

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Chief's Day at Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia  
February 15, 2016**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief George Turner.

President George Turner asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll.

**Roll Call**

President, Chief George Turner

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Billy Grogan

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Warden Dennis S. Nelson

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman

4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Wesley Walker

\*Immediate Past President, Chief M. Keith Glass – Arrived late

\*Chairman of District Reps., Chief George Stagmeier

Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo

\*General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell (arrived during meeting)

\**Indicates Board Member not in attendance*

In accordance with the GACP Constitution and By-Laws, it was noted that a quorum of Executive Board Members was in attendance.

**Others in Attendance:** Chief Charles Spann, Chattahoochee Technical College; Chief William Riley, Aragon PD; Chief Robert Tressel, Cobb County DA's Office; Deputy Chief Brannen Pruette, Douglas PD; Chief Cozie Ray, Vienna PD; Chief Dustin Stephenson, Warwick PD; Chief Gary Casteloes, Douglas PD; Chief Chris Wright, Blackshear PD, Chief Steven Land, Hazelhurst PD; Chief James Morgan, Jackson PD; Capt. Robert Carrick, Jackson PD; Chief Milton Cox, Clayton County Solicitor General's Office; Sgt. Kevin Carter, West Point PD; Chief Tony Bailey, West Point PD; Deputy Chief Geoffrey Parker, Hazelhurst PD; Chief Jeffrey Boatwright, Roosevelt PD; Chief Raymond Couch, Manchester PD; Chief William Westenberger, Kennesaw PD; Chief Wiley Gammon, Jr., East GA State College PD; Chief Wayne Dennard, Acworth PD; Chief Ronald Arndt, Shiloh PD; Chief Harold Myers, Fayette County Marshal's Office; Chief Keith Howard, Board of Regents PD; Chief Dennis Baker, Clayton County DA's Office; Chief Randy Johnson, Lawrenceville PD; Chief Ken DeSimone, Sandy Springs PD; Chief Clarence Cox, III, Clayton County Schools PD; Chief Roosevelt Smith, Lithonia PD; Chief Anthony Tanner, Waycross PD; Chief John Robison, Powder Springs PD, Maj. Matt Boyd, Powder Springs PD; Chief Gary Yandura, Brookhaven PD; Chief Stacey Cotton, Covington PD; Chief Wesley Favors, Woodbury PD; Chief Rory Haynes, Woodland PD; Chief James Perry, West GA Technical College PD; Chief Connie Sampson, GA State University PD; Chief Freddie Hill, Jefferson County BOE PD; Chief Wesley Lewis, Wadley PD; Chief Novin Darsey, Molena PD; Chief Robert Reeves, Ball Ground PD; Deputy Chief Martin Ferrell, Marietta PD; Chief Mark McDonough, GA Dept. of Public Safety; Chief Dwayne Flowers, Hephzibah PD; Chief Fred Hammett, Atlanta Technical College PD; Chief Kelphe Lundy, Guyton PD; Chief Melvin Dean, Fulton County Schools PD; Chief Dan Flynn, Marietta PD; Deputy Chief Jeffrey Page, Atlanta Dept. of Corrections; Lt. Ed Fambro, Atlanta Dept. of Corrections; Chief Marcel Reed, Atlanta Solicitor's Office

### **Presentation of Previous Minutes**

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the previous board meeting for review. **Motion made by Chief Billy Grogan and seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2016 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Financial Report**

Executive Director Rotondo distributed to all board members a copy of GACP's financial report date December 31, 2015. **With respect to GACP's financial report a motion was made by Warden Dennis S. Nelson and seconded by Chief Billy Grogan to accept the financial reports dated December 31, 2015 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Executive Director's Report**

#### ➤ **Legislation Overview**

- Executive Director Rotondo introduced Senator Elena Parent who spoke briefly about SB 304, which deals with the involuntary committed and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights. Senator Parent asked for GACP's support. President Turner indicated he would ask the Board for their opinion and Executive Director Rotondo would get back to her.

Executive Director Rotondo presented his report in the form of a training program dealing with legislative matters. Some of the bills discussed included, but was not limited to: HB 93, HB 591, HB 722, HB 779, HB 805, HB 827, HB 859, HB 976, SB 70, HB 941. With respect to HB 941, Chief Grogan discussed the pros and cons and advised that fairness is what the bill is trying to address. Additionally, Chief Turner mentioned the official GACP document "Citizen's Bill of Rights for Police Accountability" and advised how it puts into writing how law enforcement agencies will be handling priorities at a higher standard.

State Budget Live Item– Executive Director Frank Rotondo deferred this to GBI Director Keenan.

Director Keenan advised that they are requesting 20 new agents and 5 new Toxicologists and would like GACP's support for this need.

Executive Director Rotondo gave a brief description of laws that did not move from last year's session and asked members if they had any questions or concerns. Chief Wirthman requested that a conclusion to the Haleigh's Law be proactive and that GACP not support this bill. **Motion made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Chief Wesley Walker to not support the current Haleigh's Hope Act Part II. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### ➤ **Summer Training Program**

- Executive Director Rotondo asked Director June Killian to speak about a new APP that he feels will be beneficial for use during the Summer Training Conference.

Director Killian spoke briefly about the app known as Results@Hand. This app will provide conference attendees with vendor information, training schedule data, presenters for each training session, notifications of sessions, all with the use of your cell phone.

Director Killian advised that the way the Association can re-coup some of the cost of the conference by selling banner ads to the vendors.

- Gary Kelly, Inspector General for the Department of Agriculture, introduced Gary Black, the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.
  - Commissioner Black spoke of the difficulties that their agency is dealing with pertaining to highly pathogenic influenza affecting the water fowl and poultry industry.
- **Short Overview of Legislative Process – “How a Bill Becomes Law”** – Executive Director Rotondo gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on how a House Bill or Senate Bill becomes a law and referred members to the handout given.
- **Follow Up Agenda for Chief’s Day** – Executive Director Rotondo advised the members of the time to assemble on the steps at the Capitol for pictures and for the special readings taking place by members of the House and Governor Deal.

### **President’s Report**

- President Turner communicated the following President Turner took a moment to acknowledge and remember Major Greg Barney of Riverdale PD who lost his life in the line of duty; Acknowledged and recognized Director June Killian on her outstanding training sessions provided at the Winter Training Conference and expressed that the sessions were pertinent to the direction that police agencies are needing to go due to society changes; Asset Forfeiture Funds update regarding a letter that GACP sent to the sponsors of the bill and believes the funds will be released by Summer; President Turner deferred the GOALS Conference to Chief Grogan who advised it will be taking place April 26, 2016 at Georgia State University; President Turner deferred to GBI Director Keenan to speak about the Paris/Terror attacks and the concern with not being able to access cell phones and computers.

### **Executive Board’s Report**

- *1<sup>st</sup> VP, Chief Billy Grogan*
  - Nothing to report at this time
- *2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Warden Dennis Nelson*
  - Nothing to report at this time
- *3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
  - Nothing to report at this time

- *4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
  - Nothing to report at this time
- *Immediate Past President, Chief M. Keith Glass*
  - Not Present
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Chief George Stagmeier*
  - Not Present

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Adjournment**

- **A motion was made by *Chief Billy Grogan*, seconded by *Chief Joseph Wirthman* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**