



Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission

Thursday, March 24, 2025 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E., West Tower, 5th Floor, Board Room 512

Atlanta, GA 30334

This meeting was conducted in person and via WebEx for the public and Commission Members.

Meeting Called By: Sam Hatcher, Chair

Recording Secretary: Evan Frey, GOSAC Liaison

Board Members

- **In-person Conferencing:** Chairman Sam Hatcher (Office of the Governor), Grant Thomas (DCH), Cassandra Price (DBHDD), Clay Davis (Spalding County BOC), David Kidd (Georgia Association of Community Service Boards).
- **Virtual Conferencing:** Dr. Chris Rustin (DPH), Mayor Betty Cason (Carrollton, GA), Mayor Ed Reynolds (Bainbridge, GA), Sheriff Gary Sisk (Catoosa County).
- **Absent:** None

Georgia Opioid Abatement Trust Staff: Holly Lynde, Melissa Malcom, Taylor Peyton.

Agenda

Call to Order: Chairman Sam Hatcher called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

Chairman Sam Hatcher welcomed each of the members to the meeting and introduced himself as the new chairman of the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC).

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Hatcher asked each of the members to review a copy of the minutes from the November 14, 2024, meeting. He asked if there were any discussion to be had on the approval of the minutes. Hearing no discussion, Chairman Hatcher asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Ed Reynolds and was seconded by Cassandra Price. The minutes from the November 14, 2024, were approved unanimously.

Recovery Speaker:

Chairman Hatcher invited Holly Lynde to introduce the recovery speaker who was invited to tell her story of lived experience. The speaker shared her story of recovery and underscored the importance of opioid abatement programs. Chairman Hatcher thanked the speaker for her time and willingness to participate in GOSAC's Q1 meeting.

Presentation of Current Grant Status:

Chairman Hatcher invited Holly Lynde to give an update on the status of grants and contracts executed based on the recommendations made by GOSAC at its November 14, 2024, meeting. Mrs. Lynde provided an update on all of the contracts executed since the Q4 2024 meeting citing that many were fully executed but that negotiations were ongoing for a handful.

Meeting Schedule for 2025:

Following Mrs. Lynde's update, Chairman Hatcher asked that GOSAC set tentative meeting dates for the remainder of the calendar year. The week of June 23, 2025 was suggested for GOSAC's Q2 meeting. Mayor Cason cited a concern regarding the Georgia Municipal Association's conference happening at the beginning of that week, so the Commission agreed to move it to a later day that week. The week of Monday, August 11th was discussed and generally accepted for the tentative scheduling of GOSAC's Q3 meeting. Lastly, the week of Monday, October 6th was discussed and generally accepted for the tentative scheduling of GOSAC's Q4 meeting.

Public Comment:

Chairman Hatcher invited those wishing to make public comment to do so. Two individuals from the Rizer Institute made public comment related to their interdisciplinary pain management program.

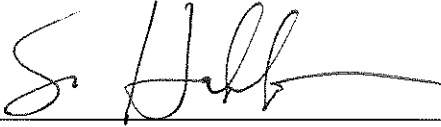
Adjournment:

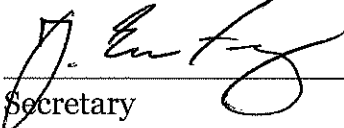
Chair Sam Hatcher asked if there were any further business for the day, after hearing none, Chair Hatcher asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by David Kidd, which was seconded by Grant Thomas. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Evan Frey, recording secretary

Signatures:


Chairman


Secretary