



**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS  
PUBLIC IMAGE AND POLICY COMMITTEE  
MARCH 21, 2025, 8:30 AM  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**



<b>MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance</b>					
	<b>Chair- Melanie Dallas – Highland Rivers</b>		<b>Pineland – June DiPolito</b>		
<b>X</b>	<b>Vice Chair- David Kidd - Advantage</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Unison – Tiffany Henderson</b>		
<b>X</b>	<b>Advantage- Tammy Conlin</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>View Point – Jennifer Hibbard</b>		
	<b>Aspire- Dana Glass</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Consultant – Ellen Reynolds</b>		
<b>X</b>	<b>Avita – Cindy Levi</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Consultant – Bernard Reynolds</b>		
	<b>Avita- Kent Woerner</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>View Point - Debbie Varnes</b>		
<b>X</b>	<b>Claratel- Alecea Quintyne</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>GACSB – Kristin Woodlock</b>		
<b>X</b>	<b>Claratel- Fabio van der Merwe</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Bridge Health – Heather Roesner</b>		
<b>X</b>	<b>Highland Rivers- Mike Mullet</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>GA Pines – RJ Hurn</b>		
	<b>Middle Flint – Angela Holt</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Highland Rivers – Kristy Lindstrom</b>		
<b>GUESTS: None</b>					
<b>DISTRIBUTION: PIP 3/21/25 Agenda, PIP 3/14/25 Minutes</b>					

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Resolution</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
<b>Welcome/Preamble</b>	David called the virtual meeting to order at 8:31 AM.			
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	A motion to approve the 3/21/2025 agenda was made by Tammy and seconded by Tiffany. Motion carried without dissent.			
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A motion to approve the 3/14/25 meeting minutes was made by Cindy and seconded by Heather. Motion carried without dissent.			
<b>Government and Public Affairs</b>	The members discussed the new House Study Committee on Abandoned Child Placement Following Hospital Discharge ( <a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71426">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71426</a> ). Representative Katie Dempsey is the Chair of the committee. Cindy suggested that the study committee also consider including the IDD population as it has the same concerns outlined in the purposes of the study committee. Ellen and Bernard will speak with Representative Dempsey to get clarification of the purposes of the committee. They will bring the information to the next meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speak with Representative Dempsey about the study committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bernard &amp; Ellen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3/28/25</li> </ul>

	<p>The members discussed recent updates regarding HB 516. Ellen represented the CSBs at the last hearing on the bill. Senator Jason Esteves was instrumental in helping to get the in-person number set at 50% of the CSB governing board members. The members discussed advocating for CSB specific legislation in the next legislative session. Success stories from board members, community partners, and individuals served will be included with the legislation.</p> <p>The members reviewed the legislative tracking spreadsheet.</p>			
<b>BHRIC Update</b>	SB 233 is moving through legislative committees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action required.</li> </ul>		
<b>Other</b>	David reminded the members about the upcoming Executive Director virtual interviews.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action required.</li> </ul>	•	•
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2025, at 8:30AM.			
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.			
<b>Vice Chair</b>	David Kidd	Recorded By: Melissa Stone		