

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF GEORGIA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES
WEDNESDAY, February 27, 2019
12:30 p.m.

TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETING

200 PIEDMONT AVENUE, SE
JAMES H. FLOYD BUILDING
WEST TOWER
14TH FLOOR, Suite 1410
ATLANTA, GA 30334

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Wilson, Chairman
Faye Perdue, Vice Chair
Sandy Adams, Secretary
Craig Camuso
Dianne Davis
Louise Hill
Vincent Martin
Johnathan Taylor

Jimmy DeFoor, Chair Emeritus (non-voting)

Chairman's Opening and Introductions

Chairman Tom Wilson called the meeting to order at 12:31 pm. Chairman Wilson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to approve Governor Brian Kemp's choice for Executive Director of Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA), Mr. Shawn Ryan.

Chairman Wilson stated that he is glad to recommend Mr. Ryan and stated that, in initial conversations, he believed a great working relationship had been established. He described Mr. Ryan as an individual with candor, honesty and enthusiasm. The Chairman highlighted Mr. Ryan's resume, including his education at the University of Vermont, communications experience in the United States House and Senate, tenure with the Mortgage Brokers Association and Heritage Foundation, and various positions serving the state of Georgia, each with expanding leadership responsibilities. He noted that Mr. Ryan most recently served as Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS).

Chairman Wilson recognized Mr. Ryan to introduce himself. Mr. Ryan stated that he is confident in Gov. Kemp's desire to make sure GVRA lives up to its full potential in its service delivery to Georgians who need its assistance. He stated that his goal and task is

to examine current processes and seek opportunities for improvement. He invited the Board's guidance and participation and stated that he believes in a relationship that embodies transparency. He then excused himself for the Board's vote.

Voting

Chairman Wilson acknowledged Mr. Ryan's qualifications and past successes. He asked for a motion to vote. Board Secretary Mrs. Sandy Adams made the motion. Vice Chair Faye Perdue seconded the motion. Chairman Wilson opened the floor for discussion.

Craig Camuso stated that it is evident Mr. Ryan has a history of coming into situations that are difficult and that his current and past appointments demonstrate the confidence of the Kemp administration and Deal administration.

Chairman Wilson called for a vote to approve Shawn Ryan as Executive Director. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

The date for the next regularly scheduled board meeting was confirmed for March 13 at 1 p.m. in the East Tower of the James H. 'Sloppy' Floyd Building, Floor 8.

Adjournment

Chairman Wilson adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.