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GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Georgia Trauma Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 15, 2024

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

James Madison Inn Conference Center

Madison, Georgia

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

Meeting Attachments: trauma.ga.gov

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Dennis Ashley, Chairman
Dr. James Dunne, Vice-Chairman
Dr. John Bleacher
Mr. Courtney Terwilliger
Dr. S. Rob Todd
Dr. James "J" Smith
Mr. Terry Cobb

STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING	ATTENDING
Elizabeth Atkins	GTC, Executive Director	In person
Katie Hamilton	GTC, Finance Operations Officer	In person
Gina Solomon	GTC, GQIP Director	In person
Gabriela Saye	GTC, Business Operations Manager	In person
Crystal Shelnutt	GTC, Regional Trauma System Development Manager	In person
Cheryle Ward	Georgia Trauma Foundation, Executive Director	In person
Katie Hasty	Atrium Health Floyd, Injury Prevention Coordinator	Virtual
Clarence McKemie	Atrium Health Floyd, TMD	Virtual
Melissa Parris	Atrium Health Floyd, Trauma Program Coordinator	Virtual
Crystal Wynn	Atrium Health Floyd, Trauma PI RN	Virtual
Tifani Kinard	Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center, VP of Rural Health	Virtual
Patrice Walker	Atrium Health Navicent, Chair, Trauma Administrators Committee	Virtual
Josephine Fabico-Dulin	Atrium Health Navicent, Trauma Program Specialist	Virtual
Tracy Johns	Atrium Health Navicent, TPM	Virtual
Courtney Pettiford	Doctors Hospital of Augusta, TMD	Virtual
Christopher Ruiz	Doctors Hospital of Augusta, VP of Trauma Services	In person
Michael Johnson	DPH OEMST, Director	Virtual
Marie Probst	DPH OEMST, State Trauma Registrar	In person
Becca Hallum	Georgia Hospital Association, Associate General Counsel	Virtual
James Adkins	Georgia Trauma Commission, Former Member	In person
Vic Drawdy	Georgia Trauma Commission, Former Member	In person
Pamela Vanderberg	Grady Health System, VP Trauma Services	In person

Mary Beth Goodwin	John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Trauma PI Coordinator	Virtual
Gregory Patterson	John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, TMD	Virtual
Kelli Vaughn	John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, TPM	Virtual
Tammie Russell	Liberty Regional Medical Center, TPM	Virtual
Christie Mathis	Morgan Medical Center, TPM	In person
Jesse Gibson	Northeast Georgia Medical Center, TPD	Virtual
Matthew Vassy	Northeast Georgia Medical Center, TMD	Virtual
Brandi Fitzgerald	Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, TPM	Virtual
Heather Morgan	Piedmont Athens, TPM	In person
Kristen Gentry	Piedmont Cartersville, TPM	Virtual
Amy Stephens	Piedmont Cartersville, Trauma PI Coordinator	Virtual
Jay Connelly	Piedmont Henry, Dir Trauma and Stroke.	In person
Justin Keeton	Piedmont Henry, Trauma PI Coordinator	Virtual
Brian Dorriety	RTAC Region 7, Coordinator	In person
Raeda Anderson	Shepherd Center, Research Scientist	Virtual
Ford Vox	Shepherd Center, Medical Director, DoC	Virtual
Jaina Carnes	Wellstar North Fulton, TPM	Virtual
Kerry Carter	Wellstar Paulding, TPM	Virtual
Ranger Curran	Wellstar Paulding, TMD	Virtual
Rachel Hand	Wellstar West GA Medical Center, TPM	Virtual

CALL TO ORDER (00:01:05)

Dr. Dennis Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM, with seven Commission members present.

CHAIRMAN REPORT (00:02:15)

Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley

The meeting began with a tribute to Dr. David Feliciano, a prominent figure in trauma surgery who recently passed away. Dr. Feliciano's significant contributions to trauma surgery at Grady Hospital were highlighted, including his role in enhancing and sustaining the trauma program. Personal anecdotes reflected Dr. Feliciano's mentorship, expertise, and dedication to teaching and patient care.

Additional Chairman updates included:

- Vic Drawdy, a long-serving Commission member, was recognized and thanked for his dedication and support of the Georgia Trauma Commission. Vic has been an EMS appointee to the Commission since 2014. He has served ten years with us, formerly as Secretary/Treasurer, and served on the EMS Committee during his tenure with the Commission. A plaque was presented to him in appreciation.
- Jim Adkins, another departing Commission member, was recognized and thanked for his dedication and support of the Georgia Trauma Commission. Jim has served since 2020 and has worked through the EMS Committee on the hospital signage project. A plaque was presented to him in appreciation.
- Terry Cobb and Dr. James "J" Smith were welcomed as the newest Georgia Trauma Commission members.

- Dr. John Bleacher was reappointed and sworn in to serve an additional four years on the Georgia Trauma Commission.
- The \$61 million stabilization plan has been presented to legislators. Efforts continue to secure funding for trauma system stabilization. A phased approach has been proposed, outlining gradual increases in funding over three years to achieve readiness funding goals (pg. 6-8 in the meeting packet, **ATTACHMENT A**)

Dr. Ashley concluded his report with the recognition of Elizabeth Atkins, the Georgia Trauma Commission Executive Director, for her election as the next Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) President. STN is the national-level professional organization representing trauma nurses, and we commend her latest achievement.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (00:28:13)

Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley requested a motion to approve the November meeting minutes, pgs. 10-19.

MOTION GTCNC 2024-02-01:

Motion to approve November 16, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted

MOTION BY: John Bleacher

SECOND BY: S. Rob Todd

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

BYLAWS AMENDMENT | ELECTION OF OFFICERS (00:28:53)

Presented by Liz Atkins

Due to a missed officer renomination, Liz Atkins recommended retaining current officers until the bylaws could be reviewed and amended. Dr. Ashley will need to appoint a Bylaws Committee by May so the Committee can review and provide recommendations by the November Annual Meeting.

MOTION GTCNC 2024-02-02:

Motion to retain all current Georgia Trauma Commission elected officers until the November Commission meeting, when the Bylaws Committee will provide their recommendations.

MOTION BY: Courtney Terwilliger

SECOND BY: Terry Cobb

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (00:32:50)

Presented by Liz Atkins

Liz Atkins referenced the full report on pages 25-49, which provides a high-level overview of the last quarter's progression of our key initiatives.

- Welcome to our newest staff member, Crystal Shelnutt, the Georgia Trauma Commission Regional Trauma System Development Manager. Crystal is well-known in the EMS community, has a Master's in Public Health, and was the former Region 10 RTAC Coordinator.

- The 2024 GQIP Spring Meeting is set for May 20th through the 22nd at Chateau Elan. On the 20th, the Trauma Administrators will meet in person for a TCAA Finance workshop, and GCTE members will meet for their quarterly meeting. The 21st will be the GQIP meeting, and on the 22nd, we'll have our quarterly Commission meeting.

Before concluding her report, Liz Atkins asked Crystal Shelnutt to provide an overview of her upcoming undertakings.

Crystal introduced herself to the Georgia Trauma Commission and provided a brief background on her professional career. One of her early goals is to work with the RTAC coordinators on completing and reviewing the findings of the educational needs assessments. Those are due on March 1st, and we anticipate a much better understanding of the prehospital education needs and any existing gaps. Soon, we will be reopening the Stop the Bleed application process, and I'm mentally preparing for the handoff from Gabby on managing such an ambitious project.

I look forward to working on additional projects with each of you; I've already spoken to Courtney about ways I can support some of his MARCH PAWS efforts. With my educational background, I'm excited to work with GEMSA and advocate for high-quality trauma education for our first responders.

COMMITTEE AND WORKGROUP REPORTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT (00:48:52)

Presented by Katie Hamilton

Katie Hamilton provided an overview of the Budget Committee report highlighting that the Commission must vote on the FY 2024 Initial Reallocation Plan. The FY 2025 working draft budget is available for review and will be reviewed again once the Governor's Office finalizes the budget. At the previous meeting, the committee briefly discussed ACS verification date extensions but took no vote; the Level III/IV Committee will discuss the date extension within their report.

Katie briefly reviewed the Expense to Budget through December 31st. Costs should be about halfway through. Trauma centers are at 11% as the first invoices due January 31st.

Next, Katie reviewed the FY2024 Initial Reallocation Plan (pg. 52):

- Reallocation funds include:
 - Fireworks Revenue: \$1,729,894.65.
 - Leftover funds from the following line items: \$144,406.90
 - GTC operations office telephone
 - Stop the Bleed Coordinator
 - Region 1 RTAC Coordinator
 - GQIP
 - RTAC website
 - EMS Equipment Grant
 - Total reallocation funds available: \$1,874,301.55
- The Initial Reallocation Plan proposes funding for the following items: \$256,904.40
 - Southern Georgia Medical Center readiness, registry, and report writer package
 - Phoebe Putney registry funding
 - AAAM trauma center education

- Lenz Marketing
- EMS installation fees and AVLS equipment
- Department of Law PSO attorney/SAAG
- Stop the Bleed trainer kits
- Southern Regional reactivation, registry, and report write package

The FY2024 Initial Reallocation Plan will utilize \$256,904.40 of the 1,874,301.55 total reallocation amount for the outlined priorities. The remaining \$1,617,397.15 will be voted on within the final reallocation plan. Katie opened the floor for questions.

MOTION BY: GTC Budget Committee

MOTION GTCNC 2024-02-03:

Motion to approve the FY 2024 Initial Reallocation Plan

MOTION BY: Budget Committee

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

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

Katie continued the report and reviewed the following:

- The Budget Committee will review FY 2025 budget proposals at their next meeting. The draft budget amounts are subject to change once the Governor's Office provides the actual budget (pg. 53).
- Super speeder revenue (pg. 54-57) slightly dipped in January, but we are still above trend cumulatively. It was noted that Super Speeder funds are reported when the tickets are paid.
- The AFY 2024/FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report recommendations (pg. 58-61) include an additional million Super Speeder revenue, an AFY 2024 change of a one-time salary support increase for full-time employees, and a FY 2025 change to include a 4% cost of living increase.
- The fireworks revenue was noted as a direct transfer from the fireworks trust fund to the trauma trust fund. The funds are automatically put into the fiscal year budget, not the amended budget.

Katie concluded her report and thanked the members for their attention and engagement.

EMS COMMITTEE REPORT (00:48:52)

Presented by Courtney Terwilliger

Courtney Terwilliger referenced the report on pages 62-66 and started his report with an update from Senator Hatchett's Senate Study Committee on Healthcare Workforce. The study highlighted challenges EMS professionals face in immediate transportation from rural/smaller centers to tertiary centers. The legislation proposed a pilot project to address these challenges by placing ambulances in rural areas to improve immediate transportation.

Commission members discussed the various concepts of the proposal, including the utilization of air ambulances. Concerns were raised about the terminology and ensuring the focus remains on time-critical or time-sensitive transport rather than routine non-emergent transport. Discussion on the oversight of the pilot project highlighted the Trauma Commission's role as the lead agency. It was suggested that a medical review committee be established to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot and ensure proper training and equipment for EMS personnel.

Commission members inquired about the potential expansion of the project beyond the pilot phase. Further discussion emphasized the importance of collecting data on interfacility hospital transportation challenges and barriers EMS providers face. Dr. Eileen Bulger was recommended to participate in an advisory role for the pilot project.

Courtney continued the EMS Committee report with the following updates:

- EMS education and training are ongoing. There are concerns regarding the high dropout rates. Plans are underway to collaborate with the State office to assess pass rates and explore strategies to support local EMS education in improving student pass rates.
- There has been progress in developing a survey to assess rural hospitals' inter-hospital transportation challenges. The survey aims to gather data on transportation, training, and equipment issues. Challenges such as contractual arrangements between counties and ambulance providers, impacting patient access to timely transportation, were highlighted.
- We have requested that GEMSA provide a written report on the town hall meetings held throughout the state to help assess EMS barriers.
- We have discussed EMS station definitions and the variations ranging from stations with ambulance and transportation capabilities to those focusing on fire medical first responders.
- Efforts are underway to determine the accurate costs of running an EMS service. We may work with the University of Georgia to enhance data analysis.

LIII/IV COMMITTEE REPORT (01:13:49)

Presented by Dr. Greg Patterson

Dr. Greg Patterson referenced the report on page 67:

- The MARCH PAWS project is in the video development phase. The videos will be pre-course modules for students to watch before the course. Mercer will assist in the video development process.
- The ACS Trauma Systems Consultation after action is ongoing. The Senate Study Committee on Rural Health Care Provider Recruitment has sparked potential solutions for EMS transportation challenges.
- Access to Specialty Care survey is finalized, and we will continue to facilitate an annual update and post to the website.
- Rachel Hand and Christie Mathis have started a mentorship program to help match centers with different levels, create a support network, and help with PI projects.

Dr. Patterson concluded his report by requesting that the ACS verification date requirements be extended for centers. The current GTC contract deliverable states that Level III trauma centers "maintain and achieve ACS verification by June 30, 2025." The ACS is scheduling consultative and verification visits from July to December 2025. This means this deliverable is not achievable logistically unless centers have scheduled verification visits. The Level III/ IV Rural Committee requests approval from the Georgia Trauma Commission that the verification date for trauma centers be extended to June 30, 2026. Consideration should be made for newly designated centers similar to the Level I and II initial process for consultation and verification.

MOTION GTCNC 2024-02-04:

Motion to extend the ACS trauma center verification deadline to June 30, 2026.

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.

Discussions emphasized the need for timely application submissions. Commission members requested the LIII/IV Committee provide a recommendation on the ACS verification needs of new trauma centers and potentially revisit the deadline extension based on additional feedback and considerations.

GEORGIA COMMITTEE FOR TRAUMA EXCELLENCE (GCTE) REPORT (01:24:24)

Presented by Tracy Johns

Tracy Johns referenced the report on page 68 for the Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence.

- We have received Georgia Trauma Commission funding for the AIS 2008 course.
- The ImageTrend data dictionary was completed and presented to centers.
- Registry Subcommittee PowerPoints have been uploaded to Basecamp. It was noted that ACS surveyors may request to see involvement in continuing education from center registrars.
- A TPM toolkit is under development by the Education Subcommittee to help orient new trauma program managers or as a refresher for current managers.
- The PI Subcommittee co-chairs are Rayma Stephens and Ashley Bullington. They are working on the time to definitive care literature review. We gathered about 40 articles related to trauma transfer or transfer best practices and may develop a toolkit with some actions you could take to decrease ED length of stay. A transfer feedback template has also been discussed. A webinar on the Level IV audit tool was held in October, and positive feedback was received. Follow-up surveys are pending.
- Various injury prevention initiatives are ongoing, including a virtual Stop the Bleed Blitz with over 500 participants, license renewal for Bingocize, hyperthermia education was shared with EMS and hospital partners, and the ATV Safety webinar was held with Memorial Health University Medical Center.
- The Pediatric Subcommittee is working on an interfacility transfer toolkit with the Education Subcommittee. Children's Healthcare of Atlanta is set to participate in a national whole-blood study focusing on using whole blood during pediatric trauma. They also continue to participate with the state committee on pediatric readiness.

Tracy concluded her report by noting the last committee meeting had over 137 participants. Committee members are slowly reviewing the new ACS standards, with recent discussions on radiology requirements. Courtney Terwilliger asked for the hyperthermia education distributed to EMS and hospital partners. Tracy Johns advised Kristal Smith could send it for review.

REHABILITATION COMMITTEE REPORT (01:33:03)

Presented by Dr. Ford Vox

Dr. Ford Vox referenced the report on pages 69-70:

- Data analysis on discharge disposition and rehabilitation access for trauma patients is ongoing. Liz Atkins shared a TQIP report during the previous meeting, which revealed Georgia underperforms in discharge disposition compared to the national average.
- The committee plans to reach out to rehabilitation centers in the state to survey their capacities and resources. The initiative aims to create a guide for trauma patients and systems to understand available rehabilitation services across the state. Additionally, the committee is developing a survey to engage trauma teams about rehabilitation access issues in their regions. This input will help the committee address rehabilitation access challenges.

- Dr. Raeda Anderson, a scientist at the Shepherd Center with expertise in advanced statistical analytics, has joined the committee. She will be helping analyze the rehabilitation data and identify trends.

TRAUMA ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE REPORT (01:23:28)

Presented by Dr. Patrice Walker

Dr. Walker referenced page 71 of the meeting packet for the committee report:

- The committee reviewed the Trauma System Stabilization Plan, and members were encouraged to circulate it to hospital leaders and contacts in government affairs.
- The FY 2025 Trauma Center Annual Use Report was reviewed as an upcoming GTC requirement. The importance of this report in reflecting the allocation of readiness funding across various categories was highlighted. The report will be included in the contracts issued in June.
- The August committee meeting date was finalized to accommodate the timing and cadence of the GQIP Spring meeting.
- Real-time feedback was collected from committee members through Mentimeter regarding the upcoming TCAA Finance Workshop scheduled in May for Administrators. The top three topics were Establishing charges/fees for trauma response/activations, improving reimbursement for trauma, and claims examples (e.g., trauma activations +/- critical care).
- Members provided feedback on their involvement with Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs). The majority of members were familiar with or already involved with a PSO.

TRAUMA SYSTEM PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (01:27:56)

Presented by Dr. James Dunne

Dr. James Dunne provided the following updates:

- The committee discussed Dr. Eileen Bulger's project on geospatial mapping of ambulance stations to identify ambulance deserts in the state. The project is ongoing, but challenges have been encountered with defining EMS stations. Efforts are underway to resolve these issues.
- The Armband Project initiated by the Office of EMS and Trauma (OEMST) is ongoing. Over 200 armbands were placed; however, only two patients were transfer patients. The project will continue, but updates will be suspended until the pilot is complete.
- Data transfer to Imagetrend challenges have been mostly resolved. Efforts are ongoing to link EMS and hospital data effectively.
- An IRB protocol was initiated to compare time to definitive care from Memorial Health University Medical Center and Atrium Health Navicent. Challenges were encountered due to insufficient PCR reports from EMS agencies.
- Dr. Janani Thapa, with the University of Georgia, provided an initial overview of the Trauma Utilization Pattern Project. Additional datasets, including EMS and trauma registry data, are needed to enhance analysis and identify transfer times.

Discussion ensued regarding the issues with PCR reporting, including incomplete or missing reports. Concerns were raised about the communication between EMS agencies and hospitals regarding PCR submissions. Suggestions were made to improve communication challenges and address data reporting discrepancies. Mismatched patient demographics may be causing the delay in locating the correct PCR; a possible solution of scanning the patient's driver's license to eliminate manual entry errors was suggested. OEMST advised hospital administrators to communicate with EMS agencies to ensure timely and accurate PCR reporting. The medical record can only be closed if the PCR or trip sheet is present. Additionally, efforts to educate EMS personnel on proper data entry

procedures were recommended. OEMST confirmed that an EMS agency must leave a paper copy with a minimal data set before leaving the hospital unless the EMS agency and hospital have it set up to send the data electronically before departure.

TRAUMA MEDICAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE REPORT (02:12:54)

Presented by Dr. Matthew Vassy

Dr. Matthew Vassy referenced pages 75-85 of the meeting packet for the committee report:

- We are working on revitalizing the committee and re-engaging participants from various levels.
- A survey was sent to Trauma Medical Directors highlighting the perceptions regarding transfer delays. Initial results from all levels of trauma center I-IV with urban, suburban, and rural centers represented. Results are available on pages 76-85.
- Early transfer guidelines await input from MARCH PAWS stakeholders to ensure they align.
- The Referring Center Feedback Project recommended by Dr. Dunne is ongoing. I have met with Lynn Grant from the GCTE group to discuss their progress on the template and offered our committee's participation for feedback.
- I want to start formalizing in-person committee meetings and will contact Liz Atkins or Gina Solomon to inquire about space during the upcoming GQIP Spring meeting.

Dr. Ashley commended Dr. Vassy's work and noted that the feedback project would help standardize the process so that centers would receive the needed information. Dr. Ashley encouraged the inclusion of the LIII/IV Committee and the EMS committee in the project to understand their specific needs and priorities.

SYSTEM PARTNER REPORTS

GEORGIA TRAUMA FOUNDATION REPORT (02:26:58)

Presented by Dr. John Bleacher

Dr. John Bleacher referenced the report on pages 86-88.

- There is one Georgia Trauma Foundation board member candidate for Commission approval: Scott Hill. Mr. Hill is president and CEO of Piedmont Columbus Regional Hospital and has experience in trauma care and community involvement. His nomination and biography are available for review on pages 87-88

MOTION BY: Georgia Trauma Foundation

MOTION GTCNC 2024-02-05:

Motion to approve Scott Hill as a Georgia Trauma Foundation Board Member.

MOTION BY: Georgia Trauma Foundation

VOTING: All members are in favor of the motion.

ACTION: The motion PASSED with no objections nor abstentions.

Dr. Bleacher concluded the report by advising that the Gala event is scheduled for May 18th to raise public awareness and funds for the trauma system. Attendees were encouraged to support the event and consider sponsorship opportunities. Cheryle will provide electronic packets containing information about sponsorship levels. Individual tickets will be available for purchase soon.

GEORGIA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REPORT (02:32:14)

Presented by Gina Solomon

Gina Solomon provided a brief update and referenced the report on pages 89-90:

- The ArborMetrix platform went live on December 20th, with all centers having logins as of February 5th. Data is uploaded to September 2023, and efforts are underway to ensure data accuracy and usability. The next step will involve risk-adjusted benchmarking.
- Dr. Eli Mlaver will transition from the GQIP Research Fellow role, and Dr. Luke Galloway will start on June 1st. The transition is going smoothly, with the new scholar already participating in meetings.
- The next GQIP meeting will be the Spring meeting in May.

OFFICE OF EMS AND TRAUMA (OEMST) REPORT (02:35:14)

Presented by April Moss and Stacey Smith

April Moss reviewed their report on pages 91-92:

- The Imagetrend data upload has had some success and needs data from two facilities.
- Gina Solomon and Marie Probst are doing data validation visits. Stacey Smith, April Moss, and Marie Probst have conducted consults with centers to determine facility needs before an ACS visit.
- Richard Rhodes, Heather Reddick, and Kelly Joiner are working with Liz and the EMS Committee on training course maps for GTC-funded EMS courses.
- We have received data from the Armband Project and are working to dive deeper into the records. There are 226 EMS records, and 159 records met the trauma registry criteria. However, only 22 records were noted with an armband number in the registry. Various barriers were discussed, including difficulties in accurately applying armbands and documenting them in hospital records. It was suggested the program be broadened to all trauma patients, not just MVC trauma, to help clinicians quickly identify who needs an armband. OEMST has contacted the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to request that all trauma patients be included in the project and are awaiting a response.
- Our annual reports are caught up through 2022 and posted on our website. 2023 will be available as soon as those records are closed and completed.
- Thanks to all participating in our state trauma designation visits; your expertise is greatly appreciated.
- The Office of EMS and Trauma is restarting the EMS annual report, with the latest one covering 2021-2022. It includes operational and system-of-care data. Plans are in place to release annual reports every year by the second quarter.

CLOSED SESSION (02:53:24)

Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley

Dr. Ashley asked the Commission for a motion to move to a closed session.

MOTION GTCNC 2024-02-06:

Motion to move to a closed session

MOTION BY: Courtney Terwilliger

SECOND BY: James Dunne

VOTING: Dr. Dennis Ashley, Dr. James Dunne, Dr. John Bleacher, Courtney Terwilliger, Terry Cobb, Dr. S. Rob Todd, and Dr. James "J" Smith voted in favor.

ABSENT: Dr. Regina Medeiros, Pete Quinones

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

The Commission moved to a closed session at 12:15 PM. The closed session affidavit is included in **ATTACHMENT B**.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- The Commission approved the November 16, 2023, meeting minutes.
- The Commission approved retaining all current Georgia Trauma Commission elected officers until the November Commission meeting, when the Bylaws Committee will provide their recommendations.
- Dr. Ashley will appoint a Bylaws Committee by the May Commission meeting.
- The Commission approved the FY 2024 Initial Reallocation Plan.
- The Commission approved the extension of the ACS trauma center verification deadline to June 30, 2026.
- Commission members requested the LIII/IV Committee provide a recommendation on the ACS verification needs of new trauma centers and potentially revisit the deadline extension based on additional feedback and considerations.
- Courtney Terwilliger asked for the hypothermia education that was distributed to EMS and hospital partners by the GCTE Injury Prevention Subcommittee. Tracy Johns advised Kristal Smith could send it for review.
- The Commission approved Scott Hill as a Georgia Trauma Foundation Board member.
- The Georgia Trauma Foundation Gala is set for May 18th. Cheryle Ward will provide electronic packets containing information about sponsorship levels.
- The Commission moved to a closed session prior to adjournment. The closed session affidavit is included as **ATTACHMENT B**.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gabriela Saye