

Minutes of Board Conference Call
April 11, 2012
10:00 AM

Present

Trummie Patrick, Chairman
Lynda Coker
Kelly Gay
Todd Cowan
Virginia Galloway
Anthony Heath
Carolyn Roddy

Not in Attendance

David Connell
Hunter Hill

Also present on the conference call was Angelique McClendon, Assistant Attorney General, as well as numerous DDS staff members.

Establish Quorum / Call to Order

Chairman Patrick confirmed the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Patrick called for a motion regarding the minutes from the March 21, 2012 board meeting. Lynda Coker motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Kelly Gay seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Dozier reminded the board that DDS will launch Real ID statewide on July 1, 2012, and the first steps have already been taken. The DDS website has a link to Secure ID/Real ID showing the required documents needed, and also public service announcements will begin within the following week that will specifically talk about the July changes. He stated that during a recent meeting of the Department of Homeland Security, it was clearly stated that the January 1, 2013 date would not be moved out any further which confirms that it was a good decision for DDS to go ahead and launch Real ID.

Legislative Update – Les Hammond, Legislative Affairs Director, reminded the board that the Department had no bills that had been introduced, so his job during the session was mainly

monitoring the 30-40 bills that would impact DDS. He stated he would provide the board with a more detailed update on those bills that passed at the next board meeting.

Petitions for Board Waiver

Ms. Ammons reviewed the following petitions for waiver from Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-3-1-.02 – Documentation Required for Initial Issuance:

Mabel Smith – She is 89 years old and moved to Georgia from Illinois to live with her daughter. She wants to transfer her Illinois ID card and get a Georgia ID card, in part, to get a handicap parking placard for her daughter's car. She does not have a birth certificate and there are some inconsistencies on the names represented on the documents. She doesn't have a copy of her first marriage license, and then at some point after her second marriage, she began using the name from her first marriage again. Alternative documents provided were the application for the disabled parking placard; a copy of Ms. Smith's ID card from Illinois; a copy of her daughter's valid Georgia driver's license; a letter from the Social Security Administration; the daughter's birth certificate showing the mother's maiden name; the marriage license where Ms. Smith married Mr. Hockaday; a copy of Ms. Smith's expired passport issued in the name Mabel Smith Hockaday; and a copy of her bank statement. Ms. Ammons stated that she had also gotten a fax from Ms. Smith showing that she was born Mabel Ruth Waddell in 1922; she married Mr. Smith in 1940; he passed away in 1978; and in 1979 she married Mr. Hockaday and he passed away in 1989. She retained the name Mabel Smith on everything except the passport which shows both married names.

Kelly Gay asked the Department's recommendation. Ms. Ammons stated that although the paperwork does not connect all the dots, she doesn't feel there is a question of her identity. She feels it would be consistent for the board to approve this petition since other petitions in the past have been approved when a customer has had an expired passport.

Lynda Coker motioned to approve the request for waiver; Carolyn Roddy seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Calvilene Elliott Collier – She wants to obtain a Georgia ID card. She would be able to get a certified copy of her birth certificate from South Carolina, but can not obtain one without an ID card, and can't get an ID card without the birth certificate. Alternate documents provided are a copy of her hospital birth certificate; marriage license; Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid cards; and a voter ID card. Ms. Ammons stated that the Department would support approval of the petition.

Carolyn Roddy motioned to approve the request for waiver; Virginia Galloway seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Ms. Ammons reviewed the following petitions for waiver from Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-3-1-.24 - Name on License or Identification Card. Amended:

Lula Ruth Bailey – Ms. Ammons stated that the petition submitted by Ms. Bailey is legally insufficient for the board to consider. She had spoken to Ms. Bailey's son earlier in the week and they were trying to get a better letter of petition put together for the board meeting; however

it had not arrived, so the board was unable to proceed. Ms. Ammons will work with the family and try to get it completed by the May board meeting.

Lynda Coker motioned to deny the request for waiver until the required information has been submitted; Anthony Heath seconded. The motion to deny the request for waiver was unanimous among the remaining board members.

Whymener Evans Robinson – She is an existing customer who wants to add her common-law married name to her driver's license. As discussed in the past, people who are common-law married do not have documentary evidence of the consolidation of their marriage. Ms. Robinson is a retired state employee and has provided an affidavit that was executed back in 2005 and a lot of the documentation dates back to when she added her common-law husband to her state benefits. She has provided an affidavit from the State Health Benefit Plan; an affidavit from a friend; her current Georgia driver's license; Social Security card; medical insurance card; employee ID card from the Department of Family and Children Services; banking and credit cards; and retirement letters from the Social Security Administration and the State Employee Retirement System. Ms. Ammons stated that the Department would support approval of the petition.

Carolyn Roddy motioned to approve the request for waiver; Kelly Gay seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Shakeema Dotts – She moved to Georgia from Maryland and is seeking a driver's license. There are inconsistencies in the name on her birth certificate and a name change related to a custody change when she was a very young child. Her birth certificate shows she was born Shakiema Mollette; that surname apparently was changed at some point to her mother's maiden name - Simmons. Then her father obtained legal custody and had her name changed from Shakiema Simmons to Shakiema Dotts which is the name she has used ever since. However, during her teenage years, she changed the spelling of her first name to Shakeema, but it was never legally changed. She has provided a high school diploma; a copy of her paycheck; immunization record from when she was a child; Maryland driver's license; and Social Security card. Ms. Ammons stated that the Department would support approval of the petition.

Virginia Galloway motioned to approve the request for waiver; Carolyn Roddy seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Eunice Johnson – She is trying to get an ID card to assist in her efforts to get financial assistance with paying her utilities. She has obtained a delayed birth certificate, but her family has been unable to find her marriage license. In lieu of the marriage license, they are asking the board to accept a letter from the Social Security Administration; confirmation from her physician; and an insurance letter that shows the policy has existed for approximately 25 years in this name; her voter ID card and also her daughter's birth certificate which also shows her married name. Additionally, Ms. Johnson's family sent in copies of the obituaries from her husband, mother and mother-in-law deaths which consistently show the same name. Ms. Ammons stated that the Department would support approval of the petition

Virginia Galloway motioned to approve the request for waiver; Lynda Coker seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Charity Sheriff – She moved to Georgia from Kentucky and is seeking a driver’s license; however, she is missing the marriage license from her first marriage. A letter from Kentucky confirms that they have been unable to locate that document. Alternate documents provided are her birth certificate; Kentucky driver’s license; divorce decree from Mr. Sheriff; and marriage license in a subsequent relationship although she chose not to take her second husband’s name so her name would stay consistent with her children.

Carolyn Roddy motioned to approve the request for waiver; Kelly Gay seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Old/New Business and Adjournment

Chairman Patrick reminded the board that the next scheduled board meeting is Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

Commissioner Dozier stated that there is a scheduling conflict for the June 13 board meeting, and as a result, the meeting will be held the following Wednesday on June 20th. Chairman Patrick asked the board members to note their calendars accordingly.

Since there was no further business to discuss, Chairman Patrick called for a motion to adjourn. Lynda Coker so motioned; Anthony Heath seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.