



# Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Meeting Minutes

**June 23, 2016**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room**

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<b>Meeting Called By:</b>	David Glass, Vice Chair 1:06 p.m.
<b>Facilitator:</b>	David Glass
<b>Note Taker:</b>	Laurie Sparks (DBHDD)
<b>Members Present:</b>	David Glass, Vice Chair Johnny Grant Kenneth Holton Jimmy Thomas
<b>Members Teleconferencing:</b>	Jan Ligon
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Kim Carroll-Hawkins Ellice Martin Kim Ryan Jean Sumner
<b>DBHDD Leadership:</b>	Judy Fitzgerald, Chief of Staff Lavin Gartland-Briggs, Assistant Commissioner Amy Howell, General Counsel and Legal Services Andrew Johnson, Director, Office of Public Affairs Jeff Minor, Chief Operating Officer Dr. Emile Risby, Director, Office of Hospital Services

## Agenda

**Call to Order:** David Glass

Vice Chair David Glass conducted the meeting on behalf of Chair Kim Ryan who was unable to attend. Vice Chair Glass welcomed everyone to the meeting.

*Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities  
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner*

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## **Recovery Presentation**

Vice Chair Glass recognized Mr. Owen Dougherty from the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse (GCSA) who introduced Mr. Chris Johnson to the members of the Board. Chris self-identifies as a person in long-term recovery. He worked for many years in direct service to people with substance use disorders at Pineland Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and Arch Recovery (men's halfway house) in Statesboro before joining GCSA. Mr. Johnson spoke eloquently of his continued commitment to showing others that long-term recovery can be a reality.

## **Action Items**

### *Approval of Minutes*

Vice Chair Glass asked the board to approve the minutes from its last meeting on April 21, 2016. Jimmy Thomas made the motion, which was seconded by Johnny Grant. The minutes were unanimously approved without additions or corrections.

## **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Berry asked for the following members of his staff to give updates to the Board:

Judy Fitzgerald, Chief of Staff, was recognized for a Department of Justice (DOJ) update.

Jeff Minor, COO, was recognized for a budget and facilities update.

## **Chair's Report**

There was no update from the Vice Chair.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment

## **Adjournment**

There was no further business. Vice Chair Glass asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Kenneth Holton and was seconded by Jimmy Thomas. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

## **Special Notes**

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **August 18, 2016**.

**Respectfully submitted by:**  
Laurie Sparks, recording secretary

**Signatures:**

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Chair

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Secretary

Attachments