



**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS  
PUBLIC IMAGE AND POLICY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 31, 2025, 8:30 AM  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**



<b>MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance</b>					
X	Chair- Melanie Dallas – Highland Rivers		Pineland – June DiPolito		
X	Vice Chair- David Kidd - Advantage	X	Unison – Tiffany Henderson		
X	Advantage- Tammy Conlin	X	View Point – Jennifer Hibbard		
X	Aspire- Dana Glass	X	Consultant – Ellen Reynolds		
	Avita – Cindy Levi		Consultant – Bernard Reynolds		
	Avita- Kent Woerner	X	Debbie Varnes		
X	Claratel- Alecea Quintyne		Kristin Woodlock		
X	Claratel- Fabio van der Merwe	X	Proxy – Michael Foust - Avita		
X	Highland Rivers- Mike Mullet				
X	Middle Flint – Angela Holt				
<b>GUESTS: None</b>					
<b>DISTRIBUTION: PIP 1/31/25 Agenda, PIP 1/24/25 Minutes, ICE resources</b>					

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Resolution</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
<b>Welcome/Preamble</b>	Melanie called the virtual meeting to order at 8:32 AM.			
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	A motion to approve the 1/31/2025 agenda was made by Fabio and seconded by David. Motion carried without dissent.			
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A motion to approve the 1/24/25 meeting minutes was made by Dana and seconded by Fabio. Motion carried without dissent.			
<b>Discussion with Commissioner Tanner</b>	Melanie stated she requested a call with Commissioner Tanner to discuss the 1013 law. The call was to discuss DBHDD’s position and possible coordination on messaging.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action required.</li> </ul>		
<b>Government and Public Affairs</b>	<p>The members discussed legislation being considered by the Metro Atlanta Chamber regarding homelessness. Ellen asked the chamber for more information and has not heard back to date.</p> <p>The members discussed the maternal mortality review committee bill and possible privacy concerns. Jennifer stated she is being considered for the committee. If selected, she will be able to introduce the concerns.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metro Atlanta Chamber follow up.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ellen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2/7/25</li> </ul>

	<p>The members discussed the possible effects of the federal funding freeze. A judge issued a stay and reversed the order. It was not clear what the impact might be on CSBs.</p> <p>The members discussed tort reform. The bill had not dropped. Ellen explained some of the points of tort reform. Alecea stated the GACSB legal counsel was also reviewing to give their input.</p>			
<b>GACSB CSB Overview Document</b>	The QR code is being finalized. Melanie asked for any final edits. She thanked the members for their input.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action required.</li> </ul>		
<b>ICE Discussion</b>	<p>The members discussed the legal guidance for ICE visits. The members also shared resources.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nilc.org/resources/factsheet-trumps-rescission-of-protected-areas-policies-undermines-safety-for-all/">https://www.nilc.org/resources/factsheet-trumps-rescission-of-protected-areas-policies-undermines-safety-for-all/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.nilc.org/resources/know-your-rights-what-to-do-if-arrested-detained-immigration/">https://www.nilc.org/resources/know-your-rights-what-to-do-if-arrested-detained-immigration/</a></p> <p>Additional Resource sheet attached.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action required.</li> </ul>		
<b>BHRIC Update</b>	There were no updates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action required.</li> </ul>		
<b>Other</b>	<p>Ellen discussed choosing a day for the CSB resolution day at the Capitol. The members discussed having the signing on the day the Governor will be in the office.</p> <p>David discussed the recent GA Council on Recovery town hall meeting. The council would be advocating for 1) funds for AUD, 2) for test strips to not be considered drug paraphernalia, and 3) for the enforcement of parity. It was suggested that Ellen and Bernard ask questions about where parity stood.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on possible dates for the resolution day.</li> <li>Find out where the enforcement of parity stands.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ellen</li> <li>Ellen &amp; Bernard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2/7/25</li> <li>2/7/25</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2025, at 8:30AM.			
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.			
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Melanie Dallas	Recorded By: Melissa Stone		

