

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2012**

**Members Present:**

Gary D. Nelson, Ph.D., Chair  
Mitch Rodriguez, MD, Secretary  
Kathryn K. Cheek, MD, FAAP, Vice Chair  
James W. Curran, MD  
Phillip L. Williams, Ph.D.  
Cynthia F. Greene, DMD  
Robert S. Harshman, MD

**Members Absent:**

James M. Smith, Ph.D.  
Donald W. Venn, II, M.Ed

The Board of Public Health held its monthly board meeting on January 10, 2012 at 2 Peachtree Street NW in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room. An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2. Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

The Secretary called roll. All members present except for James Smith and Donald Venn.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Secretary presented the minutes of the November 8, 2011 meeting for discussion and approval. There was no discussion. James Curran motioned for approval of the minutes; Robert Harshman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Board Member Introduction**

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced one of the board members, Gary D. Nelson, Ph.D. He gave an overview of his background to the board. Next month Dr. Greene will do the same.

**Presentations**

Mr. Ken Bramlett, the Inspector General of the Department of Public Health, made a presentation regarding audits.

Mr. Ryan Deal, the Director of Communications for the Department of Public Health, made a presentation regarding the communications. The presentation is Attachment #3.

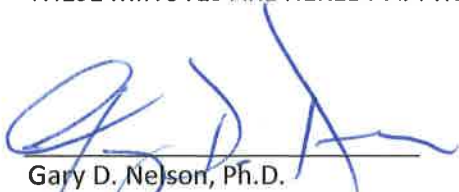
**Commissioner's Report**

Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald gave her report of the Commissioner.

**Adjournment**


There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 2:22 PM.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.



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Gary D. Nelson, Ph.D.  
Chairman



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Misael Rodriguez, MD  
Secretary

Official Attachments:

1. List of Attendees
2. Agenda
3. Communications Presentation

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Other Attendees

Brenda Fitzgerald, Department of Public Health	Holly Lang, Georgia Watch
James C. Howgate, Department of Public Health	Jeff Cornett, Hemophilia of Georgia
Janie Brodnax, Department of Public Health	Mohamed Jalom, MedImmune
Kate Pfirman, Department of Public Health	Rick Ward, GA Chapter, AAP
Sidney Barrett, Department of Public Health	Tyrone Bell, Learn to Grow, Inc.
Christine Greene, Department of Public Health	Helen Sloat, Nelson Mullins
Bob Shaw, Department of Public Health	
Sean Budacz, GlaxoSmithKline	
Carrie Teegardin, Atlanta Journal-Constitution	
Betsy Bates, Bates Association	
Greg Davis, Metcalf Davis	
Matt Hill, Metcalf Davis	
Andy Mill, GA Health News	
Erin Ruoff, OPB	
Jennifer Ward, SBO	
Elizabeth Franko, Department of Public Health	
Catherine Wreland, CWJM	
Debra Kibbe, GA Health Policy Center	
Mary Frances Williams, GCAPP, HMHB	
Michelle Putnam, Hemophilia of GA	
Travis Lindley, GA Charity Care	
Katie Jo Ballard, Governor's Office	
Paula Brown, OPB	
Connie F. Smith, Department of Public Health	
Cathalene Teahan, GAC	
Betsey Kagey, Department of Public Health	
Seema Csukas, Department of Public Health	
Yvette Daniels, Department of Public Health	
David Bayne, Department of Public Health	
Ginny Jacobs, Department of Public Health	
Sandra Roberts, Department of Public Health	
Dante McKay, Voices for Georgia's Children	
Tim Sweeney, GBPI	
Karen Waters, GHA	
Bill Owen, MedImmune	
Stephine Davis, GA Women for a Change	
Kandi Spencer, March of Dimes	
Carole Jakeway, , Department of Public Health	
Rebecca DelHart, Steel Cut Strategies	