then called for a vote on the nomination. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the nomination, officially confirming Board member Brock as the Vice Chair of the GTEA Board.

The GTEA Board adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 1:05 p.m.

FY27 GTEA Budget Approval

Mr. Jon Ravenelle, Chief of Planning, Strategy, and Program Implementation for GTEA, presented the FY27 GTEA budget. Mr. Ravenelle requested that approval of the budget be placed on the consent agenda for action.

Federal Transit Authority (FTA) Grant Approval

Mr. Ravenelle next outlined several multi-year Federal Transit Administration grant funded initiatives. Mr. Ravenelle requested that approval of these FTA grant submissions be placed on the consent agenda for action.

Gwinnett Operations Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Approval

Mr. Ravenelle gave a presentation on renewing the Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County for a 12-month term to run the Xpress bus service on several routes in the county. He requested that approval of this agreement be placed on the consent agenda for action.

Cobb County Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Approval

Mr. Ravenelle gave a presentation on renewing the Intergovernmental Agreement with Cobb County for a 12-month term to run the Xpress bus service on several routes in the county. He requested that approval of this agreement be placed on the consent agenda for State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) IGA to Invest in General Obligation Bond Funds Approval.

Mr. Ravenelle provided an update on the remaining GO! Transit bond funds originally appropriated in 2015, noting that a portion remains unspent and is available to be directed to support Xpress technology updates.

He recommended the board execute an IGA with SRTA to establish the framework required for GTEA to deploy these remaining bond funds. He requested that approval of this agreement be placed on the consent agenda for action.

SRTA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Transfer of GRTA Funds Approval

Mr. Ravenelle presented an MOU with SRTA to transfer remaining GRTA appropriations to GTEA. This agreement would allow GTEA to receive the current GRTA fund balance and the upcoming fiscal year appropriation SRTA. He requested that approval of this agreement be placed on the consent agenda for action.

Xpress Operations and Maintenance Contract Extension Approval

Ms. Gail Franklin, Chief of Transit Operations, provided an update on Xpress operations and requested approval for a one-year extension of the existing contract with Transdev, the turnkey operator responsible for Xpress daily service delivery, staffing, training, and vehicle and facility maintenance. She requested that the contract extension approval be placed on the consent agenda for action.

Vanpool Contract Extension

Ms. Franklin provided an update on the Vanpool operations agreement. She recommended approval of a one-year extension for the agreement and requested that the contract extension be placed on the consent agenda for Board action.

Xpress Bus Technology Replacements Contract Approval

Ms. Franklin provided an update on the replacement of the Computer-Aided Dispatch and Automatic Vehicle Location (CAD/AVL) systems for Xpress. The CAD/AVL system supports the Xpress service through real-time customer information, automated stop announcements, operational analytics, hosting support, and system maintenance. Ms. Franklin recommended execution of a contract with Avail Technologies to replace the current system. She requested that contract approval be placed on the consent agenda for action.

Park & Ride Landscape Maintenance Contract Extension Approval

Ms. Franklin provided an update on the landscape and Park & Ride Lot maintenance contract administered through Yellowstone, the vendor responsible for groundskeeping across all Xpress Park & Ride locations and recommended a two-year contract extension for a continuation of services. She requested that approval of the contract extension be placed on the consent agenda for action.

Park & Ride Security Contract Extension Approval

Ms. Franklin provided an update on the security contract with Andy Frain Services, who provides consistent onsite security coverage to protect customers, vehicles, and property at Xpress Park & Ride lots. She recommended a one-year contract renewal and requested that approval of the contract extension be placed on the consent agenda for action.

Acceptance of Park & Ride Lot Custody and Control

Ms. Franklin provided an update on two Xpress Park & Ride lots that belong to the State Properties Commission and were in custody and control of SRTA. SRTA has released custody and control of these lots, which must now be accepted by GTEA.

She requested approval for the Executive Director to accept custody of these two lots and asked that this item be placed on the consent agenda for action.

Public Comment

Mr. J.T. Jackson offered a public comment.

Consent Agenda Approvals

Chairman Deriso called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Board member Reddy made the motion to approve which was seconded by Board member Anderson. The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

FY27 Proposed Board Meeting Dates

Chairman Deriso called for a motion to approve the FY27 Proposed Board Meeting Dates. Board member Reddy made the motion to approve the Board Calendar which was seconded by Board member Anderson. The Board unanimously approved the calendar.

New Business

Chairman Deriso announced the establishment of three standing committees within the Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority; the Administrative Committee, the Transit Operations Committee, and the Projects & Program Committee. He informed Board members that committee membership will be finalized prior to the August Board meeting and noted that these committees will meet prior to regular Board meetings. He will also appoint the chairs of each committee as part of this process.

ADJOURNMENT

The inaugural Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority (GTEA) adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

Walter Deriso Jr

Walter M. Deriso, Jr., Chair

ATTEST:

Chris Brunson

Chris Brunson, Board Secretary

8/19/2026

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: