



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, April 25, 2019
Decatur, GA

Opening Remarks

Chair Elaine P. Snow called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice at 10:02 am. The meeting was held at the DJJ Central Office.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Avery D. Niles, Chief of Staff Sean C. Hamilton, Associate Superintendent Jean Lee, Deputy Commissioner Pamela Johnson, Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Edith E. Darden, Deputy Commissioner Victor Roberts, Deputy Commissioner Sherry Shoats, Ombudsman Herman Archie, Chaplain Danny Horne, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Martha Dalesio, Director Scott Cagle, CFO Andrew Laarhoven, General Counsel Cindy Wang, Director Glenn Allen, Janseen Robinson, Director Latera Davis, Assistant Commissioner Catina Martin-Fenner, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Audrey Stokes, Deputy Commissioner Margaret Cawood, Helen Troutt, Director Joan Quinn-Cannon, Monaletto Irby, Kiara Williams, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Rusty Rodgers, Todd Bentley, Dana Phillips, Tracy Cassell, Assistant Director Chris Wood, Lauren Gean, Tamara Mays, Sonia Settle, Henrietta Williams, Bill Martin, Kanetha Wilson, Neil Khosla, Bill Webb, Dr. Christy Doyle, Stephanie Henesy, Carolene Maddox, Eugene Gaultney, Barry Ogletree

Others Present: Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; Helen Sloat, Nelson Mullins

Secretary's Report: Secretary Adam Kennedy conducted the Roll Call. The following members were present: Willie Bolton, Adam Kennedy, Fred Stephens, Sandra H. Taylor, Judge Lisa G. Colbert, Spurgeon Ambrose, Dr. Thomas Coleman, Penny Penn (teleconference), Angie Holt, Elaine P. Snow, Dick Yarbrough (teleconference), Judge Quintress Gilbert, Judge Steven Teske

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the current agenda. A motion was made by Board member Holt and seconded by Board member Colbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28th, 2019 Board Meeting. A motion was made by the Board member Holt and seconded by Board member Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Snow took a moment to thank and recognize staff for their hard-work.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioner's Report was included in the Board materials. Commissioner Niles presented his report to the Board.

The following topics were discussed:

The Faithful Service awards were presented by HR Manager Tamara Mays. There were four recipients.

Deputy Commissioners Pamela Johnson (Secure Detention) **(Addendum A)** and Sherry Shoats (Secure Campuses) **(Addendum B)** presented on youth admission and release procedures in the secure facilities. Judge Colbert asked about youth wearing khaki pants and polo shirts instead of jumpsuits. Staff informed that the uniform change has been implemented. Vice-Chair Taylor wanted to make sure that Board-approved detention assessment instruments were utilized.

Director of Professional Standards and Training Latera Davis presented on the volunteer programs including the successful partnership with the High Museum of Art **(Addendum C)**. Participating youths' art exhibit will be on display this month at the museum. The next Citizen's academy is tentatively to be held in Savannah. Additionally, there will be a volunteer appreciation event to be held at the Atlanta YDC. Director Davis mentioned two upcoming events, Special Olympic games May 17th – May 18th and the High Museum Art contest May 15th.

Board member Colbert asked if the contest was opened to community youth to participate and stated that Savannah would enjoy hosting the next Citizens Academy.

Board member Yarbrough asked that more local coverage with media be done and he would like to be a part of working with the Communications department to make this happen.

Deputy Commissioner of Community Services Victor Roberts briefly mentioned the upcoming Community Services division PDC.

Board member Bolton commented that Sheriff Massee of Baldwin County attended a DJJ training and commended the staff on their professionalism.

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to adjourn from the regular DJJ Board Meeting and reconvene as the DJJ School Board. A motion was made by Board member Holt and seconded by Board member Colbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education

Associate Superintendent Jean Lee provided an update on the students successfully completing the Milestones assessment tests. The Department is working towards completing all testing

online. There was a discussion on technology limitations and connectivity issues. Dr. Lee also talked about the upcoming youth graduation.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to adjourn from the DJJ School Board and reconvene as the regular DJJ Board. A motion was made by the Board member Taylor and seconded by Board member Colbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

No old business

Comments:

Chair Snow thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

New Business:

No new business

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Board member Bolton stated that he participated in the annual Law Enforcement appreciation event and the joint agency board meeting that was held in Statesboro, GA.

Chair Snow announced that the next Board Meeting would be held on Friday, May 24th, 2019 at 9:00 am, DJJ Academy, Forsyth, GA.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine P. Snow, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Avery D. Niles, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Board Secretary
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