



Board of Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Thursday, August 28, 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, Deb Bailey, David Glass Amanda Owens, Jean Sumner, M.D., Bill Slaughter and Bubber Epps attended the meeting in person. Board member Jan Ligon, Ph.D. joined the meeting via WebEx. Board member Jimmy Thomas was absent from the meeting.

Chair Lasa Joiner invited Summer Edwards, Jail Restoration Center Manager for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to come to the podium to introduce the guest speaker for the day. Ms. Edwards introduced the inmate, and he shared his experience with the Jail Restoration Center.

Chair Lasa Joiner thanked Ms. Edwards for allowing us to hear from the guest speaker and informed her that she looks forward to learning more about the Jail Restoration Center during her presentation.

Action Items:

There were 3 action items on the agenda which the Board approved:

1. Board Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2025
2. Jail Restoration Center Resolution
3. Amended Fiscal Year 2026 & Fiscal Year 2027 (Vote was taken after presentation)

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Tanner opened his report inviting Chris Hamilton, Chief Financial Officer, to the podium to present the Amended Fiscal Year 2026 & Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Update.

Commissioner Tanner invited Greg Hoyt, Director of the Office of Hospital Services, to the podium to present the Renovations Overview: Hospital Campuses.

Commissioner Tanner invited Summer Edwards, Jail Restoration Center Manager, to the podium to present an overview of the Jail Restoration Center.

Commissioner Tanner invited Emile Risby, MD, JM, Medical Director, to the podium to present Hospital Services.

Commissioner Tanner invited Christian Hildreth, Psy.D., Assistant State Forensic Director-Community and Hospital Services, to present Community Integration Homes Overview.

Commissioner Tanner then presented the Board Engagement.

Commissioner Tanner closed his report.

Chairman's Report:

Chair Lasa Joiner thanked everyone for presenting and encouraged other Board members to tour a state hospital closest to their region to see the impactful work they are doing daily at the hospital.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 P.M.