

**BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES  
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 26, 2020  
12:12 p.m. – 12:33 p.m.  
Microsoft Teams**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Robertlena Fletcher, Chair  
Randall Smith, Vice Chair  
Monica Walters, Secretary  
Jack Williams  
Lisa Hamilton  
Scott Johnson  
David Barbee  
Wes Lewis

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Also present, Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden.

Chair Robertlena Fletcher called the Board of Human Services' meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. on August 26, 2020.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2020, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was presented by David Barbee and seconded by Randall Smith that the minutes of the May 19, 2020, board meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

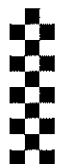
**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following members were nominated to serve as officers of the Board of Human Services for terms of office running through June 30, 2022:

- Robertlena Fletcher, Chair
- Randall Smith, Vice-Chair
- Monica Walters, Secretary

Having heard the slate of officers nominated, the floor was opened for any additional names to be offered for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

A motion was presented by Mr. Barbee and seconded by Mr. Williams that the board proceed with the election of board officers for terms of office running through



June 30, 2022, by voice vote. The Board elected the following members as board officers for terms of office running through June 30, 2022:

- Robertiena Fletcher, Chair
- Randall Smith, Vice-Chair
- Monica Walters, Secretary

### ACTION ITEMS

1. A motion was presented by Mr. Barbee and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Proposed Budget Recommendations for Amended Fiscal Year 2021 and for Fiscal Year 2022 as presented to the Board of August 26, 2020, be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.
2. A motion was presented by Scott Johnson and seconded by Mr. Barbee that the previously proposed amendment to Rule 290-1-9-.01 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Human Services related to Safe Place for Newborns Act Signage, as presented to the Board on August 26, 2020, be approved for release for public comment for the period of October 6, 2020, through November 5, 2020; that a public hearing be held on November 5, 2020, via teleconference; and, based upon any oral or written comments received, that the Board consider the proposed rule amendment for final approval at its next meeting on November 18, 2020. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.
3. A motion was presented by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Smith that the proposed repeal of the 23 identified rule chapters of the Rules of the Department of Human Services as presented to the Board on August 26, 2020, by the Office of General Counsel, be approved for initial release for public comment for the period of October 6, 2020, through November 5, 2020; that a public hearing on the proposed repeal be held on November 5, 2020, via teleconference; and, based upon any oral or written comments received, that the Board may consider the proposed repeal for final approval at its next meeting on November 18, 2020, or at such future scheduled Board meeting as is appropriate. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.
4. A motion was presented by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Barbee that the proposed amendments to Rule Chapter 290-2-5 of the Rules of the Department of Human Services entitled "Rules and Regulations for Child Caring Institutions," as presented to the Board on August 26, 2020, be approved for initial release for public comment for the period of October 6, 2020, through November 5, 2020; that a public hearing be held on November 5, 2020, via teleconference; and, based upon any oral or written comments received, that the Board consider the proposed rule amendments for final approval at its next meeting on November 18, 2020. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.
5. A motion was presented by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Barbee that the proposed repeal of Rule Chapter 290-2-30 of the Rules of the Department of

- Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services, entitled "Rules and Regulations Governing the Child Protective Services Information System," as presented to the Board on August 26, 2020, be approved for initial release for public comment for the period of October 6, 2020, through November 5, 2020; that a public hearing be held on November 5, 2020, via teleconference; and, based upon any oral or written comments received, that the Board consider the proposed repeal for final approval at its next meeting on November 18, 2020. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.
6. A motion was presented by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Smith that the proposed amendment to Rule 290-2-28-.07 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Human Services related to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, as presented to the public by notice dated July 6, 2020, be approved and adopted, certified by the Commissioner, and filed with the Secretary of State as provided by law. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Crittenden began her report by stating this is our second virtual board meeting and hopes the presentations were informative. Commissioner then stated how proud she is of the DHS team and how quickly everyone adapted and responded to COVID-19. She then said that majority of the DHS team is still working from home unless it is necessary for them to come into the office to perform certain parts of their work. She then thanked the IT team for providing the equipment for everyone so quickly, so everyone could work remote. Next, the Commissioner told the board about Child Support's first online staff conference with over 230 people in attendance. She then said that DHS will continue to communicate things to employees in this way to stay connected. The Commissioner then said that we are still working on the next board meeting and how we will more than likely be meeting remotely again. The Commissioner then closed with the Governor's "Four Things for Fall": wear a mask, wash your hands, social distance and continue to follow public health guidance.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**


Chair Fletcher concluded the meeting by thanking the Commissioner and DHS for what the agency is doing during this time and continuing to work for the citizens of Georgia and making sure their needs are met.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Human Services is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020, via Microsoft Teams Live Event Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Monica Walters, Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Robertiena Fletcher, Chair