



**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS
PUBLIC IMAGE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
MAY 13, 2025, 9:00 AM
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**



MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance					
X	Chair- Melanie Dallas – Highland Rivers		Pineland – June DiPolito		
X	Vice Chair- David Kidd - Advantage	X	Unison – Tiffany Henderson		
	Advantage- Tammy Conlin		View Point – Jennifer Hibbard		
	Aspire- Dana Glass	X	Consultant – Ellen Reynolds		
X	Avita – Cindy Levi	X	Consultant – Bernard Reynolds		
	Avita- Kent Woerner		View Point - Debbie Varnes		
X	Claratel- Alecea Quintyne	X	GACSB – Vanessa Cameron		
X	Claratel- Fabio van der Merwe	X	Highland Rivers - Kristy Lindstrom		
X	Highland Rivers- Mike Mullet	X	Gateway – Ashley Allen		
	Middle Flint – Angela Holt				
GUESTS: Michael Foust – Proxy – Avita,					
DISTRIBUTION: PIP 5/13/25 Agenda, PIP 4/11/25 Minutes					

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Resolution	Responsibility	Due Date
Welcome/Preamble	Melanie called the virtual meeting to order at 9:02 AM.			
Approval of Agenda	A motion to approve the 5/13/2025 agenda was made by Cindy and seconded by Alecea. Motion carried without dissent.			
Approval of Minutes	A motion to approve the 4/11/25 meeting minutes was made by David and seconded by Alecea. Motion carried without dissent.			
Government and Public Affairs	<p>The members discussed the legislative session. Governor Kemp signed the budget. APEX funding remained with DBHDD. Revenues are down compared to last year. It reflects a reduced rate of income tax and a slowing in the economy. The Governor has been slower signing bills this year. Ellen will notify the members if there are issues with signature on bills.</p> <p>The members discussed the importance of keeping an eye on the candidates for the upcoming elections. It is important to reach out early to talk to them about issues. Bernard and Ellen will assist with the discussions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting scheduled with OPB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bernard & Ellen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6/10/25

	<p>The members discussed the need to begin planning for the upcoming legislative session. Members will need to keep an eye on the move of the ABD population from DBHDD to DCH. Members also needed to monitor federal budget cuts and how the cuts might impact the CSB network. A policy agenda will be needed. A list of the issues identified during the legislative session will be sent to the members.</p> <p>The members discussed State Health Benefit Plan invoicing and CSB funding. It was decided a meeting will be set up with the Office of Planning and Budget to discuss the issue and explain the process. It was also decided to look at data regarding people served and the percentage of revenues.</p> <p>Ellen suggested that the members begin looking at the next budget and legislative cycle. It is important the CSBs speak with one voice to facilitate change.</p>			
BHRIC Update	There were no updates on the topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action required. 		
Other	Melanie introduced Ms. Vanessa Cameron, GACSB Executive Director.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action required. 		
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on June 10 th at 9:00 AM.			
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned.			
Chair	Melanie Dallas	Recorded By: Mike Mullet		