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GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Georgia Trauma Commission Finance & Budget Committee

July 20, 2026

Meeting Minutes

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Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Pete Quinones, Chair, GTC Secretary/Treasurer	Dr. Dennis Ashley, GTC Chair
Dr. James Dunne, GTC Member	Courtney Terwilliger, GTC Member
Jesse Gibson, Northeast Georgia Medical Center	

OTHERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Elizabeth Atkins	GTC, Executive Director
Katie Vaughan	GTC, Finance Operations Officer
Gabriela Saye	GTC, Business Operations Mgr
Emily Elder	Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, HHS Program Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting commenced at 3:30 p.m. on July 20, 2026, with three committee members present, establishing a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by Pete Quinones

Pete Quinones requested a motion to approve the June 15, 2026, meeting minutes.

MOTION GTCNC FINANCE COMMITTEE 2026-07-01:

Motion to approve the June 15, 2026, meeting minutes as submitted

MOTION BY: Dr. James Dunne

SECOND BY: Jesse Gibson

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

FINANCE & BUDGET ITEMS

Presented by Katie Vaughan

Katie provided the finance update (**ATTACHMENT A**). She reported that the review of the expense-to-budget report was deferred until the August meeting due to FY 2026 closeout activities. Final financial reports will be presented at the August Finance Committee and Commission meetings. The operations dashboard was provided for reference, including invoice management, contracts, and open purchase orders. Liz Atkins shared that there are delays in vendor payments due to Georgia's transition to the new procurement system. Invoices are being received but cannot currently be processed, and new vendors cannot be added. Staff will provide updates as the system becomes operational and ask members to direct vendor payment inquiries to staff.

Katie continued her report, sharing that Super Speeder revenue remained consistent with FY 2025 trends. Fireworks revenue, the project timeline, and the Trust Fund statement were provided for reference. Katie continues to seek information on Trust Fund investment decisions and will provide updates as they become available.

Lastly, the FY 2027 approved budget was provided for reference. Katie will include the departmentalized budget breakdown in the August meeting packet.

PRELIMINARY FY 2028 BUDGET

Presented by Katie Vaughan

The Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) instructed agencies to submit the FY 2028 preliminary budget (**ATTACHMENT B**) using the approved FY 2027 budget as the baseline. Katie explained that this submission is procedural and does not reflect future budget discussions or funding changes. The preliminary budget must be submitted by September 1st.

MOTION GTCNC FINANCE COMMITTEE 2026-07-02:

Motion to approve the preliminary proposed FY2028 budget as presented

MOTION BY: Dr. James Dunne

SECOND BY: Jesse Gibson

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

EMORY FY 2026 ROLLOVER REQUEST

Presented by Katie Vaughan

Katie presented Emory's request to roll over \$13,500 of its remaining FY 2026 contract funds (**ATTACHMENT C**). The funds will support a deferred NSQIP meeting and the purchase of a laptop and portable monitor for a research fellow. Committee members discussed the purpose of the rollover and confirmed that the meeting had been postponed due to scheduling conflicts, noting that the remaining funds would primarily support equipment needs.

MOTION GTCNC FINANCE COMMITTEE 2026-07-03:

Motion to approve the Emory FY 2026 rollover request

MOTION BY: Jesse Gibson

SECOND BY: Dr. James Dunne

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

TRAUMA CENTER FUNDING METHODOLOGY REVIEW

Presented by Elizabeth Atkins

Elizabeth Atkins informed the committee that Greg Bishop's presentation on the Trauma Center Funding Methodology Review would be postponed until the August 17th meeting to allow additional committee members, including Dr. Ashley and Courtney, to participate in the discussion. Committee members were asked to review the proposal (**ATTACHMENT D**) in advance and submit any questions or comments by early August, so they could be shared with the consultant before the meeting.

The committee discussed the proposal's focus on evaluating and modernizing the state's trauma center funding methodology, particularly for Level III and Level IV trauma centers. Staff noted that while the existing methodology for Level I and II centers has recently been updated through significant stakeholder input, there is currently no comparable methodology for distributing funds to Level III and IV centers. Committee members discussed the importance of determining whether the review should build upon the existing methodologies or develop a new approach, while recognizing the need to balance equity across trauma

center levels with limited funding. Elizabeth also noted that trauma system growth, flat revenue trends, and increasing numbers of Level IV centers make it important to evaluate future funding distribution carefully to avoid unintended impacts on Level I and II centers.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS & ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the committee confirmed the next meeting would be held on August 17th at 3:30 PM via Zoom. Committee members were thanked for their participation, and the meeting was adjourned.

- Katie reviewed the finance and budget updates provided in the meeting packet (**ATTACHMENT A**)
- The committee approved the preliminary proposed FY2028 budget (**ATTACHMENT B**)
- The committee approved the Emory FY 2026 rollover request (**ATTACHMENT C**)
- Greg Bishop and Associates will present their trauma center funding methodology proposal (**ATTACHMENT D**) at the August 17th Committee meeting. Committee members were asked to review the proposal and submit comments or questions to staff before the August meeting

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Gabriela Saye