



# Meeting Minutes

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*November 17, 2010*

- Call to order at 2:06 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes – The October minutes were reviewed and approved – Ogier motioned, Siva seconded the motion.
- Committee Reports
  - Policy and Web Site Subcommittee: GISCC Chairman Chris Chalmers commented that the subcommittee was currently updating the framework and we should expect a full report next month.
  - Strategic Planning and Policy Committee: No report.
  - Outreach Subcommittee: Subcommittee Chair Keith McFadden reported that the subcommittee had just completed a GIS Day event held at the Sloppy Floyd Building in Atlanta 11/17 (immediately preceding the GISCC meeting).
  - Data Framework Subcommittee: No report – Chalmers reported that this subcommittee has a meeting scheduled for 11/30/10.
  - Education Chair: No report.
- Current Business/ Announcements :

*Announcements:*

- Chalmers recognized the Strategic Planning and Policy Subcommittee for their efforts in encouraging state lawmakers to attend the GIS Day event on 11/17
- Mr. Chalmers also recognized the 2010 Geospatial Conference Committee for the outstanding conference held in Athens in October.
- Ernie Smith informed the committee of Newton County GIS's involvement in GIS Education in Newton County schools
- Danielle Ayan informed the committee attendees that State Senator Ross Tolleson, Representative David Knight and Attorney General-Elect Sam Olens



were present for the GIS Day case study presentations on 11/17. She commented that each legislator seemed impressed and encouraged our committee to “tell these stories to the legislature”.

- Chairman informed the committee that he had met and talked with Senator Buddy Carter (sponsor of HB 169) and got the sense that Senator Carter was happy with the bill and the response to the audit. Mr. Carter communicated to Mr. Chalmers that his primary goal is utilizing GIS technology to assist in notifying the public and keep them informed.
- Siva informed the committee that Georgia URISA sponsored a GIS Day event held at Georgia Tech on 11/17.
- Chairman announced the outstanding statewide participation in the Geospatial Audit. Citing that 148 of 159 counties and 11 of 12 Regional Commission’s responded to the audit.
- Keith McFadden announced his territory now includes Tennessee (in addition to Georgia). He also announced the recent USGS initiative referred to as the National Elevation Enhancement Program. This program is generally considered a precursor to the Elevation for the Nation concept which has been widely discussed.

#### *Current Business*

- Eric McRae stated that the GGAC / GISCC will have a table at the Biennial Conference in Athens. This conference is designed to orient and train newly elected officials and is hosted by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government.
- Mr. Chalmers asked Mr. McRae about progress being made toward facilitating the next GISCC meeting through a simulcast. Mr. McRae indicated that we should be able to simulcast the meeting in December.
- Ms. Ayan noted that EPD Director Allen Barnes commented to her that we should have another “GIS Day type event” during the Legislative Session.
- Mr. Chalmers opened discussion among the attendees at the meeting regarding the GISCC’s role in facilitating statewide geospatial coordination as a collaborative effort, primarily as it pertains to local governments responding to federal initiatives [general discussion ensued]



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- Mr. McRae suggested OneGeorgia as an existing entity that could possibly take the lead on statewide geospatial coordination [more general discussion].
- Jeff Simmons asked Mr. McRae if it would be appropriate to invite someone from OneGeorgia to make a presentation to the GISCC. Mr. Chalmers asked Mr. McRae to contact Ms. Nancy Cobb at OneGeorgia to inquire. Mr. McRae agreed to do so.
- Adjournment: Chris Ogier moves; Danielle Ayan 2<sup>nd</sup> – adjourned at 3:04 p.m.
- Attendees
  - Chris Chalmers
  - Jeff Simmons
  - Jason Briley
  - Rick Wallace
  - Ernie Smith
  - James Stapel
  - Keith McFadden
  - Rama Sivakumar
  - Chris Ogier
  - Eric McRae
  - David Giguere
  - Danielle Ayan
- Online Attendance
  - None.