

NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY MINUTES  
DECEMBER 9, 2004 MEETING  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Chairman Tippet called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Transportation Building. He welcomed all to the December North Carolina Turnpike Authority meeting. Board Member Lanny Wilson was absent. Chairman Tippet read the Governor's ethics statement.

Chairman Tippet called on Secretary-Treasurer Perry Safran to present the November minutes for approval. The November minutes were approved as presented.

Deputy Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs and Budget Coordination Susan Coward addressed the Board and explained the Legislative process of presenting proposed changes to the General Assembly for approval as it relates to NCDOT and the NCTA. She said that DOT would help the Turnpike Authority if there were something that they would like to take before the Legislature, and added that DOT looks forward to working with them. Ms. Coward thanked the Board members for their good work.

Chairman Tippet thanked Ms. Coward for all she does for the Department of Transportation.

Legislative Fiscal Research Analyst Evan Rodewald thanked Chairman Tippet and the Turnpike Board for inviting him to the meeting to give a presentation on the project delivery study performed by Dye Management at the request of the Legislature. He introduced Robert Cooney with Dye Management, who presented the results of the study and explained the basis for their conclusions.

Chairman Tippet called for committee reports.

Chairman Tippet began with the Executive Committee by stating that two proposed reports to the Legislature were passed out for the members review and approval. One document was the draft annual report for FY 2004 and the other was a presentation that was presented to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee (JLTOC) in November 2003. Chairman Tippet stated that Calvin Leggett would present the draft presentation at the next JLTOC meeting, which will be December 13. Chairman Tippet recommended that they adopt the reports for the presentation. The reports were approved for adoption. Chairman Tippet said that the Board received an invitation from PART in Greensboro to hold their quarterly public meeting in the Triad area. He recommended that the Board meet there in June 2005, and added that the details would be worked out. Chairman Tippet moved to schedule quarterly public input meetings the last month of every quarter, and added that the times and dates are subject to change. Robb Teer made a motion to approve the quarterly public input meetings and Anthony Fox seconded the motion.

Chairman Tippet asked all Turnpike members to please attend the Public/Private Partnerships workshop to be held on December 15 if their schedules allow. He added that if anyone wanted to attend, to please let Diane Berger know. Chairman Tippet

also said that if any members would like to attend the Transportation Research Board (TRB) meeting in Washington during January, to please let Mrs. Berger know and arrangements would be made for them.

Bob Spencer reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed hiring a finance director for the NCTA. Mr. Spencer stated that the Board would most likely be hiring an executive director very soon, and expected to move into hiring a financial director early next year.

Allan Dameron reported that the Personnel Committee introduced a candidate for the executive director position. The Board voted unanimously in favor of proceeding with contract negotiations.

John Culbertson reported that the Plans and Programming committee reported that the general consulting engineer group (GEC) chosen to work with the NCTA is HNTB. Mr. Culbertson made a motion to ask NCDOT staff to enter into negotiations with HNTB, which was seconded by Robb Teer, and approved to do so.

Robb Teer wished everyone a happy holiday and said he recognized the hard work that had gone into the decision of executive director and the GEC and thanked DOT staff and committee chairs that have worked diligently to get this done.

Chairman Tippet also wished all a happy holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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