

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission
2 Peachtree St NW Suite 26-426 Atlanta, GA
Commission Meeting
January 25, 2018

Minutes

Commissioners attending in person:

Chase Jones (CJ), Barbara Means-Cheeley (BMC), Bob Bauer (BB),

Commissioners attending via teleconference:

Jane Warnock (JW), Randy Owens (RO), Susannah Kidwell (SK), Gwen McKee (GM), Cheryl Harris (CH), Andrew Dennison (AD), Hank Fielding (HF), Tim Wall (TW).

Commissioners - Absent:

Raj Gandy, Lisa Dawson

Staff:

Craig Young (CY), Dionne Braxton (DB), Keisha Zachary (KZ), Leslie Berry (LB), Tyimeka Brown (TB), Diana Ballard (DBd).

Guests:

Jane Jackson, Claire Creech.

Chairman's Reports

CY – A quorum of 10 Commissioners are present.

CJ – I call the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. Any edits to the minutes from the previous meeting?

Minor edits to the minutes are presented.

A quorum of 10 Commissioners are present.

1. Motion: to approve the December 2017 draft Commission minutes as revised.

Motion by: BB **Second by:** TW

Vote: Approved unanimously.

RO joins the meeting; a quorum of 11 Commissioners is present.

Executive committee:

Updates

CJ – Annual reports distributed to the General Assembly to coincide with the announcement of HB673 which would mandate cellphone hands-free driving.

A letter was sent in support of the recommendations of the study committee on distracted driving. CY – the bill has gone through 2nd Readers and will be assigned to a committee for hearings.

2. The Amended Fiscal Year budget for 2018 has been presented to the House and will next go to the Senate. Following this the FY2019 budget appropriations bill will go to the General Assembly. Our budget totals for both fiscal years is correct.

3. The Ad hoc committee for the 20th Anniversary met and will meet again today after the Commission meeting.

4. No word from ACL regarding an opening date for the TBI Federal grant application.

5. The new Chairman of the Brain Injury Association of Georgia is Michelle LaPlaca – professor at Georgia Tech.

CY – the Central Registry letter was sent out and we have seen a corresponding increase in website traffic, calls, and requests for applications.

Meeting with DPH IT to review current applicant database and attendant procurement considerations.

Distribution committee:

TW – The applicant grid for December is \$87,000 approximately. Any questions concerning the grid? AD – how often do we have personal support requests which involve a family member as the vendor? Is that a common practice? CY – the Commission has a long history of funding family member support. The family member assists with applicants' ADL's and IADL's. The vendor must fill out a form the Commission provides that states the dates, frequency and type of support provided. It must be signed by the applicant. A discussion ensued regarding personal supports, what other state and federal programs require and current Commission policy. TW – other questions about the grid? None

A quorum of 11 Commissioners is present.

2. Motion: To approve the January 2018 distribution grid as submitted.

Motion by: Distribution committee **Second by:** BB.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Collections report:

LB – collections for December 2017 were \$11,000 higher than the same period last year. CY – calendar year 2017 data for convictions for DUI and Reckless Driving have not yet been received from DDS.

Communications committee:

CY – The 2017 Annual Report – printed 400 reports – we have limited quantities left if you need some.

Public Policy committee:

CY – met in January prior to the beginning of the General Session. Let us know if you see any legislation that could affect the Commission. GM – does the Distracted Driving bill give us the opportunity to collect an additional surcharge? CY – no, any additional funds would be directed to the state of Georgia's General Fund and appropriated to the Trauma Commission to provide support for Georgia's trauma care hospitals.

New Business:

SK – a meeting has been requested by Cindy Johnson for the Georgia Community Advocacy Network to meet with the Commission to discuss future collaboration with the Commission. CJ – who is on the committee? SK – Cindy Johnson, Jane Jackson, Vickie Hodge among others. JJ - The meeting request is for the March 2018 Commission meeting.

JJ – BIAG has requested the Governor's office proclaim March as Brain Injury Awareness month. Also, the 'Think Big About Brain Injury' conference will take place on Saturday, February 3rd.

BB – the Ad Hoc committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. today to set a firm date for the 20th Anniversary celebration and to determine a venue.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m. by motion (BB).

The next Commission meeting will be on Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Commission offices at 2 Peachtree St NW Suite 26-426.