

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF GEORGIA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

HILTON GARDEN INN
390 EAST WASHINGTON STREET
ATHENS, GA 30601

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jimmy DeFoor
Sandy Adams
Louise Hill
Jonathan Taylor
Bob Green
Tom Wilson
Vincent Martin

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amy O'Dell
Fay Loggins

Jimmy DeFoor, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Mr. DeFoor introduced new board members, Tom Wilson and Vincent Martin.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. DeFoor moved to consider the minutes. Motion was made to approve the minutes by Louise Hill and seconded by Sandy Adams. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Officer Elections

Mr. DeFoor opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman. Sandy Adams nominated Jimmy DeFoor for reelection. Louise Hill moved to consider the nomination. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. DeFoor opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. Bob Green nominated Louise Hill for reelection and Tom Wilson seconded. Mr. DeFoor moved to consider the nomination. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. DeFoor opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary. Tom Wilson nominated Sandy Adams for reelection and Jonathan Taylor seconded. Mr. DeFoor moved to consider the nomination. The motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Schmieg began by addressing program changes within DAS. He announced that Awilda Danko, Program Director, will be retiring in January and that Adrienne Williams, Deputy Director, has been reassigned to the VR program.

Mr. Schmieg informed the board that GVRA has decided to put more energy into transition services moving forward. He announced that Dale Arnold has been appointed as Director of Transition Services in an effort to integrate training services into better serving youth, students and young adults.

Mr. Schmieg also announced that in order to help GIB move forward, GVRA has decided to create a business division within the agency under which GIB will fall. Robert Nibbs has been appointed as Business Development Director over this new division.

Mr. Schmieg then described new grants that the agency has obtained and how these funds will benefit the agency.

Old Business

No old business.

SRC/SILC Comments

Patricia Puckett presented an update on SILC activities. She announced to the board that Independent Living is working on expanding their services and requested assistance from GVRA in doing so. She presented two line items to the board as to how they could assist with the expansion.

Kip Slade gave an update on the State Rehabilitation Council. He informed the board that they are working on the new WIOA guidelines to try to ensure that they are following protocol. He also stated that SRC members are concerned about the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and reported that they need to increase the impact they are having on their clients.

New Business

No new business.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

Mr. DeFoor adjourned the board meeting at approximately 2:45 p.m.

The next GVRS Board meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2016. The meeting will be held at GVRA headquarters in downtown Atlanta.