



Board of Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Thursday, April 10, 2025 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

(Hybrid Meeting)

200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E. West Tower, 5th Floor, Board Room 512, Atlanta, GA 30334

Chair Lasa Joiner called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Board members Lasa Joiner, Jimmy Thomas, and Bill Slaughter attended the meeting in-person. Board members Amanda Owens, Jean Sumner, M.D., and Jan Ligon, Ph.D. joined the meeting via WebEx. Board members Bubber Epps David Glass, and Deb Bailey were absent from the meeting.

Chair Lasa Joiner asked Ms. Jen Banathy, the Organizational Developmental Coordinator for the Respect Institute of Georgia, to come to the podium to introduce the recovery speaker for the day. Mr. Jerry S. shared his story with the members of the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to come before them for the day.

Chair Lasa Joiner thanked the Respect Institute of Georgia for attending the Board meeting today and reviewed the action items on the agenda.

Action Item:

There were 2 action items on the agenda which the Board approved:

1. Board Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2024
2. Consideration of State Property Short Term Lease

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Tanner opened his report by awarding Greg Hoyt, Director of the Office of Hospital Operations, his certificate and pin for 25 years of service to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; Commissioner Tanner thanked Mr. Hoyt for his years of service and took a quick photo with him and Chair Joiner. Commissioner Tanner then introduced Ansley Poythress, LCSW, the Transitional Services Manager at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the podium to give an update on the Community Residential Alternative Transitional Homes.

Commissioner Tanner then asked Rachael Holloman, MS, LPC, Senior Director of Suicide Prevention and Federal Grants at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to approach the podium to give an update on the Office of Prevention.

Commissioner Tanner then presented the FY 2026 Budget Update to the Board members.

Commissioner Tanner closed his report.

Chairman's Report:

Chair Lasa Joiner thanked everyone for presenting. Chair Joiner also mentioned how thankful she is that Governor Kemp and the General Assembly continue to invest in the Agency and believes that is because over the course of the years Commissioner Tanner has proven that the investment is going to a greater cause for the community.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 P.M.