

**BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 12, 2021
12:22 p.m. – 12:48 p.m.
Microsoft Teams**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robertiena Fletcher, Chair
Monica Walters, Secretary
Jack Williams
Lisa Hamilton
Scott Johnson
David Barbee
Wes Lewis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Randall Smith, Vice Chair

Also present, Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden.

Chair Robertiena Fletcher called the Board of Human Services' meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. on May 12, 2021.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion was presented by David Barbee and seconded by Jack Williams that the minutes of the February 10, 2021, board meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was presented by Mr. Barbee and seconded by Mr. Elson that the proposed amendment to Rule 290-7-1-.20 of the Rules of the Department of Human Services, Office of Child Support Recovery, Recovery and Administration of Child Support, entitled "Waiver of Payment of Unreimbursed Public Assistance Administrative Orders Only," as presented to the public by notice dated February 15, 2021, be approved and adopted, certified by the Commissioner, and filed with the Secretary of State as provided by law.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Crittenden began her report by thanking everyone for joining the board meeting. She then thanked the team for putting the presentations together with

some last-minute information. Commissioner Crittenden noted that the DHS vision, "Stronger Families for a Stronger Georgia," was heavily emphasized throughout the board meeting. Commissioner Crittenden further recognized the necessity of this vision throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. She then thanked DHS employees for their continued teamwork in building on the DHS vision. Commissioner Crittenden then welcomed Barry Elson, the newest member of the Board of Human Services.

She then let the board members know that everything continues to be going well at DHS with great work being done to expand partnerships and relationships to accomplish agency goals. Commissioner Crittenden mentioned that DHS was working on the Return to Workplace Plan and that the "new normal" would look a bit different when we return. She explained that the November board meeting is expected to be held in person and will be a retreat as in years past. Whether the August meeting would be held via teleconference or in person had not yet been determined. The Commissioner mentioned that they are taking a look at some electronic services for board books.

Commissioner Crittenden then introduced some new members of the Commissioner's Office, Monica Cherry and Jami Forbes. Commissioner Crittenden noted that Brooklyn Ealey will be moving out of her role in assisting the Commissioner and the board with board functions to focus on her new role in the Office of Legislative Affairs and Outreach. Commissioner Crittenden then stated that they will be holding a new board member orientation that would be open for all board members.

Commissioner Crittenden reminded the board that State Employee Recognition Week was last week, gave the names of DHS staff award recipients, and presented the Commissioner's Spotlight Awards. She then concluded her report by stating that the Senior Hunger Summit and the ADRC Conference would be a free virtual event in June and encouraged the board members to join.

CLOSING COMMENTS

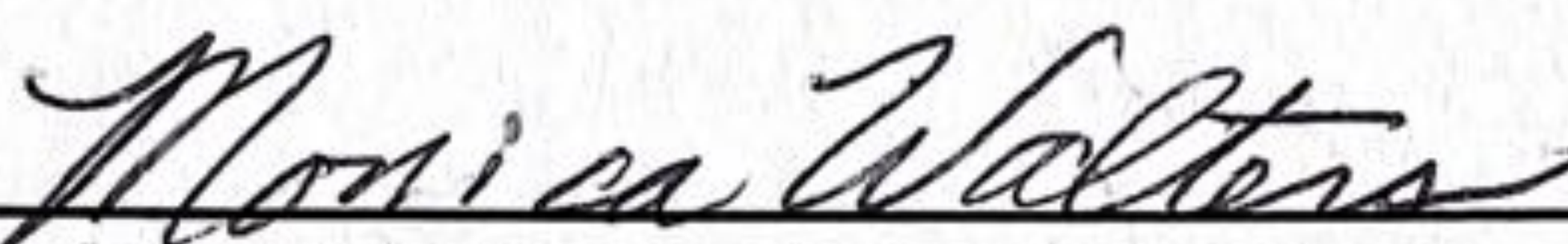
Chair Fletcher concluded the meeting by thanking all the employees at DHS and thanked the Commissioner for her excellent leadership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING


The next regular meeting of the Board of Human Services is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Walters, Secretary

APPROVED:



Robertiena Fletcher, Chair