



**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities  
Meeting Summary  
August 25, 2020  
1:00 p.m.**

*This meeting will be conducted WebEx audio with presentations.*

*There will be no in-person attendance at the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities.*

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Chair Kim Ryan called the meeting to order. Board members Kim Ryan, David Glass, Ellice Martin, Jimmy Thomas, Laura Whitaker, Jan Ligon, and Justine Welsh joined by WebEx. Jean Sumner and Lasa Joiner did not attend the meeting.

Chair Kim Ryan opened the meeting by recognizing Jeff Breedlove of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse to introduce the guest speaker Amanda Williamson. Ms. Williamson shared her story of recovery.

There were four action items on the agenda that were approved:

1. June 11, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
2. July 14, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
3. FY2021 Amended Budget
4. FY2022 Budget

Commissioner Fitzgerald gave a broad update on how the agency is coping with the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on behavioral health, I/DD, hospital staff, and constituents.

Doug Reineke, *legislative liaison*, provided a 2020 legislative update.

Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Operating Officer, provided a budget overview of the FY2021 amended budget and the FY2020 budget. He also spoke about the agency challenges and opportunities.

Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report by thanking DBHDD staff and providers. She is optimistic about the pathway ahead and the agency's continued efforts.

Kim Ryan provided brief remarks.

There were two public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.