

**Minutes of Board Meeting  
May 9, 2012  
10:00 AM**

**Present**

Trummie Patrick, Chairman  
Lynda Coker (via teleconference)  
Kelly Gay (via teleconference)  
Todd Cowan  
Virginia Galloway  
David Connell  
Carolyn Roddy

**Not in Attendance**

Hunter Hill  
Anthony Heath

Also present at the meeting was Karla Dolby, Assistant Attorney General, as well as numerous DDS staff members. Also, Ms. Janet Goree, petitioner, attended via teleconference.

**Establish Quorum / Call to Order**

Chairman Patrick confirmed the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Patrick called for a motion regarding the minutes from the April 11, 2012 board meeting. Todd Cowan motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Carolyn Roddy seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Chairman Patrick stated he would circumvent the agenda and begin with the petitions for waiver to prevent Ms. Goree, who was attending via teleconference, from having to wait.

**Petitions for Board Waiver**

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

Roy C. Ball, Jr. – He moved to Georgia from Alabama and does not have a birth certificate. He believes his mother never had his birth registered in Kentucky. He has provided his Social Security and Medicare cards; a print out from Social Security; his Alabama drivers license; school records from his childhood; his prison record from the 1970s in Indiana; and his

marriage license. Ms. Ammons concluded by saying the Department would recommend approval of the petition.

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

Rosie Strickland – She is 96 years old and has moved to Georgia from North Carolina with her family and needs an identification card. They are unable to locate a birth certificate for her. She has her North Carolina driver's license; marriage license; Social Security and Medicare cards; a debit card that bears her photograph; a card from the Department of Community Health; an insurance card; North Carolina hunting and fishing license; voter registration card; medical test results and a bank statement. Ms. Ammons stated the Department would recommend approval of the petition.

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

Clara Stocklin – She is 95 years old and has just moved with her family to Georgia from Texas. She does not have a birth certificate but has provided a copy of her Texas ID card; school diploma; marriage license; a health certificate from Pennsylvania from the 1930s; and her son's birth certificate. Ms. Ammons stated the Department would recommend approval of the petition.

Carolyn Roddy motioned to approve the request for waiver; David Connell 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:

Phyllis McElroy – She is seeking a Georgia driver's license. It appears there was a childhood name change that was never formalized. She apparently assumed her father's surname at some point after her birth. Her birth certificate states that her name is Phyllis Frances but she grew up and got married as Phyllis McCormick and that name appears as her maiden name on her daughter's birth certificate. She has provided her Social Security card and a letter from Social Security showing the iterations of her name. Ms. Ammons stated that the Department would recommend 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.

Cynthia LaVelle-Pahl – She moved to Georgia from Ohio and wants to transfer her driver's license. She is unable to find her first marriage license from 1952 but she has provided the divorce decree from that marriage; her second marriage license; her birth certificate; and her Medicare card.

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

Donna Reames Rich – She is moving back to Georgia from Florida and she has not got the documentation for all six of her marriages. She has the divorce decree for marriage number five; and the marriage license for marriage number six; her Florida driver’s license and her Social Security card. Ms. Ammons stated that she was previously issued a Georgia license in the name Donna Rich. However, that transaction took place prior to DDS’ policy to image all documents, so it is presumed that sufficient documentation was provided at that time for the license to be issued.

Ms. Galloway questioned if Ms. Rich would need to get another waiver when the new Real ID regulations are implemented. Ms. Ammons responded that she would probably need a waiver once more unless she is able to find all the documentation; however after the implementation of Real ID, a waiver would only need to be granted once.

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

Eva Williams – She has moved to Georgia from New York, and wishes to transfer her identification card. She has not been able to locate a marriage license and there is a slight discrepancy about the spelling of her first name on her birth certificate. Ms. Ammons stated that when speaking to her, she indicated that she has always been known as Eva and did not know about the spelling discrepancy until she obtained the birth certificate which shows “Evie.” The divorce decree shows her name as Eva Jean Williams; she has also provided her Social Security card; her daughter’s birth certificate; her New York identification card; a utility bill; and old W-2 form and a pension form. Ms. Ammons summed up by saying it would be consistent with previous petitions for waiver, for the board to approve the waiver.

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

Kimberly Buckingham – She has moved to Georgia from Wisconsin and wants to get a drivers license. She has not been able to locate her first marriage license but has provided her birth certificate; the first marriage divorce decree; her second marriage license and divorce decree; her Social Security card in both the second marriage name and the current name; and she says she has her third marriage license but did not submit it with the petition for waiver.

David Connell motioned to approve the petition for waiver subject to submission and verification of her third marriage license; Todd Cowan seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Janet Goree – She has moved to Georgia and wishes to transfer her driver’s license. She does not have all of the documents needed to prove the evolution of her name since her birth. She has provided her previously issued Florida driver’s license; her birth certificate showing the surname Maddox; her marriage license showing her surname going from Maddox to Moon; another marriage license showing her surname going from Moon to Hallstead; and another marriage license showing her surname going from Jones to Goree. Ms. Ammons stated that typically the regulation would require marriage licenses from each of those marriages and the divorce documentation or some other relevant document to show that each of those marriages was terminated. Ms. Goree has stated that she has not been able to obtain one of the marriage licenses and does not have the divorce decrees.

Carolyn Roddy asked the Department's recommendation. Ms. Ammons replied that there is not as much documentation as in other cases where the board has approved the waiver so it would not be consistent with the board's decisions in previous cases for this petition to be approved. Ms. Roddy asked if Ms. Gorre could obtain the information needed. Ms. Ammons stated she believe the main concern is the cost associated with obtaining the documents.

Chairman Patrick asked Ms. Goree if she would like to address the board. Ms. Goree stated that she and her husband, who has had several strokes, are living on very limited income. She went on to say that she had obtained some of the documents, but the last one needed would cost \$98 and it will take 3-6 months to receive it. As of last month on her birthday, her tag expired, but she can't get a Georgia tag without having a Georgia license. She now has to drive illegally to take her husband to the doctor.

Chairman Patrick asked if there are other documents that she could provide that would be acceptable. Ms. Ammons replied, that with regard to the regulation, it provides that the marriage license, divorce decree, adoption or legal name change documents are the only documents recognized for a name change.

Ms. Goree stated that she has an expired passport in the name Janet Goree. Ms. Ammons told her if she could fax a copy of the passport to her, she would review it to see if it is acceptable. She suggested that the board consider approving the waiver contingent upon the arrival and acceptance of the passport. If the passport is not received or is not acceptable, the waiver can be brought back before the board at the June meeting.

Virginia Galloway motioned to approve the request for waiver contingent upon the receipt and acceptance of the passport; David Connell seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Ms. Ammons reviewed the following petition for waiver from Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-5-6-.15 – Intervention Component:

A Brighter Day DUI School, LLC. – This is a School that wants to be able to do the DUI Risk Reduction classes with less than five students which is the minimum set forth in the regulation. Ms. Ammons stated that later in this meeting the board will be presented with the rule change to be considered for initial approval. She recommended approval of the petition for waiver.

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

Helen (Jan) Schneider Prado – Ms. Ammons stated that the board will not be considering the petition from Ms. Prado since she has yet to articulate a regulation from which she would like the board to grant her a waiver. That is a statutory requirement for the board to consider her petition, so no action can be taken until a sufficient petition and supporting documents are submitted.

## **Rule Changes for Initial Approval**

Ms. Ammons indicated that 375-31-.24 which was included in the board package would be stricken from the agenda and will be presented at the next board meeting. She reviewed the following rules for initial board consideration:

375-3-1-.05 – Reciprocity for Valid Licenses Issued Elsewhere. Amended.

375-3-2-.01 - Expiration of License and Identification Card: When Licenses and Identification Cards May Be Renewed. Revised.

375-3-3-.09 - Extension of Temporary Driving Permits. Amended.

375-5-6-.15 - Intervention Component. Amended.

Upon completion, Chairman Patrick called for a motion. Virginia Galloway motioned to approve the initial rule changes as presented; David Connell seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

## **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Dozier reviewed the press package which consisted mainly of articles relating to the new CDL Medical card requirement. He also reviewed the Governor's press release regarding Secure ID that will begin July 1. He asked George Theobald, Project Director, to give an update on the Real ID/Secure ID.

Mr. Theobald stated that DDS is currently working on computer programming and concentrating on system testing to be sure it is working correctly. The system vendor, Morpho Trust USA, has achieved a major milestone by building a card for Safe DL that will print the Real ID specific items, the gold star, a specific bar code, etc. The field staff managers are currently being prepped to be sure they are aware of all the new requirements and to get them acclimated to the new process. DDS staff is currently looking into what kind of documents are commonly being seen and determining if there is some way to ease the burden on the customers that must come before the board requesting a waiver. Also, much effort has gone into the media campaign that gives a statewide presence - television news, newspaper print, social media and also radio public service announcements are being utilized. Mr. Theobald played a recorded WSB TV news broadcast segment that reported on the new Secure ID/Real ID requirements.

Legislative Update – Les Hammond gave a brief overview of the 2012 Legislative Session. There were 1,311 House bills and 540 Senate bills introduced. The Governor signed 395 bills and vetoed 6 bills. DDS tracked 110 bills that directly or indirectly impact the Department. The only two most important bills that passed are the budget and the supplemental budget. Another bill that will impact DDS is HR 1731 – introduced by Tom Rice, Chairman of the House Motor Vehicle Committee, who wants to create a comprehensive motor vehicle and traffic reform study committee. He wants to redo all of Title 40 which will be a huge project. DDS staff is scheduled to meeting with him soon to discuss his scope. Mr. Hammond stated there would probably be a 20-25% turnover of legislators during this year's election cycle so there will be new faces to meet and get to know before next year's session begins.

## **Old/New Business and Adjournment**

Chairman Patrick reminded the board that due to a scheduling conflict, the June meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

Since there was no further business to discuss, Chairman Patrick called for a motion to adjourn. David Connell so motioned; Virginia Galloway seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.