

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health  
& Developmental Disabilities

Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner

**DBHDD**

Office of the Commissioner

**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2022  
1:00 p.m.**

*This meeting was conducted via WebEx with video connection for Board Members.  
There was no in-person attendance at the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities.*

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**Meeting Called By:** David Glass, Chair

**Recording Secretary:** Courtney Gay (DBHDD)

**Board Members**

- **Conferencing:** David Glass, Ellice Martin, Justine Welsh, Amanda Owens, Lasa Joiner, Scott Hilton, and Jan Ligon
- **Absent:** Jimmy Thomas and Jean Sumner

**DBHDD Leadership:** Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner  
Ashley Fielding, Assistant Commissioner  
Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner/COO  
Brenda King Woodard, General Counsel

**Agenda**

**Call to Order:** Chair David Glass; 1:15 p.m.

Chair David Glass welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked David Sofferin to conduct the roll call.

**Recovery Presentation**

Molly Tucker of My Voice, My Participation, My Board introduced the guest speaker Darien Todd. Mr. Todd shared his journey as an individual with an intellectual and developmental disability.

## **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Fitzgerald opened her report by updating the Board in the areas of our hospitals and COVID-19, the Behavioral Health Innovation and Reform Commission, the Opioid Settlement, and the upcoming August 2022 Board Budget meeting.

Ashleigh Caseman, *director of Office of Waiver Services*, provided a presentation on the 2022 NOW waiver renewal.

Dawn Peel, *director of Office of Crisis Coordinator*, gave presentation on beginning the 9-8-8 rollout in Georgia.

Michael Polacek, *director of Legislative Affairs*, provided an overview of the 2022 general assembly.

Mary Price, *Chief Financial Officer*, gave general information on the FY2023 budget as passed by the general assembly.

Commissioner Fitzgerald then gave encouraging words and accolades to staff for their hard work and dedication.

## **Action Items**

One action item was approved:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2022: Chair David Glass asked for a motion to approve. Scott Hilton made the motion, which was seconded by Justine Welsh. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **Chair's Report**

Chair David Glass gave brief remarks and commended the agency for its great work.

## **Public Comment**

No public comment was given.

**Adjournment**

There was no further business. Chair David Glass asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Scott Hilton and was seconded by Lasa Joiner. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

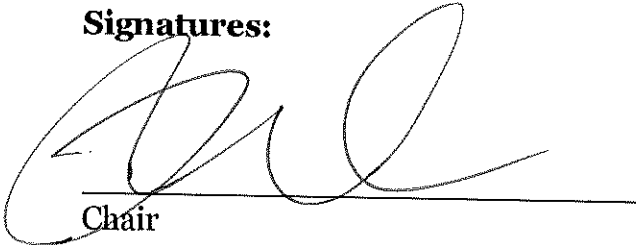
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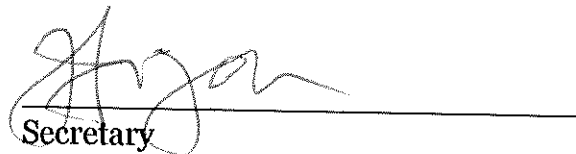
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, August 11, 2022.**

*\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Board meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Otherwise, Board meetings are held at 2 Peachtree Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Room, Atlanta, GA from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.*

**Respectfully submitted by:**  
Courtney Gay, recording secretary

**Signatures:**

  
Chair

  
Secretary