

Minutes of Board Meeting
May 18, 2011
(via teleconference)

Present

Trummie Patrick, Chairman
Lynda Coker
Kelly Gay
Doug Chalmers
Hunter Hill
T. Gamble
Carolyn Roddy

Not in Attendance

Virginia Galloway
David Connell

Also present on the teleconference was Karla Dolby, Assistant Attorney General; Ms. Shirley Pyle, Petitioner for Rule Waiver, and numerous DDS staff members.

Establish Quorum / Call to Order

Chairman Patrick confirmed the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Patrick called for a motion regarding the minutes from the April 13 board meeting. Lynda Coker motioned to approve the minutes as presented; and T. Gamble seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Petitions for Rule Waiver

Chairman Patrick asked that Ms. Shirley Pyle's petition be presented first so she could be dismissed from the conference call.

Shirley Pyle - Ms. Ammons stated that Ms. Pyle is requesting a waiver from Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-3-1-.24 – Name on License or Identification Card. She recently moved back to GA from TN and is seeking a driver's license. There is a paperwork discrepancy in that when she was a child a formal name change was never formalized as far as an adoption or any sort of legal name change. Her birth surname was Hallowell but then she began being known as Shirley Poole, then she married and became Shirley Hoambrecker; then a subsequent marriage to a Mr. Riffe; and now her married surname is Pyle. She had previously been issued a Georgia driver's license in this name; it just predates all of the documentation requirements the board is familiar

with and the current process. Documents provided in support of her petition was her current TN driver's license; her prior GA driver's license in this name and from when she was Shirley Hoambrecker; a CO driver's license in the surname Pyle; her birth certificate; her mother's birth certificate and a note from her mother explaining the childhood surname change; and all three marriage licenses.

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

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

Sidney Pitches – He is 91 years old and moved to GA from KY and needs an ID card. He was born in Scotland and became a naturalized U. S. citizen in 1943 but unlike the Certificates of Naturalization now, the date of birth is not on it, so there is a question as to whether or not DDS can accept it as proof of his naturalization since it just bears his name; however DDS is aware that is legitimately how the documents were issued at that time. The supplemental documents provided includes his birth certificate from Scotland; his marriage license from the State of NY; his Army service record which includes a fingerprint; his KY driver's license; Medicare card; and a phone bill.

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

Monica Luna – She is 27 years old and moving to GA from FL and trying to obtain a GA driver's license. She has an uncertified copy of her birth certificate; however the document replacement requirements for the state of FL are that if she were still living there, they could send it to her. However, the only documentary proof of her identity is her old FL driver's license but she no longer lives at that address, and she doesn't have a GA picture ID to get a replacement. The documents she provided to support her petition for waiver is: an uncertified birth certificate; a certified copy of her FL marriage license; her W-2; Voter Registration card; and an expired passport.

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

Octavia Denise Chappell-Smith – She is moving to Georgia from Kansas but can not provide a marriage license from her second marriage. She had a wedding but apparently her husband never filed the marriage license afterwards and she has lived as Mrs. Smith since then. She and Mr. Smith are now separated and she has no idea where he is, and has no idea why he never filed the marriage license. She has provided her birth certificate; the marriage license and divorce decree from her first marriage; a photograph from her second marriage to Mr. Smith; her Social Security card; her Kansas driver's license; a W-2 form; a letter from the Social Security Administration; her condo lease; her Kansas vehicle registration; her Georgia vehicle omissions; and her insurance card. McClain is her birth name, and then she married Mr. Chappell, but the missing piece of the puzzle is the marriage license for the marriage to Mr. Smith; however, she contacted Maryland and they have no record of it ever being filed.

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

Barbara Brown – She is moving back to Georgia from North Carolina. She was previously issued a Georgia license back in 1998. While she is seeking another Georgia driver's license, she can not provide a copy of her marriage license. She does have a letter from the county court clerk which says the marriage license is missing and the whereabouts of that document is unknown. She provided her birth certificate; divorce decree; her subsequent marriage license; the driving record under this name; and her current North Carolina driver's license. She also sent copies of her taxes from 1991 where she filed using the surname of her first marriage, and a copy of her high school diploma in her maiden name.

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

Brownie Ragsdale – She is 86 years old and has always lived in Georgia but has never had a driver's license or ID card. Her bank is no longer willing to let her cash checks or conduct business without a photo ID card. The problem is that she has never been known by "Cora", the name shown on her birth certificate. All of her documents are in the name "Brownie." She states that her parents began the process to amend her birth certificate, but apparently never completed that process. She provided copies of her marriage license; her husband's death certificate; school records from the City of Commerce from back in the 1930's; her daughter's birth certificate; her Social Security card; as well as her Medicare and Medicaid cards.

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

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Dozier informed the board that the Department's Bill, HB 269, did pass; however unfortunately, it passed with an amendment not tied to DDS but to Department of Revenue (DOR) Tag & Title Division. He asked Ray Higgins to provide an overview of DDS' legislation as well as others that will affect the Department.

Legislative Update - Mr. Higgins stated that DDS' Legislation passed late the night before with a few amendments; one somewhat significant. The original content was found in HB 309 which deals with savage vehicles and some type of database reporting to DOR. The amendment itself does not affect the Department; however, it was learned after the fact, that the DOR may have some concerns with it, so DDS staff will be working to have that amendment withdrawn from the Bill. Mr. Higgins stated it was Day 40 of the Session and the days have been long and hectic. Many of the other Bills that have been mentioned in previous Legislative updates have failed to move. He said that SB 67 which would require a background check for CDL drivers with a "P" and "S" endorsement has stalled for this year. HB 91, that would require a felony notation on a driver's license, did not make it out of committee. SB 120 which would have created a parental component to AADAP, got attached to SB 236 and has it not yet moved.

Commissioner Dozier stated the purpose of HB 67 is to be sure school bus drivers have not been convicted of certain specific offenses. Implementation of the legislation would require approximately 10 people to handle the volume. Also, there was a piece of legislation introduced

that will require anyone 26 years of age or younger who want to get a motorcycle endorsement, to take the Motorcycle Safety Course. DDS has been asked to take a look at it over the summer.

Budget Overview - Michele Jordan gave a brief overview of the 2011 Amended budget as well as the FY 2012 budget. Once the Session is over, and DDS receives the final version of the FY 2012 budget, a more detailed overview will be provided.

Mr. Dozier informed the board that he wanted to publicly thank Michele Jordan for serving as Interim CFO and doing a phenomenal job. He stated that unfortunately, he failed in his attempt to talk her into accepting the permanent CFO position. However, Bob Griffin has accepted the CFO position and brings a true talent to DDS. He has 23 years of State service; and came to DDS from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, but prior to that he worked in the Department of Audits. He is a CPA and has a Certified Government Financial Manager's Certificate as well. He welcomed Bob to the Department and stated that he is looking forward to working with him.

Commissioner Dozier talked about his recent trip to Jackson, MS to see a demonstration of a kiosk being used at their DMV to issue renewal drivers licenses. It snaps a picture and does a one to one match with the photo already in the database, and the entire process is completed via the kiosk instead of having to interact with a person. DDS is currently in discussion with the vendor to see if that process can be piloted here in Georgia.

Lastly, Commissioner Dozier gave a brief update on the new on-line services. Since going live, there have been a total of 123,320 transactions. There have been 58,000 renewals; 10,871 Super Speeder Fines paid; 1,500 reinstatements; 3,000 new ID cards and 1,000 Motor Vehicle Records (MVRs). He stated these numbers look small now, but it is growing rampantly and he is looking forward to a year from now to see the full impact.

Old/New Business and Adjournment

Chairman Patrick informed the board that due to a scheduling conflict, the meeting scheduled for May 11 will be cancelled. However, should the need arise, a conference call may be needed to consider any petitions for waiver that may be received. The next scheduled board meeting will be June 8th.

Since there was no further business to discuss, Chairman Patrick called for a motion to adjourn.

Carolyn Roddy so motioned; Kelly Gay seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.