



## MINUTES

### SASHTO Board of Directors Meeting

**Approved May 23, 2019**  
**Park City, Utah**

Monday, September 24, 2018

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

7<sup>th</sup> Floor | Augusta C/D

Westin Peachtree Hotel

Atlanta, GA

#### **I. Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call**

SASHTO Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order by SASHTO President and GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurry. Kentucky and Puerto Rico were not in attendance.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes from May 24, 2018 Meeting**

Draft minutes from the August 7, 2018 meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting for review. Alabama made comment that an amendment should be made to the minutes in Section III C. The Section should read that the Alabama opening reception would be located at the Battleship Alabama and the Aviation Hangar. A motion was made and seconded that the meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried via unanimous vote.

#### **III. SASHTO Secretary and Treasurer Appointments**

Russell McMurry nominated Mike Dover as Secretary and Angela Whitworth as Treasurer.

#### **IV. SASHTO Annual Meeting Updates**

- a) Texas - 2018 Annual Meeting –TxDOT provided a brief update on the 2018 Annual Meeting. General statistics included the following: 1) 1550 attendees from 32 states and 4 countries; 2) 85 volunteers; and 3425 room nights.
- b) Georgia - 2019 Annual Meeting – Andy Casey with Georgia DOT provided a brief update on planning and logistics for the 2019 Annual Meeting. The event will be held beginning August 18 – 20, 2019 in Savannah, Georgia at the Westin Hotel. Sunday morning there will be golf at the Savannah Harbor Club. Sunday afternoon we are currently considering a trip to Tybee Island and a Riverboat Tour. Sunday evening will be the opening session. Monday afternoon is a tour of the Port of Savannah. Tuesday afternoon is closing reception. Online registration will begin November 1, 2018.
- c) Alabama - 2020 Annual Meeting – Alabama DOT noted their event will be held August 8 – 11 in Mobile, Ala. They have contracted with Housman and Associates. The opening reception will be held at the Battleship Alabama and



Aviation Hangar. They are currently working on technical tours to include Airbus and the I-10 tunnel complex. The Hotel will be the Renaissance River Hotel.

- d) Florida – 2021 Annual Meeting – Florida DOT stated that there are no contracts at this time. The likely location will be Orlando, but it is still being discussed and is subject to change.

#### **V. Winter Board of Directors Retreat**

Georgia will host the next retreat. It is tentatively scheduled for February 7-8, 2019. Location will be Crown Plaza Hotel in Atlanta. Details will be provided at later dates.

#### **VI. SASHTO Tax Status**

- a) 501(c)(3) vs 501 (c)(6)

Russell McMurry asked that Angela Whitworth and Matt Cline present information regarding a Resolution (attached) about the Tax Status of SASHTO. They provided a copy of a Resolution to all members and briefly discussed the benefits and differences between a 501(c)(3) and a 501(c)(6). The Resolution allows Georgia to spend up to \$10,000 of SASHTO funds to solicit the services of a legal and CPA firm in order to research the tax exempt status and the potential use of a master bank account. There was discussion about a master bank account for SASHTO funds. An amendment was added to the resolution to investigate the potential use of a master bank account. Louisiana made a motion to approve, seconded by Alabama. The amendment and resolution passed.

#### **VII. Transportation Funding and Electric Vehicles**

- a) The next item on the agenda was Electric Vehicles. Russell McMurry asked the members about their individual states' regulations, legislation, and planning around the use of EVs with regards to fees and funding. He asked that in the coming year, each state share their existing information regarding EV usage fees and any plans for regulations or legislation that might be in the making. He also asked that any planned investment or policies for charging stations and other capital projects be shared through the STIC committee for compilation for a potential statement for future studies.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

## **Resolution of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials**

**WHEREAS**, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) is currently a 26 USC 501(c)(6) entity that is organized to encourage a balanced transportation system within the Member States; to study the various materials, methods of construction and maintenance and to discuss common problems experienced with transportation facilities; to exchange ideas and evaluate programs within the aviation, highway, rail, transit and water modes of transportation; to cooperate in every way possible with the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Transit Administration in the consideration of transportation problems; and to support legislation for the purpose of protecting capital investments in current transportation systems and for improving transportation programs, and

WHEREAS, SASHTO desires to review its current status as a 501(c)(6) organization to determine whether it may qualify as a 501(c)(3) organization and to determine whether there may be advantages (including certain tax exemptions for sales tax in certain states) to applying for 501(c)(3) status; and

WHEREAS, as part of that review, SASHTO desires to research the advantages and disadvantages to taking such action and to determine what steps and requirements would be necessary to change its status from a 501(c)(6) organization to a 501(c)(3) organization; and

WHEREAS, Georgia DOT is a member state and is willing to undertake such research; and

WHEREAS, in order to undertake such research, it may be necessary to hire certain expertise to provide professional advisory services including legal advice, tax advice, accounting advice, or other administrative advice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Georgia DOT is authorized by SASHTO to investigate the implications of changing the tax exempt status of SASHTO from a 501(c)(6) organization to a 501(c)(3) organization and to investigate the potential use of a master bank account and use or a CPA firm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Georgia DOT is authorized to enter into agreements and spend funds on such research up to \$10,000.00, in accordance with SASHTO policies and accounting procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the findings of such research and a recommendation for any actions or next steps shall be brought to the executive committee at the next SASHTO annual meeting.