

**BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES  
AND DFCS STATE ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 15, 2023  
1:00 p.m. – 4:17 p.m.  
2 Peachtree St., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, GA  
Microsoft Teams Live**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Robertiena Fletcher, Chair  
Randall Smith, Vice Chair  
Monica Walters, Secretary  
David Barbee  
Lisa Hamilton  
Scott Johnson  
Rochard D. White  
Jack F. Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Wes Lewis

Also present, Commissioner Candice L. Broce.

Chair Robertiena Fletcher called the joint Board of Human Services and DFCS State Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:41 p.m. on February 15, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2022, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Fletcher called for a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes for December 1, 2022. A motion was presented by David Barbee and seconded by Scott Johnson to approve the minutes for the December 1, 2022 Board meeting. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Pursuant to Section 1 of Article VI (six) of the bylaws, the Chair shall sets the schedule of regular board meetings. The next regular meeting for the Board of Human Services is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 47 Trinity, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room, Atlanta, GA 30303.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Chair Fletcher called for a motion to consider the proposed rule changes from the Residential Child Care Licensing Unit related to child placing agencies. A motion was presented by David Barbee and seconded by Randy Smith that the amendments to Rule

Chapter 290-9-2 of the Rules of the Department of Human Services entitled 'Rules and Regulations for Child Placing Agencies,' as presented to the public by notice dated December 5, 2022, be approved and adopted, certified by the Commissioner, and filed with the Secretary of State as provided by law with an effective date of March 13, 2023. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Broce began her report by stating that her remarks will be short as most of the information had already been provided in the previous presentations. Commissioner Broce reported due to the General Assembly being in session, most of the focus is on the legislative and budget process. She advised the Department is working with the Governor's Office and the Lieutenant Governor on some initiatives that would make dramatic changes to the Juvenile Code and help the Department in its day-to-day work. The Commissioner highlighted that the Department was able to secure approval from our federal regulators to extend the amount of time that our elderly have to receive SNAP benefits to 36 months before they are required to recheck eligibility. The Commissioner then opened the floor for questions.

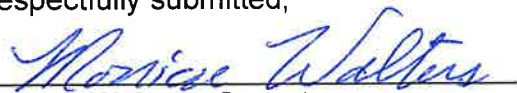
JaNice VaNess, DFCS Board Member, asked the Commissioner about the Fraud Unit we have established. The Commissioner explained that the Office of the Inspector General falls under the Legal Division that handles all fraud investigations as they relate to our benefit programs. We also work with our federal regulators to capture the recovery funds.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Chair Fletcher concluded the meeting by thanking the Commissioner, the DHS Board members, Chair Dorsey and the DFCS Advisory Board members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
**Monica Walters, Secretary**

**APPROVED:**

  
**Robertiena Fletcher, Chair**