

**BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES**

**December 12, 2012
1:00 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tiena Fletcher, Chair
Monica Walters, Secretary
Lisa Alexander
Scott Johnson
Randy Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Frank Auman
Sandra Smith
Jack Williams

Chairperson Tiena Fletcher, called the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Board meeting to order at 1:53 p.m., December 12, 2012.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the September 19, 2012 and October 17, 2013 regular meetings be approved. There were no objections and the minutes were approved as presented.

Chairperson Fletcher said there had been discussion of conducting bi-monthly Board meetings. Commissioner Reese stated that would require a change in the bylaws to be voted on by the Board. It was decided that further discussion of holding bi-monthly meetings would continue after approval of the 2013 meeting dates.

The 2013 Board meeting dates were then presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the 2013 Board meeting dates. There were no objections and the meeting dates were approved.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Clyde L. Reese, III reported the following to the Board:

Every year at Christmas the Department collects toys for the children we serve who would otherwise not receive gifts at Christmas. Staff and Board Members participated in the Secret Santa activity this year. The Commissioner thanked all for their participation in making this a success. Thanks also to Lisa Marie Shekell and Ravae Graham for an excellent job with the refreshments and decorations.

The FY 2013 Amended and FY 2014 Budget was presented to the Governor on October 30th. Agencies were asked to present budget cuts of 3% which will hopefully lead to a balanced budget. The Board will receive updates.

Commissioner Reese updated the Board on the following personnel additions in DFCS at the County Director level: Mr. Lawrence Nelson is the new director in Clayton County; Ms. Charity Kemp is the new director in Cherokee County; Ms. Barbara Brown is the new director in Floyd County, and in Henry County, Mr. Andre Chambers has recently been selected as Interim Director. There are openings for county directors in Fulton, Muscogee, and in Cobb and Gwinnett (Cobb and Gwinnett have been combined into one region). Recommendations are welcomed and qualified applicants will be considered.

The Department was awarded a Georgia Technology Innovation Award for 2012 from the Government Technology Magazine at a conference held December 3rd. The award was for innovation of our document imaging system. At past meetings, Venkat Krishnan (OIT) has presented to the Board on our initiative to be able to scan

documents at kiosk and offices around the State to cut down on paperwork. Thanks to everyone who participated in helping to receive this award.

Each year during the month of November, the State has a Charitable Contributions Campaign. Employees organize activities to encourage contributions to various charities. When the sum total of the amount raised is determined, the Board will be advised. Thanks to all who worked to make the Campaign a success.

Commissioner Reese said that employees are our most valuable resource and thanked all DHS employees throughout the State for the work they perform on a daily basis.

The Commissioner recognized Normer Adams, President of the Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children. Mr. Adams has announced his retirement after serving as leader of that organization for over 20 years. He has been at the forefront in Georgia and the country in bringing together a partnership between government, state agencies and private providers on working together to best serve children and families. The Commissioner thanked him for his work over the years and invited him to address the Board.

Mr. Adams thanked the Commissioner and the Board for the recognition. His ultimate goal has been to work with the best interest of children and families in mind. He thanked everyone for allowing him the opportunity to work with them over the years and will miss all.

Commissioner Reese presented a proclamation for Board Member, Ms. Ann White who resigned in October. The proclamation to Ms. White was in appreciation for her dedicated service to DHS and the people of Georgia. It was signed by Chairperson Fletcher and Secretary Monica Walters and will be forwarded to Ms. White.

The Commissioner thanked the Board for their support and encouragement throughout the year and wished all Happy Holidays.

Thus concluded the Commissioner's report.

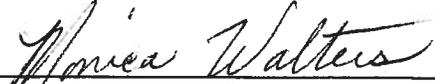
CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Fletcher thanked Commissioner Reese and the entire DHS staff for their hard work in helping our clients become productive citizens of the State of Georgia. She wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

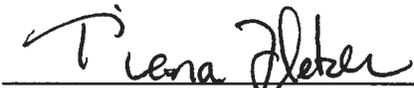
THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Human Services is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2013, Two Peachtree Street, N.W., Suite 29.250, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.



Monica Walters, Secretary

APPROVED:



Tiena Fletcher, Chair