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# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Called Georgia Trauma Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 13, 2025

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Recording: [https://youtu.be/YySgGrT\\_1\\_4](https://youtu.be/YySgGrT_1_4)

Meeting Attachments: [trauma.ga.gov](https://trauma.ga.gov)

### COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Regina Medeiros, Vice-Chair  
Pete Quinones, Secretary/Treasurer  
Dr. John Bleacher  
Mr. Courtney Terwilliger  
Mr. Terry Cobb  
Dr. S. Rob Todd

STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING	ATTENDING
Elizabeth Atkins	Georgia Trauma Commisison, Executive Director	Virtual
Gabriela Saye	Georgia Trauma Commisison, Business Operations Manager	Virtual
Crystal Shelnutt	Georgia Trauma Commisison, Regional Trauma Development Mgr.	Virtual
Gina Solomon	Georgia Trauma Commisison, GQIP Director	Virtual
Katie Vaughan	Georgia Trauma Commisison, Finance Operations Officer	Virtual
Keri Conley	Georgia Hospital Association, Chief Health Policy Officer	Virtual
Megan Owens	Georgia Trauma Commisison, Intern	Virtual

### CALL TO ORDER (00:00:06)

Elizabeth Atkins, Georgia Trauma Commission Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM, with six Commission members present.

### ACS VERIFICATION OUTCOMES REVIEW (00:01:00)

#### *Presented by Elizabeth Atkins*

Elizabeth Atkins reviewed the three possible outcomes from American College of Surgeons (ACS) site visits (ATTACHMENT A):

1. Compliant with all standards: 3-year full verification
2. Noncompliant with ≤3 Type 2 standards: 1-year provisional verification
3. Noncompliant with Type 1 or >3 Type 2 standards: No verification

Elizabeth Atkins noted a change in the "no verification" process, where centers now have up to 12 months to correct issues. The ACS team will perform a remote review of corrective actions, followed by verification for the remainder of the term.

## **FUNDING POLICY FOR ACS “NO VERIFICATION” OUTCOME (00:04:41)**

### ***Presented by Elizabeth Atkins***

Elizabeth Atkins reviewed the timeline of the proposed funding impact with receipt of “No verification” outcome from the ACS (**ATTACHMENT B**). The FY 2026 timeline was used to illustrate the policy's implementation. If a center receives a “No Verification” letter from the ACS, funding for the current fiscal year will remain unchanged (FY 2026). However, the center will lose readiness and uncompensated care funding in the following fiscal year (FY 2027). To restore this funding in the subsequent fiscal year (FY 2028), the center must achieve ACS verification before that fiscal year begins (July 1, 2027). Elizabeth Atkins emphasized that the policy aims to minimize financial disruption while upholding verification standards.

### **MOTION GTCNC 2025-06-01:**

**Motion to approve the proposed policy and its associated impact on readiness and uncompensated care funding in cases where an ACS Verification Site Survey results in a “No Verification” outcome.**

**MOTION BY:** S. Rob Todd

**SECOND BY:** Regina Medeiros

**VOTING:** All members are in favor of the motion.

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

Elizabeth Atkins further noted that this policy will be incorporated into the upcoming trauma and burn center contracts. While the visual timeline may be used as a reference on the website, it will not be embedded directly into the contract. Legal counsel is reviewing all contracts and will develop appropriate language based on the approved policy.

### **MOTION GTCNC 2025-06-02:**

**Motion to adjourn**

**MOTION BY:** S. Rob Todd

**SECOND BY:** Regina Medeiros

**VOTING:** All members are in favor of the motion.

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

## **SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

- Elizabeth Atkins reviewed the three possible outcomes from American College of Surgeons (ACS) site visits (**ATTACHMENT A**)
- Commission approved the proposed policy and its associated impact on readiness and uncompensated care funding in cases where an ACS Verification Site Survey results in a “No Verification” outcome (**ATTACHMENT B**).

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gabriela Saye*