



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health
& Developmental Disabilities

Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner

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Office of the Commissioner

**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2021
1:00 p.m.**

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

Meeting Called By: David Glass, Chair

Recording Secretary: Courtney Gay (DBHDD)

Board Members

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

DBHDD Leadership: Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Ashley Fielding, Assistant Commissioner
Brenda King Woodard, General Counsel

Agenda

Call to Order: Chair David Glass; 1:02 p.m.

Chair David Glass welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Recovery Presentation

Jeff Breedlove, Chief of Communications and Policy of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse, was acknowledged by Chair David Glass. Jeff gave words of encouragement and expressed accolades to the DBHDD agency and the DBHDD Board members for their services.

Chair Glass informed the Board Laura Whitaker resigned due to other obligations and the Governor replaced her with Scott Hilton.

Chair Glass then welcomed Mr. Hilton to the Board and asked Mr. Hilton to introduce himself.

Mr. Hilton provided brief statement and expressed his eagerness to serve.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fitzgerald welcomed new Board member, Scott Hilton, and provided brief updates regarding the DBHDD hospitals and agency status.

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced Jeff Minor, *Deputy Commissioner*, who provided a budget overview of the FY2022 amended budget and the FY2023 budget. He also spoke on the agency challenges and opportunities.

Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report informing the board of the continuous efforts and hard work the DBHDD staff strides to provide.

Action Items

Three action items were approved:

1. Approval of the June 10, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes: Chair David Glass asked for a motion to approve. Lasa Joiner made the motion, which was seconded by Scott Hilton. The motion was passed unanimously.
2. Approval of the Amended FY2022 Budget and Approval of the FY2023 Budget: Chair David Glass asked for a motion to approve. Ellice Martin made the motion, which was seconded by Amanda Owens. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Report

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

Public Comment

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 Jimmy Thomas and was seconded by Scott Hilton. The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Special Notes

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, October 14, 2021**.

**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, 24th 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