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GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Called Georgia Trauma Commission Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2026
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Zoom

Meeting Recording: <https://youtu.be/BX5XGpHJVy4>

Meeting Attachments: trauma.ga.gov

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Dennis Ashley, Chairman
Dr. J. Smith, Vice-Chair
Mr. Pete Quinones, Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. James Dunne
Mr. Courtney Terwilliger
Dr. John Bleacher
Dr. S. Rob Todd
Mr. Terry Cobb
Dr. Alicia Register

STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Elizabeth Atkins	Georgia Trauma Commission, Executive Director
Gabriela Saye	Georgia Trauma Commission, Business Operations Manager
Crystal Shelnett	Georgia Trauma Commission, Regional Trauma Systems Development Manager
Gina Solomon	Georgia Trauma Commission, QIP Director
Katie Vaughan	Georgia Trauma Commission, Finance Operations Manager
Pam Vanderberg	Grady, VP, Trauma Services
Kamryn Wham	Georgia Hospital Association, Health Policy Analyst

CALL TO ORDER (00:00:08)

Dr. Dennis Ashley, Georgia Trauma Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, with nine Commission members present, establishing a quorum.

FY2026 REMAINING AND REALLOCATED BUDGET (00:00:28)

Presented by Pete Quinones

Mr. Pete Quinones presented the FY2026 remaining and reallocated budget (**ATTACHMENT A**), detailing available funds sourced from prior-year rollovers, trust fund interest, and trauma center-related allocations. The total amount available for reallocation was reported as \$3,747,120.82. Following the presentation, a motion was requested.

[MOTION GTCNC 2026-05-01:](#)
[Motion to approve the FY2026 Reallocation Plan](#)

MOTION BY: S. Rob Todd

SECOND BY: Alicia Register

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion **PASSED** with no objections nor abstentions

FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET (00:03:13)

Presented by Pete Quinones

The Commission then considered the FY2027 proposed budget (**ATTACHMENT B**), totaling approximately \$30 million.

MOTION GTCNC 2026-05-02:

Motion to approve the FY2027 proposed budget

MOTION BY: Terry Cobb

SECOND BY: James Dunne

DISCUSSION: Concern was raised about the distribution formulas used for hospital funding allocations, particularly the proportional differences in funding between Level III and Level IV trauma centers. Members debated whether changes should be made immediately or referred for further review. Staff advised that any changes to funding formulas must be implemented before the June 1st contract issuance deadline, and that immediate revisions could delay contract processing. After discussion, the Commission agreed to approve the budget as presented to maintain contract timelines.

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion **PASSED** with no objections nor abstentions

Following budget approval, a separate motion was introduced to review the trauma center funding allocation methodology, specifically to examine the current distribution formulas and evaluate potential increases in funding for Level III and Level IV trauma centers. Members agreed that a structured workgroup should be formed to conduct this review and report recommendations through the Finance Committee.

MOTION GTCNC 2026-05-03:

Motion to form a workgroup to review trauma center funding allocation formulas and recommend potential revisions, particularly regarding Level III and Level IV funding levels, for submission to the Finance Committee.

MOTION BY: Courtney Terwilliger

SECOND BY: James Dunne

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion **PASSED** with no objections nor abstentions

Commission members discussed the structure and composition of the proposed review group. It was agreed that representation should include stakeholders from all trauma center levels to ensure balanced input. Dr. Ashley indicated intent to develop a broadly representative group and present its composition at a future meeting. Members were invited to submit suggestions to Dr. Ashley and Liz Atkins. It was further noted that the review

process would require deliberate and extended analysis and could not be completed within a single meeting cycle.

ADJOURNMENT (00:14:31)

With no additional business presented, a motion to adjourn was requested.

MOTION GTCNC 2026-05-04:

Motion to adjourn

MOTION BY: J. Smith

SECOND BY: Courtney Terwilliger

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion **PASSED** with no objections nor abstentions

SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS & ACTION ITEMS

- The Commission approved the FY2026 reallocation plan (**ATTACHMENT A**)
- The Commission approved the FY2027 proposed budget (**ATTACHMENT B**)
- The Commission approved the formation of a workgroup to review trauma center funding allocation formulas and recommend potential revisions, particularly regarding Level III and Level IV funding levels, for submission to the Finance Committee.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gabriela Saye