

**Minutes of Board Meeting - Teleconference
February 10, 2011**

Present

Trummie Patrick, Chairman
Kelly Gay
David Connell
Doug Chalmers
Virginia Galloway
Hunter Hill
T. Gamble
Carolyn Roddy

Not in Attendance

Lynda Coker

Also present on the conference call was Karla Dolby, Assistant Attorney General; Cynthia Bailey, 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 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Patrick called for a motion regarding the minutes from the December 8 board meeting. Kelly Gay motioned to approve the minutes as presented; David Connell seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Mr. Patrick announced that Carolyn Roddy had been appointed to the DDS board by Speaker Ralston to replace Linda Evans. However, since the official documentation of her appointment had not yet been received, she could not be sworn in, and unfortunately, would not be able to vote at this meeting. Ms. Roddy remained on the conference call as an observer.

Commissioner Greg Dozier stated the reason for the conference call is for the board to consider five petitions for waiver.

Petitions for Rule Waiver

Jennifer Ammons, DDS General Counsel, presented the following petitions for a waiver from Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-3-1-.02 – Documentation Required for Initial Issuance:

Cynthia Bailey – She has been unable to renew her license because her birth certificate is in German. Her father was stationed there in the military when she was born. Ms. Bailey has presented copies of her German birth certificate, the translation of her birth certificate, her parent’s death certificates, her father’s DD-214, her social security card, and a letter from the U. S. Department of State which indicates they were unable to find a record of her birth abroad.

Chairman Patrick asked Ms. Bailey if she would like to address the board.

Ms. Bailey stated that she has tried to apply for a Birth Abroad Certificate and a passport but ran into the same problem. She received a letter of No Record Found, and was told that it wasn’t required to file with the embassy in the 1950’s when there was such a birth. She also indicated that she doesn’t have \$400 to pay for the immigration documents. She is the caregiver for two handicapped family members and getting them to doctor appointments, etc. is very difficult without being able to drive.

David Connell motioned to approve the petition for waiver; Hunter Hill seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.

Ruth Sullivan – She is 92 years old and wants to obtain a GA ID card; however, she does not have a birth certificate. To prove her identity she has provided: a copy of her Wisconsin ID card; Medicare card; baptismal certificate; confirmation certificate; marriage certificate; birth certificates for her son and daughter; school records/report cards; bank statement; Social Security statement; federal tax return; and warranty deed for current residence.

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

Delores Thompson – She recently moved to Georgia from Massachusetts and is trying to get a driver’s license. She is 69 years old and was born at home in a small town in rural Mississippi. As a result, no official certificate of birth was ever filed. To prove her identity, she has presented a Not on File document from the State of Mississippi Vital Records; a letter from the Superintendent of Education stating Delores Kimble entered school there in 1949; and a 1950 census record also showing Delores Kimble was 9 years old at that time. She states in her letter that she has an expired passport also in her former name. Ms. Ammons stated that unfortunately, she has not provided any documentation to prove her current name, and will need a certified copy of her marriage license to do so.

David Connell stated that since she has no legal documentation in her current name to prove her identity and citizenship, he motioned to deny the request for waiver; Hunter Hill seconded the motion. The motion to deny the waiver was unanimous among the remaining board members.

Ms. Ammons presented the following petitions for a waiver from Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-3-1-.24 – Name on License or Identification Card:

Danielle M. Lynn – She has provided a copy of her birth certificate from February 1973, showing her name as Danielle Lee Margaret Wermter. She has also provide a copy of an Illegitimacy Agreement dated January 1976 stating her biological father is Arthur Jones, not David Wermter, and that Mr. Jones agreed to pay child support for her. Although no legal adoption occurred, nor was her birth certificate amended, she began using the surname Jones at

that time and continued using it throughout her life until she married in 1994 changing it to Finlay. She has provided copies of the marriage license and divorce decree from that marriage. She then married Mr. Lynn in 2009 and has provided her marriage license to support that name change. Ms. Ammons stated that as in similar cases presented to the board in the past, there is no way for her to go back now and recreate the proper legal documentation to legally change her birth name to Jones; therefore, DDS recommends approval.

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

Jeanine A. Antley – She has been unable to obtain a Georgia driver’s license without a certified copy of her previous marriage license from California. After contacting Los Angeles County, where she was married, she was told to send a request to Vital Records in Sacramento. However, she received a response letter from them stating that due to budget cuts and the number of requests they have received, they can not process her request, and told her to contact Los Angeles County, which she had already done. When she called them to discuss this situation, they stated it could easily exceed 6 months before they could process her request. She has provided letters from both Los Angeles County and Vital Records in Sacramento to substantiate their response, as well as a copy of the application she sent in with a sworn statement, and the returned check from Sacramento. Ms. Antley provided the following documents: her birth certificate; military ID card, expired Hawaii drivers license; Social Security card, marriage license/certificate for her current marriage; birth certificates of both her children; and a current utility bill.

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

Old/New Business and Adjournment

Chairman Patrick asked if there was any new or old business to discuss. Since there was none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

Virginia Galloway so motioned; David Connell seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining board members.