

**BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES**

**November 13, 2019
2:15 p.m. – 2:39 p.m.
Atlanta, GA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Auman, Vice Chair

Also present, Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden.

Chair Robertiena Fletcher called the Board of Human Services' meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. on November 13, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was presented by Randall Smith and seconded by Jack Williams that the minutes of the September 4, 2019 board meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Chair Fletcher asked for discussion of the 2020 Board of Human Services meeting schedule. Chair Fletcher set the 2020 meetings to occur quarterly as follows:
 - a. February 12, 2020;
 - b. May 13, 2020;
 - c. August 26, 2020; and
 - d. November 11, 2020.
2. A motion was presented by Mr. Smith and seconded by David Barbee that Chapter 290-1-11 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Human Services, entitled

Persons with a Disability, as presented to the public by notice dated September 9, 2019, entitled Persons with a Disability be approved and adopted 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 Mr. Barbee and seconded by Wes Lewis that the amendments to Chapter 290-2-30 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Human Services, entitled Rules and Regulations Governing the Child Protective Services Information System, as presented to the public by notice dated September 9, 2019, be approved and adopted 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.
4. A motion was presented by Monica Walters and seconded by Mr. Williams that the resolution respecting the grant of an easement in Cherokee County to the Georgia Power Company for the installation and maintenance of overhead and underground electrical distribution lines, as presented to the Board on November 13, 2019, be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion passed. Board Member Wes Lewis abstained, and all other board members approved.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden began the Commissioner's Report by calling on Stephen Harris, General Counsel, to introduce Jacob Davis who was promoted to the Open Records Officer position in the Office of General Counsel. Mr. Davis will assist the Office of General Counsel in the handling of board documents. Also, Commissioner Crittenden asked to introduce Dwayne Daniel who was recently promoted to Director of the Office of Facilities and Support Services.

Commissioner Crittenden spoke about the Listen and Learn Tour, where the Executive Leadership Team visits various offices around the state to converse with employees about how DHS may better assist constituents. The Leadership Team provides updates about the agency and, in return, Commissioner Crittenden answers any questions that arise.

Commissioner Crittenden stated that the Spotlight Awards would continue in February since the board meeting will be back in Atlanta. Commissioner Crittenden also stated that the next board meeting would have a legislation update presentation from Jackie Tate, Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs and Outreach.

Commissioner Crittenden reiterated how proud she was that the Division of Child Support Services hit its benchmarks early this year. Commissioner Crittenden then told board members about the role of the Director of the Division of Child Support Services, Tanguler Gray, as the President of the National Child Support Enforcement Association. Scott Johnson then spoke up and thanked Director Gray and Chief of Staff Gerlda Hines

for their participation in the recent Parental Accountability Court program graduation ceremony in Cobb County.

Commissioner Crittenden then recognized the Right from the Start Medical Assistance transition project and thanked Erica Atkins, Director of the Office of Enterprise Development; Venkat Krishnan, Director of the Office of Information Technology; and Dwayne Daniel, Director of the Office of Facilities and Support Services, for their work on the Right from the Start Medical Assistance transition project.

Commissioner Crittenden thanked all the staff and board members that participated in the first DHS Conversations piece. She explained that this would be the first of many.

Commissioner Crittenden then mentioned and invited everyone to her Cookie Party on December 13, 2019. She will have a jazz band playing holiday music and DHS will collect hundreds of toys for those in foster care in Georgia. Commissioner Crittenden also mentioned the Division of Family and Children Services's partnership with Clark Howard—known as the Secret Santa Program—and explained that she would share volunteering opportunity information and event dates with board members.

Commissioner Crittenden then thanked GVRA for a great tour and for hosting the board meeting. She explained GVRA's role with DHS and said she appreciated their hospitality.

Commissioner Crittenden then closed her comments by wishing everyone a Happy Holidays.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Fletcher concluded the meeting by thanking Commissioner Crittenden and DHS staff for all that they do. She then stated that the Board had two great days filled with great engagement from all the board members. She said that the food provided by GVRA was excellent.

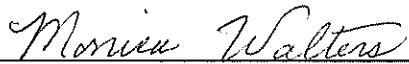
Chair Fletcher then closed out her comments by wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Human Services is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2019 in the Board Room at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Walters, Secretary

APPROVED:



Robertena Fletcher, Chair