

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF GEORGIA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES  
HELD  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2012  
AT  
TWO PEACHTREE STREET  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Greg Kirk  
Jimmy DeFoor  
Sandy Adams  
Don Parks  
Marsha Farrow  
Louise Hill  
Fay Loggins  
Amy O'Dell  
Robert Green

Mr. Jimmy DeFoor, Chair, called the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services (GVRS) Board meeting to order at approximately 1:10 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. All Board members were present; therefore, a quorum was established and all decisions are official.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the July 24, 2012 meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by the Board.

### **BUSINESS**

The next item on the agenda was the correction of the Board members terms. Mr. Defoor stated that at the Board's previous meeting, we voted to establish terms for each member based on the information at that time. It was brought to his attention that the Governor had already established the terms for each Board member by a signed executive order, which defines the length of time to be served. Mr. DeFoor then called for a motion to have the terms consistent with the Governor's executive orders. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to reintroduce the Board's terms to be consistent with the Governor's executive orders. The terms established by the Governor's executive orders are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Terms</b>
Jimmy DeFoor	3 years
Louise Hill	1 year
Marsha Farrow	2 years
Greg Kirk	2 years
Sandy Adams	3 years
Don Parks	3 years
Amy O'Dell	1 year
Fay Loggins	1 year
Robert (Bob) Green	2 years

Mr. DeFoor then mentioned that Greg Schmieg, Executive Director of Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA), had a previous commitment and was attending an orientation for new directors training out of state. Although Mr. Schmieg was not in attendance, he arranged for the program managers to provide educational information to the Board so the members can begin understanding the programs and functions of this agency. Each program manager gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the operations and highlights of his or her program.

The final topic of business is the budget. Because of the continuing economic situation in Georgia, the Governor has asked each state agency to implement a 3% cut for the current fiscal year 2013. Mr. DeFoor read a report prepared by Greg Schmieg outlining the 2013 fiscal year budget for GVRA. He continued by stating that the proposed 3% budget cut would come from the GVRA administration, Roosevelt Warm Springs and the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. The figures outlined in the report will be given to the Governor's office to achieve the 3% budget cut for this agency. A copy of the report was given to each Board member.


Mr. DeFoor mentioned that Mr. Schmieg requested the Board to take a vote to support the 3% budget cut. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to support the 3% budget cut.

Mr. DeFoor thanked the program managers for all they do, the Board for its attendance as well as the audience for attending this beneficial meeting.

Mr. DeFoor asked if anyone had comments or questions. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

### THE NEXT MEETING

The September meeting of the GVRS Board will be in Savannah, GA at the Georgia Rehabilitation Association (GRA) conference. Additional information will be forthcoming.

  
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Marsha Farrow, Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Jimmy DeFoor, Chair