

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

North Georgia Technical College – Currahee Campus  
Toccoa, GA  
March 30, 2017

MINUTES

The GMRC Executive Committee met on Thursday, March 30, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at the North Georgia Technical College – Currahee Campus in Toccoa, Georgia. The meeting was hosted by City of Toccoa and Stephens County.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dean Scarborough called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. The following members were present:

Executive Committee Present

Dean Scarborough, Chairman  
Bill Chafin  
Bill Black  
Jim Conley  
James Grogan  
J.B. Jones  
Lamar Paris

GMRC Staff Present

Heather Feldman, Executive Director  
Peggy Lovell, Executive Assistant

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Scarborough asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 26, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Jim Conley, seconded by James Grogan, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Chairman's Report

At the Council Training last month, the Council voted to start doing the meeting materials electronically and not have paper packets. Tonight will be our first meeting for this.

With the Chairman's two year term coming to an end, the Nominating Committee will be reactivated in March to provide the Council with nominations for new GMRC Officers.

## Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Heather Feldman informed the Executive Committee that the Gainesville Times contacted her regarding the President's budget. An article on this will be published in the Sunday newspaper. This proposed budget will be eliminating several programs such as EDA, ARC, and CDBG. Ms. Feldman stated this is just a blueprint for the budget and she will continue to monitor it. Congress is responsible for approving the Budget. The staff will be communicating with our congressional staff and legislators regarding our concerns on this issue.

Ms. Feldman and Andrea Newsom recently attended a Revolving Loan Fund training and found there are several changes that need to be made regarding how the RC handles their RLF program.

The GMRC Personnel Policies were also updated in October 2016. WorkSource has been notified that a grievance policy needs to be added to the current document. Any paid staff or participant that files a grievance can go straight to Washington with their complaint. It does not have to go to the Executive Director first. The Policy needs to be updated to reflect this. Also, a Conflict of Interest policy needs to be added.

The Regional Commission currently has two Procurement Policies, one for GMRC and one for WorkSource. These two documents are inconsistent and the WorkSource rules are much stricter. We are in the process of merging the two documents.

### Checks that Exceed \$25,000

The Executive Committee was informed there were ten checks written during the month of February and March which exceeded the amount of \$25,000.

GMEBS – Health, Dental, Life  
Quantum Spatial (Aerial/LiDAR Project)  
Lanier Technical College (LTC)  
LTC – Youth Instructor  
GDEcD – Transfer of Funds  
Univ. of North Georgia-Tuition Spring 2017  
North Georgia Technical College (NGTC) – Books  
NGTC – Tuition  
IMS Gear Georgia, Inc.  
LTC – Economic Development

### OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

### NEW BUSINESS

### Request for Excused Absence

Chairman Scarborough reported that a letter had been received from Will Wade stating that he had missed two consecutive Council Meetings in December, January and tonight's meeting due

to events and conferences that conflicted with the Council Meetings. Mr. Wade serves on the Council as the Governor's Appointment for Education. He also serves on the State School Board and currently serves as President of the State Banking Board. His term as President will be ending shortly which will somewhat free up his schedule due to not having to attend all of these meetings. He asked that tonight's meeting be excused due to him being out of state at one of these meetings. Jim Conley made a motion to excuse this meeting and Bill Chafin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

  
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Dean Scarborough, Chairman

  
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George Wangemann, Secretary