

**BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 14, 2018
11:00 a.m.
Atlanta, Georgia**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robertiena Fletcher, Chair
Frank Auman, Vice Chair
Monica Walters, Secretary
Jack Williams
Judy Brownell
David Barbee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Johnson
Lisa Alexander
Randall Smith

Chair Robertiena Fletcher called the Board of Human Services' meeting to order at 2:43 p.m. on February 14, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was presented by David Barbee and seconded by Judy Brownell that the minutes of the November 15, 2017 board meeting and executive session minutes held on that same day be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair Fletcher confirmed that the Executive Committee met and elected the following members to serve on the nominating committee for this election year:

1. Jack Williams
2. Judy Brownell
3. David Barbee

The elected members shall present a slate of officers at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Human Services.

ACTION ITEMS

1. A motion was presented by Monica Walters and seconded by Frank Auman to approve the Resolution of the Board of Human Services with Respect to Approval of Real Property Acquisition from the City of Canton, Cherokee County, Georgia, as presented on February 14, 2018. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.
2. A motion was presented by David Barbee and seconded by Frank Auman that the proposed amendments to Chapter Section 290-7-1-.05 (c), of Rules of the Georgia Department of Human Services related to Recovery and Administration of Child Support, Fees and Collection Procedures as presented to the public by notice dated December 1, 2017, 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 Frank Auman and seconded by David Barbee to approve for initial release for public comment proposed rule amendments to Chapter Section 290-7-1-.05 (d) (2) of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Human Services related to Recovery and Administration of Child Support, Fees and Collection Procedures, for the period of March 1, 2018, through March 30, 2018; thereafter, that a public hearing be held on April 11, 2018, in the Board Room on the 29th floor of 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia; and, based upon any oral or written comments received, that the Board will consider the proposed rules for final adoption at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 16, 2018. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Crittenden presence was required at a Budget Hearing for a Senate Joint Committee at the Capitol to present the DHS Budget for Amended Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019 during the same time that the DHS Board Meeting was scheduled. In her absence, Tonya Cureton Curry, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel, provided the Commissioner's Report on the Commissioner's behalf. Deputy Commissioner Curry first thanked all those who attended the board meeting and extended a special thanks to Dr. Indira Tyler for an outstanding guest presentation on incorporating gerontology into the nursing curriculum at Gwinnett Technical College. Dr. Tyler is the Dean of Nursing Sciences at the College.

Deputy Commissioner Curry expressed her appreciation to the Board and other guests for attending the inaugural Commissioner's Excellence Awards ceremony held earlier in the day. The recognized award winners included DHS employees from across the state who were recognized for their exceptional supervisory, customer service, innovation and team skills. Deputy Commissioner Curry noted that the Commissioner's Excellence Awards will continue as a bi-yearly initiative to provide DHS' well-deserved

staff with a token of gratitude for their tireless efforts in building stronger families for a stronger Georgia.

Additionally, Deputy Commissioner Curry remarked that Director Tangler Gray was unable to attend today's board meeting due to her commitment to the National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA). She announced that Director Gray was hosting a board meeting and policy forum in Washington, D.C. Deputy Commissioner Curry further reminded attendees that the Division of Child Support Services is hosting several upcoming Fatherhood Celebrations. Board members were encouraged to contact Kristyn Cherry for additional event details for Fatherhood Celebrations as well as any other upcoming events.

Georgia Gateway, the state's integrated eligibility system, is operating well, with normal and expected system hiccups. The Deputy Commissioner noted that the system continues to function smoothly as it transitions from the design and implementation phase to the maintenance and operation phase.

Lastly, Deputy Commissioner Curry thanked the staff in the Office of Legislative Affairs and Outreach for working feverishly on behalf of the Department during this year's legislative session and she noted that the session is now in full swing.

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Fletcher extended congratulations to the Commissioner's Excellence Award Winners and remarked that hearing their stories of leadership, innovation and altruism was phenomenal. She expressed her appreciation for the great work in which all DHS employees engage on a daily basis.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING

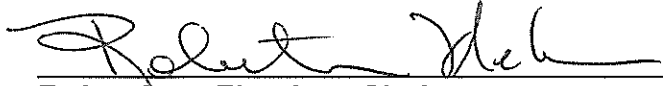
The next meeting of the Board of Human Services is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at a location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Walters, Secretary

APPROVED:



Robertina Fletcher, Chair