

**Approval Item: Georgia Student Finance Commission  
December 29, 2009 Special Called Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

The Board of Commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission met via teleconference on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at the Georgia Student Finance Commission, President's Conference Room beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Members Present

Billy Jerles, Chair; Kay Brown, Vice Chair; Mid Ramsey, Dr. Pat Burd, Tom Bowen, Lindsey Tippins and John Cowherd

Roll Call

A roll call was provided by Shirlene Mitchell, who announced that Commissioners Molly Dye Franklin, Kip Mercer, Gary Wisenbaker and Joe Edwards, had asked for and been given permission to be absent. All other Commissioners were in attendance.

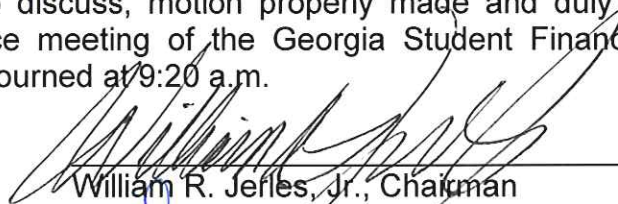
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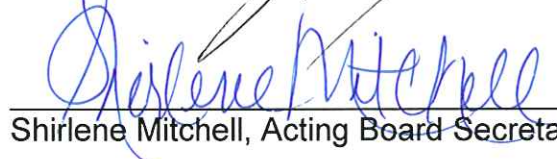
Motion properly made and duly seconded, the agenda for the December 29, 2009 special called teleconference meeting of the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval Item: Consideration of HOPE Exception

Staff gathered information and prepared a summary for an exception to the HOPE Scholarship Program regulations. There was one Case (#2009-42) reviewed by the board. Upon motion made by John Cowherd, seconded by Dr. Kay Brown, and unanimously approved, the Board of Commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission approved the HOPE Exception as submitted.

With no further business to discuss, motion properly made and duly seconded, the special called teleconference meeting of the Georgia Student Finance Commission Board of Commissioners adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

  
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William R. Jerles, Jr., Chairman

  
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Shirlene Mitchell, Acting Board Secretary