

**BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES**

**November 14, 2018
9:00 a.m.
Athens, Georgia**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robertiena Fletcher, Chair
Monica Walters, Secretary
Randall Smith
Judy Brownell
David Barbee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Auman, Vice Chair
Jack Williams
Scott Johnson
Lisa Alexander

Also present, Interim Commissioner Gerlda B. Hines

Chair Robertiena Fletcher called the Board of Human Services' meeting to order at 2:13 p.m. on November 14, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was presented by David Barbee and seconded by Randall Smith that the minutes of the August 22, 2018 board meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was presented by Randall Smith and seconded by David Barbee that the minutes of the October 11, 2018 board meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. A motion was presented by David Barbee and seconded by Monica Walters to approve the proposed Chapter 290-1-10 entitled, "Rules for Power of Attorney for the Care of a Child," of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Human Services, as presented to the public by notice dated October 12, 2018, be approved by the Board of Human Services, certified by the Commissioner, and filed with the Secretary of State as provided by law. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

2. A motion was presented by Judy Brownell and seconded by Randall Smith that the proposed amendments to Chapter 290-9-2 entitled, "Rules and Regulations for Child-Placing Agencies," of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Human Services, as presented to the public by notice dated October 12, 2018, be approved by the Board of Human Services, certified by the Commissioner, and filed with the Secretary of State as provided by law. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.
3. A motion was presented by Robertiena Fletcher to approve the year 2019 Board of Human Services schedule as follows:

Date	Location
February 13, 2019	Location to be determined
May 15, 2019	Location to be determined
August 21, 2019	Location to be determined
November 13, 2019	Location to be determined

Board members approved the 2019 Board of Human Services schedule by general consensus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was presented by Robertiena Fletcher and seconded by Randall Smith that the Board of Human Services has authority for closure of the meeting, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 (b) (2), to discuss, during Executive Session, the proposed confirmation of Gerlda B. Hines as Interim Commissioner of the Department of Human Services. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was presented by Robertiena Fletcher and seconded by David Barbee to discuss a personnel matter related to the confirmation of Gerlda B. Hines as Interim Commissioner of the Department of Human Services. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

Board members unanimously voted to enter into executive session.

A motion was presented by Robertiena Fletcher by majority vote of a quorum of the Board for the Board of Human Services to enter closed session to discuss the proposed confirmation of Gerlda B. Hines as Interim Commissioner of the Department of Human Services. The Board adjourned to commence the closed session at 2:23 pm.

Board Members entered executive session while all attendees exited the room.

Executive session ended at 2:28 pm.

The Board of Human Services returned from Executive Session at 2:30 pm.

Board members opened up discussion about elections for the year 2019.

Board members agreed by general consensus that board meetings should stay on a quarterly basis.

David Barbee raised the question of having elections for board positions in February. Board members discussed potential elections and agreed that they would have nominations if a member would like to run. There being no volunteers to run for Chair and Secretary, board members agreed by general consensus that positions would be held by the current members in 2019.

A motion was presented by Randall Smith and seconded by Monica Walters that The Board vote to confirm Gerlda B. Hines as Interim Commissioner of the Department of Human Services. No official actions were taken during the session. On November 8, 2018, Governor Deal appointed Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden to the position of Secretary of State. The Governor then appointed Gerlda B. Hines, Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer, to serve as the agency's Interim Commissioner. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

Board members unanimously voted.

The Board confirmed Gerlda B. Hines as Interim Commissioner of the Department of Human Services.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Hines thanked everyone for their warm welcome as she takes over as Commissioner of the Department of Human Services. She looks forward to learning and working to build Stronger families for a stronger Georgia.

The Commissioner noted the impressive work done by The Division of Aging Services for the 2018 Senior Hunger Summit in October. First Lady Sandra Deal spoke at the summit and was honored for her continued support of Senior Hunger. The Commissioner, as well as, three board members were in attendance at the summit and noted the excellent speakers and topics. She thanked Temitope Walker for all of her hard work that made the third Senior Hunger a success and looks forward to next year.

In the previous month, Georgia was impacted by Hurricane Michael. Commissioner expressed her thanks to the Information Technology staff and workers in the shelters and command centers for their help with recovery. Many worked countless

hours to ensure that residents were able to receive help. She also thanked everyone for their assistance with getting information to the public regarding SNAP benefits.

Commissioner Hines thanked everyone for their attendance at the board meeting.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Fletcher echoed the Commissioner's sentiments and thanked all DHS employees for their work. The Board wanted to recognize several staff members for their exemplary service and contributions to building stronger families for a stronger Georgia. The staff members represent many different divisions and offices and have been key players in several DHS projects over the past year. The Commissioner's Spotlight Awards are given at each quarterly board meeting. Each awardee got an award as well as a picture with the board. The recognized staff members are as follows:

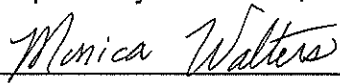
- Wende Parker
- Kiska Dennis-Gear
- Karen Nelson
- Angela Hunter
- Cheryl Harris
- Temitope A. Walker
- Tiamaki Bray
- Fernando Puerto
- Monica Barker
- Jerry Baker
- Xavier Patterson
- Shakeel Radford
- Jennifer Watson
- James Beal
- Delahn Carter

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Human Services is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 2 Peachtree Street NW Atlanta, GA 30303.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Walters, Secretary

APPROVED:



Robertiena Fletcher, Chair

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