

**Minutes of Board Conference Call
February 8, 2012
10:00 AM**

Present

Trummie Patrick, Chairman
Todd Cowan
Anthony Heath
Lynda Coker
Hunter Hill
Kelly Gay
Carolyn Roddy

Not in Attendance

David Connell
Virginia Galloway

Also present on the conference call was Karla Dolby, Assistant Attorney General, as well as numerous DDS staff members.

Establish Quorum / Call to Order

Chairman Patrick confirmed the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Patrick called for a motion regarding the minutes from the January 19 board meeting. Lynda Coker motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Kelly Gay seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Dozier stated that in the interest of time, he only wanted to remind the board that at the March 21st meeting, the rule changes presented at the January meeting will be brought back before the board for final adoption. There will also be a briefing on the implementation of Real ID, and a more thorough Legislative update.

Petitions for Board Waiver

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

Rickey Lee Isaacs – He moved to Georgia from North Carolina and wants to transfer his license. However, he has been unable to obtain a copy of his birth certificate. He indicates that he spent most of his childhood in foster care. The documentation he has submitted as alternative proof of his identity is: a vehicle registration; a veteran affairs card; his DD-214; his Social Security card and a letter from the Social Security Administration; his wife's tax return; a copy of their marriage license; and a bank statement.

Chairman Patrick questioned why he couldn't get a copy of his birth certificate. Ms. Ammons replied that since he was in foster care for the bulk of his life, apparently there is not a great deal of certainty about his name. He has no more living relatives and he has not provided any documentation with regard to that aspect of his life. He says he understands that he was born Rickey Lee Garnsey but he does not have that birth certificate or any other documentation to explain the change from Garnsey to Isaacs. He says he has looked into getting his name legally changed but can't afford to do it.

Anthony Heath stated that he doesn't feel that he had brought forth enough documentation to prove his identity for the board to make an exception and therefore motioned to deny the request for waiver; Lynda Coker seconded. The motion to deny the request for waiver was unanimous among the remaining board members.

Danielle Mitchell – She was raised using her paternal grandmother's surname (Mitchell) but her birth certificate has her mother's surname (Palmer). The documentation she has submitted as alternative proof that her name is legally Danielle Mitchell includes a Uniform Traffic Citation; a jail booking report where she was charged with driving on a suspended license; a letter from the Social Security Administration about disability payments; a letter from the U. S. Department of Education about her student loan; a letter from the California Department of Motor Vehicles about her license suspension there for Failure to Appear and Failure to Pay Fine; a divorce decree where her name was returned to Danielle Mitchell from Danielle Mitchell-Mahone; DFACS documentation about her receipt of food stamps, Medicaid, and temporary aide for her family; a pay check stub; and the guardianship document that was granted to her grandmother when she was a child.

Ms. Ammons stated the Department's concern is that a Georgia driver license had been issued to Ms. Mitchell in the name Danielle Palmer back in 2000 and it expired in 2004. She claims that she has had a GA ID card in the name Danielle Mitchell but no record of that could be found. She did not provide a copy of her California ID card but the Driving on a Suspended License ticket that she submitted indicates that she showed the officer her California ID card when she was stopped. Given the fact that she previously claimed to be Danielle Palmer and was issued a Georgia license in that name, the Department is concerned about issuing her a license in the name Mitchell without documentation to prove the name change from Palmer to Mitchell.

Chairman Patrick asked if the Department would issue a driver license to her in the name Palmer. Ms. Ammons replied since her license is suspended in the State of California she would not be eligible for a drive license in Georgia but may be eligible for an identification card in the name Michelle Palmer.

Lynda Coker motioned to deny the request for waiver to issue an ID card in the name of Mitchell; Kelly Gay seconded the motion. The motion to deny the request for waiver was unanimous among the remaining board members.

Brenda Powell – She is 95 years old and seeking an identification card. She has never had an identification card in Georgia. She does not have a copy of her birth certificate or marriage license. As alternate documentation of her identity she has provided: a copy of her Social Security card and a letter from the Social Security Administration, her Medicare and Medicaid cards, Medicare Supplemental Insurance card; a handwritten note about her marriage; her child's birth certificate – who is now 70 years old - and it does refer to her as Jewell Addison who is married to Ray Powell so it is consistent with the names she has provided. She has also provided confirmation from the vital records office stating they have attempted to find her birth certificate but have been unsuccessful. They were able to find documentation from the 1930 census showing that Jewell Addison was living in Miller County Georgia with her parents at the time and the date is consistent with the date of birth that she has provided.

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

Nicholas Demolat – He has moved to Cobb County to live with his son. He does not have his birth certificate but has his New York driver license; his discharge from the Air Force; his son's birth certificate and driver license; and an expired passport.

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

Kay Sanderson – She has moved to Georgia from North Carolina with her husband who is ill. She has not been able to find her birth certificate. She does have school records in her maiden name; marriage licenses showing her going from her maiden name to her first married name and then to her current married name of Sanderson. There is a letter from the Tennessee Department of Public Health regarding their efforts to locate her birth certificate. There is a census record from 1950 and also a childhood vaccination record.

Kelly Gay motioned to approve the request for waiver; Todd Cowan seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members

Opal Lee Cloud – She is 79 years old and seeking an identification card to help facilitate her move into an assisted living facility. They have not been able to produce her birth certificate or marriage license. The only two documents submitted are her son's birth certificate and a letter relating to her pension benefits with Atlanta Public Schools.

Ms. Ammons stated that the Department does not feel this is sufficient documentation for the board to approve the waiver.

Hunter Hill motioned to deny the request for waiver; Carolyn Roddy seconded the motion. The motion to deny the request for waiver was unanimous among 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:

Angela Patterson – She moved from Alabama and is seeking a Georgia driver license. She was born Angela Thomas. Her previously issued Alabama driver license is in the name Patterson; she has also obtained a Georgia Voter ID card and an old Illinois identification card in the name Patterson. She has also provided her high school transcript; her mother’s death certificate; a letter from the Illinois Office of Child Support Services; the marriage license showing where she went from Lockett to Patterson; the birth certificate from one daughter where she gave her name as Angela Lockett; the birth certificate from her other daughter showing her as Angel Thomas; her Social Security card; and her mother’s funeral program. Essentially in different periods during her childhood, she used her birth name and at other times she used her stepfather’s name which is the reason for the inconsistency in the documentation. Ms. Ammons concluded by saying since she was married as Angela Lockett and became Angela Patterson, which is corroborated by the use of Lockett and Thomas on both of her children’s birth certificates, the Department is comfortable with approval of this petition.

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

Gloria Temmon – She is seeking a Georgia driver license. She says that the name on her birth certificate which she did not provide to DDS, is Gloria White. She has provided a letter that she received from the City of Buffalo, NY about trying to amend her birth certificate where they have told her that she needs to contact the State of New York. She has also provided a marriage license where she married and became Gloria Lewis, but the maiden name shown is Gloria Temmons; she has a Baptism Certificate in Gloria Temmons; a New York barber license in Gloria Temmons; an Erie County identification card as Gloria Temmons; a New York driver license as Gloria Lewis; her father’s funeral program showing that his surname is actually Temmon without the “s;” documentation about her Social Security application and letters from the Social Security Administration where she is Gloria Temmons; and a divorce decree where she is returned to the name Temmons from Lewis. She is asking for a driver license in Gloria Temmon. The only document she has provided in support of the name Temmon is her father’s funeral program. The Department does not feel this is not sufficient documentation to issue a license in that name.

Chairman Patrick stated he feels it would be best for her to have her name legally changed. Ms. Ammons agreed.

Hunter Hill motioned to deny the request for waiver but suggested that the letter being sent should state that since most of her documentation supports the name Temmons, the board would approve a license to be issued in that name; Kelly Gay seconded the motion. The motion to deny the request for waiver was unanimous among the remaining board members.

Beverly Timms – Moved to Georgia from Arizona and wants to transfer her driver license. She is unable to provide a copy of her marriage license from Mexico. She does however, have the divorce decree from 1985; so the Department feels she would not have divorced Mr. Timms if

she hadn't been married him. She also provided her birth certificate; Social Security card; her Arizona driver license; an affidavit that was executed in 1970 about the marriage; her daughter's birth certificate and Georgia driver license; and her ex-husband's funeral program.

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

Roxana Moss – She is moving back to Georgia from South Carolina and wants to get a driver license. Her birth certificate shows Roxana Fatima Johnson but apparently the mother illegally changed her surname to Austin which is the name she grew up using. She married as Roxana Austin and became Roxana Moss. Other documents she has provided are a current power bill; an expired driver license from Georgia; a current South Carolina driver license; and a letter from the Social Security Administration. Ms. Ammons stated that in addition to the documents the board received, she contacted her and got a copy of her marriage license where she went from Austin to Moss.

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

Old/New Business and Adjournment

Chairman Patrick reminded the board that due to a scheduling conflict, the March meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

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

Lynda Coker so motioned; Hunter Hill seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.