A called meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on March 6, 2017, at the Thomaston-Upson Civic Center by Glenn White, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lisa Moore Williams. The invocation was given by Carbor Wright, Associate Director.

Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 66, Absent - 0

Greg Tillery
Evan Horton
Christian Suttle
Steve Jones
Nathan Turner
Gary Long
Kirk Barton
Mike Cammack
Kevin Kinsler
Earl Etheridge
Garrett Black
Kevin May
Nathan Hand
Don Corr
Steven Craft
Geep Cunningham
Chris Brown
David Shields
Kelly Taylor
Curt Miller
Phil McCrary
Carter Wilson
Mike Nelson
Tommy Stringer
Jeff Battles
Jim Finch
Wade Marchman
Henry Laws
Chip Walker
Britt Adams
Ben Corley
Frank Barden
Harley Calhoun
J.T. Pollock
Tim Adams
Chad Campbell
Horace Dunson
Bruce Potts
Jeff Cooper
Joe Lancaster
Paul Stokes
Mike Thompson
Benjy Rogers
Marvin Fields
Tim Barron
Jasper Jewell
Bradley Warren
Tim Armstrong
John Pinson
Jesse Crews
Britt Ingle
Glenn Tidwell
Bill Schmitz
Justin Brown
Steve Simpson
Donnie Drew
Michelle Masters
Regina Montgomery
Pat Blenke
Tony Arasi
Wes Taylor
Todd Mobley
Bobby McAllister
Joe Sanfilippo

Motion by Crews, second by Ingle, to adopt the agenda
Motion passed unanimously

Executive Director Gary Phillips then asked to address the committee. He read a prepared statement (see Appendix 1) regarding the proposal on the agenda for this meeting and his wishes on the matter.

Motion by Crews, second by Etheridge, to go into executive session to discuss the agenda item, which is a personnel matter.
Motion passed unanimously

During the executive session, several members of the committee spoke to the issue, mentioning their support for Gary Phillips and asking him what he really wanted to do. Committee members also called upon GHSA counsel Alan Connell to explain their options regarding amending or making a substitute motion.

Motion by Pat Blenke, second by Crews, to come out of executive session in order to vote.
Motion passed unanimously

White called for a vote on the original agenda item, which reads as follows:

The BOARD of TRUSTEES recommends to the GHSA Executive Committee that it accept the Executive Director’s offer to retire at the end of the 2016-2017 school year upon the condition that the GHSA honor his contract and the benefits due him thereunder through the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion failed unanimously.

Motion by Potts and Suttle, second by Blenki, to allow Gary Phillips to retire at the end of the current school year, if he so chooses, under the stipulation that the GHSA will honor his contract and the benefits due him through the remainder of his contract term (2017-2018 school year)
Motion passed unanimously

The meeting was then adjourned by unanimous vote.