

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission
2 Peachtree St NW Suite 26-426 Atlanta, GA
Commission Meeting
May 24, 2018

Minutes

Commissioners attending in person:

Chase Jones (CJ), Hank Fielding (HF).

Commissioners attending via teleconference:

Jane Warnock (JW), Randy Owens (RO), Gwen McKee (GM), (CH). Bob Bauer (BB), Raj Gandy (RG), Susannah Kidwell (SK), Tim Wall (TW), Andrew Dennison (AD).

Commissioners - Absent:

Lisa Dawson, Cheryl Harris, Barbara Means-Cheeley.

Staff:

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

Guests:

Jane Jackson (JJ).

Chairman's Reports

CY – A quorum of 9 Commissioners are present.

CJ – Welcome! I call the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Any edits to the minutes from the previous meeting? None

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1. Motion: to approve the April 2018 draft Commission minutes.

Motion by: GM **Second by:** RO

Vote: Approved unanimously.

JW joins the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Executive committee:

CJ – 1. The TBI grant was successfully submitted but we have yet to hear of any decisions. Craig will keep us informed.

2. A draft MOU for procurement has been written and sent to DPH. DPH has suggested using a third party vendor to help write contract specs but this would cost and we will need to find out how much this might be.

Minutes taken by: CY

Minutes approved on: 6-28-18

3. CY -HB673 Distracted driving – the bill passed and signed by the Governor. SB407 passed and will likely have an impact on our collections.
4. 20th anniversary – will discuss later in Commission reports.
5. Drupal 8 conversion will begin in January – Dionne is checking our website for any broken links.
6. Commission distribution budget on track, home mods have only completed one thus far for FY18 – DCA suggests new contract administrators for future MOU's – have yet to meet to see as to the practicality of this.

Will discuss an idea for new BSITF “organizational” awards. Some pluses and minuses have been aired.

Distribution committee:

TW – The applicant grid for May has 11 applicants with requests amounting to \$88,743.00, staff again did a great job getting applicants completed. Any questions regarding the grid? None.

A quorum of 10 Commissioners is present.

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

Motion by: Distribution committee **Second by:** HF & RO

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Ad Hoc 20th Anniversary committee:

BB – we have reserved the Auditorium at the Shepherd Center for Thursday November 1, 2018. The theme for the event is “20 Years of Trust” that was put forward by Chase. We will design an event logo and incorporate in to designs for the sponsor letter, event program, etc. We have created a short list of keynote speakers including Gov. Deal, Julie Krupa and Sean Casey. CJ – I have contacted the Governor’s office regarding this request. Working on a list of invitees - please forward your recommendations to me. The committee will meet again in a few weeks.

Collections report:

LB – collections for April were lower than same month for 2017. The Atlanta Municipal court has not remitted funds yet. CY – Atlanta and Athens municipal court have not remitted funds for March or April according to Courttrax.

Communications committee:

CY – Have requested Facebook grant us the ability to designate new administrator(s) and editors for the Commission page. Have not had a response yet.

Pathfinder Award for 2018 – nominations thus far: Molly Welch and Rep. Carson. Shared our Central Registry letter with Paige Havens – will review to see if the verbiage can be tweaked to elicit a better response rate.

Commission printed materials need a redesign with better graphics and messaging. We are working with Paige and Doubledog graphics.

New Business:

JJ – BIAG had a good turnout for the Walk and Roll event. Next up is the fundraiser “Betting Big on BIAG”. Camp BIAG will begin on October 17th this year.

CY – included some charts from the Impaired Driver Task Force/GOHS. I included because it shows figures for impaired crashes which is information that I have not had in the past (prepared by GDOT). BB – very interesting – showing the narrowing of the graph lines.

Discussion: regarding a Commission organizational award to be presented annually to a group, program, organization, business, etc. CJ - What kind of criteria do we need to establish if we want to move this forward? SK – would it compete with the Pathfinder Award or dilute it? Would it be done for a body of work or for single year accomplishment? CJ – Please give this award idea some thought and we will discuss further.

The next Commission meeting will be on Thursday, June 28, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Commission offices at 2 Peachtree St NW Suite 26-426.

The meeting is adjourned by motion (HF) at 11:15 a.m.