



**Board of Juvenile Justice
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Statesboro, GA
Board Meeting Minutes**

Opening Remarks

On Wednesday, April 13, 2022, Vice-Chair Wille C. Bolton called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order at 2:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn (Conference Room) in Statesboro, GA. Chair Sandra Taylor had a family emergency and was unable to attend.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Tyrone Oliver, Deputy Superintendent Zane Shelfer, DJJ Executive Team Members, and various DJJ Staff Members.

Other attendees: Senior Assistant Attorney General Tina Piper

Invocation: Board Member Timothy McCulley

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Vice-Chair Wille C. Bolton

Roll Call: Members present were Vice-Chair Willie C. Bolton, Secretary Adam Kennedy, Danny L. Blackmon, Judge Lisa Colbert, Thomas Coleman, John B. Edwards, Joyette Holmes, Timothy McCulley, and Penny Penn Judicial Advisory Member Judge Quintress Gilbert participated. Quorum was declared.

Agenda approval: Vice-Chair Bolton called for a motion to approve the April 13, 2022 agenda. Secretary Kennedy moved to amend the agenda to add an executive session, it was seconded by Board Member Edwards, and the motion was adopted unanimously. Secretary Kennedy then moved to adopt the amended agenda, Board Member Edwards seconded, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Minutes approval: Vice-Chair Bolton called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2022, board meeting. The motion was made by Board Member Penn, seconded by Board Member Coleman, and approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

Legislative/Budget Session

Commissioner Oliver advised the Board to check Georgia's redistricting changes. He also talked about the budget, including the approved pay increases to all full-time benefit-eligible employees. The Commissioner mentioned that the mental health parity bill (HB 1013) passed. HB 272, Raise the Age, did not pass.

Virtual Court Proceedings

The Commissioner stated that effective April 18, 2022, all youth who need to appear in court must be picked up by the respective county law enforcement for transport to court for proceedings. He added that the department would only accommodate virtual participation for the SB440 first appearance hearings if the time have been predetermined.

Divisional Reports

Division of Community Services

Deputy Commissioner Victor Roberts introduced Matt Broome, JPO2 (NE Region), and Dominick Davis, JPO2 (SE Region). Both officers work within the High Intensity Supervision (HITS) units. Both officers presented on "A Day in the Life of a Juvenile Probation Officer."

Questions Comments (HITS)

Secretary Kennedy asked whether every JPO has the opportunity to be certified as a HITS officer.

Vice-Chair Bolton commended the two JPO presenters for their excellent presentation.

Division of Administrative Services

Deputy Commissioner Allyson Richardson presented board resolutions regarding the demolition of a building at Augusta YDC and an easement for a utility duct at Loftiss (Thomasville) RYDC.

Vice-Chair Bolton called for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the demolition of Augusta YDC. The motion was made by Secretary Kennedy, seconded by Board Member Colbert, and approved unanimously.

Vice-Chair Bolton called for a motion to approve the transfer of land from DBHDD to DJJ and a utility easement at Loftiss (Thomasville) RYDC. The motion was made by Board Member Colbert and seconded by Board Member Holmes, and approved unanimously.

Old Business: No new business.

New Business: The proposed amendments to the Board bylaws (Juvenile Justice and Education) will be presented in the May meeting.

Executive Session:

Vice-Chair Bolton called for a motion into the executive session. The motion was made by Secretary Kennedy, seconded by Board member Edwards, and approved unanimously. (Vice-Chair Bolton, Secretary Kennedy, Board Members, Blackmon, Colbert, Coleman, Edwards, Holt, Holmes, McCulley, and Penn).

After the executive session, the Board returned to the regular meeting.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Colbert and seconded by Board Member Holmes. The next scheduled meeting will be on May 26, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

Willie C. Bolton, Vice-Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice