

**BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES  
MEETING MINUTES**

**January 15, 2014  
1:00 p.m.  
Atlanta, Georgia**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tiena Fletcher, Chair  
Monica Walter, Secretary  
Frank Auman  
Judy Brownell  
Scott Johnson  
Randy Smith

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lisa Alexander  
Jack Williams

Chair Tiena Fletcher called the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Board meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on January 15, 2014.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Chair Fletcher welcomed new Board member, Judy Brownell to the Board and asked for any remarks.

Ms. Brownell stated she is a native of Gainesville, Georgia. She previously worked a number of years in DFCS and Child Protective Services. She now works at a Christian Education Center. She is pleased and honored to serve on the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the November 13, 2013 Board meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion passed.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Keith Horton reported good news related to the budget. There have been no budget cuts. The Governor has announced that monies will be set aside for DFCS – Eligibility and Child Welfare (about 7.4 million dollars). An additional 125 workers should be in place over the next few years.

Also for FY15 in Aging Services, over the next few years there will be funds for additional APS (Adult Protective Service) workers. We are very fortunate this year to have a budget wherein we will receive additional funding. The Commissioner also hinted there might be good news for state employees...confirmed details will be revealed at a later date.

Thus concluded the Commissioner's report.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chair Fletcher thanked Commissioner Horton for his report and the wonderful news about the Budget. She also thanked all DHS staff for all their work.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

## **THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Human Services is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

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**Monica Walters, Secretary**

**APPROVED:**

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**Tiena Fletcher, Chairperson**