



## **Board of Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**

Thursday, June 18, 2026 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

(Hybrid Meeting)

200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E. West Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> 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, David Glass, Deb Bailey, Jan Ligon, Ph.D., and Jean Sumner, M.D., joined the meeting via WebEx. Board member Bubber Epps was unable to attend the meeting.

Chair Joiner then invited Ursula Berger, Outreach Coordinator for the Respect Institute of Georgia, to the podium to introduce the recovery speaker for the day. Mrs. Berger introduced the recovery speaker, who shared her recovery journey with the Board members.

Chair Lasa Joiner asked the Board members to review the action item documents in their folders prior to considering motions for approval.

### **Action Items:**

There were 5 action items on the agenda which the Board approved:

1. Board Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2026
2. Board Nominating Committee Appointments
  - Rules Update Presentation
    3. Request for Final Adoption of Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Programs Rules and Regulations
    4. Request for Approval of Publication of Proposed Rules and Regulations for Community Living Arrangements
    5. Request for Approval of Publication of Proposed Rules and Regulations for Criminal Background Checks

### **Commissioner's Report:**

Commissioner Tanner invited Brandon Kenney, Assistant Commissioner of Operations with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to the podium to present the New Hospital Update.

Brandon Kenney then introduced and invited Zedric Cross, Human Resources Director with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to the podium to present a Human Resources Overview.

Zedric Cross then invited Theodore Carter, Jr., Senior Director of Talent Acquisition, Learning and Development with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to the podium to present Meeting Workforce Demands.

Commissioner Tanner closed his report.

### **Chairman's Report:**

Chair Lasa Joiner thanked the Board members for their attendance and expressed appreciation to the presenters for their informative presentations and updates on the Department's ongoing initiatives and priorities.

There were 3 public comments at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 P.M.