



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, April 20, 2016
DJJ Headquarters
1:00 PM

Opening Remarks

Chair Elaine Snow called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. The meeting was held at the DJJ Headquarters, 3408 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30032.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Avery D. Niles, Chief of Staff J. Mark Sexton, Assistant Commissioner Keith Horton, General Counsel Cindy Wang, Sharon D. Starks, Director Jim Shuler, Janssen Robinson, Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Director Lisa Bryson, Dr. Letunya Walker, Associate Superintendent Audrey Armistad, Deputy Commissioner Sarah Draper, Deputy Commissioner Miguel Fernandez, CFO Sonja R. Allen-Smith, Deputy Commissioner Dwayne Orrick, Dr. Rufus Johnson, Chaplain Danny Horne, Director Nadine Crocker, Director John T. Smith, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Margaret Cawood, Director Andrew Laarhaven, Chief Investigator John Pearson, Director Allyson Richardson, , Director Bernard Andrews, , Gregg Maybin, Dr. Carol Yancy, Christina Brown, Ronda Spencer, Curtis Davison, Dr. Muriel Horne, Dr. Roy Davenport, Zane Shelfer, Janice Brown, Kosten Woodard, Gail Smith, Kendall Douglas, LaShanda Coleman, Director Catina Martin-Fenner, Erica Lane-Stringer, Dr. Jerry E. Jones, , Willard Wheeler, Anna Brown, Director Joan Quinn-Cannon, Isheka Grant-Bowen; Tammy Anderson; Sarah Serluco, Keisha Douglas, Max Tran and Edith Guilford.

Others Present: Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; Brian Lawler, Office of Planning and Budget; Gary Smith, Chatham County Juvenile Court; Jody Bradham, TalentQuest; Helen Sloat, Nelson & Mullins; Dr. Vicki DeMao, AdvancEd; Dr. Carolyn Bennett, AdvancEd; Tracy Smith, AdvancEd; Melissa Adelman, AdvancEd; Lamont Moore, AdvancEd; Travis Nesmith, AdvancEd; and Carolyn Barnett, AdvancEd.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Adam Kennedy conducted the Roll Call. The following members were present: Willie C. Bolton, Lisa G. Colbert, John Edwards, Adam Kennedy, Julia Neighbors, Danny Porter (via teleconference), Elaine Snow, Fred Stephens (via teleconference), Sandra Taylor and Dick Yarbrough. Advisory Council Member Quintress Gilbert was present as well.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the current agenda. A motion was made by Board Vice Chair Taylor and seconded by Board Member Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Taylor and seconded by Board Member Yarbrough. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to adjourn from the regular DJJ Board and reconvene as the DJJ School Board. A motion was made by Secretary Adam Kennedy and seconded by Board Member Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education

Dr. Vicki DeMao presented the AdvancEd External Exit Report to the DJJ School Board. For additional details, please see **Addendum A**. At the conclusion of the report, Dr. DeMao commended the Georgia Preparatory Academy receiving accreditation from AdvancEd which is a high level of accreditation.

Associate Superintendent Armistad thanked the School Board for participating during the evaluation process. She also thanked the Education staff for their hard work and commitment during the preparation for the AdvancEd External Team visit as well as their day-to-day work. The Education Staff were also commended by several Board Members.

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Commissioner's Report

The Commissioner directed the Board Members to the April 2016 Commissioner's Report that was previously submitted via email.

Bond Resolution

Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb updated the Board on proposed bond sales for June 2016. For additional details, see **Addendum B**.

Chair's Comments

- Chair Snow welcomed Judge Lisa G. Colbert to the DJJ Board.
- Chair Snow thanked Board Member Dick Yarbrough for the excellent article he wrote on the DJJ school district.
- Chair Snow thanked the members that were able to meet with the AdvancEd External Review Team as well as Commissioner Niles and Associate Superintendent Armistad for their assistance during the evaluation process. She also thanked the Education Staff.

- Chair Snow reminded everyone to keep Board Member Kelly Stewart and the family of Mr. Larry Goodman in their thoughts and prayers.

Old Business

There was no Old Business before the Board.

New Business

Chair Snow requested a follow-up on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) project at a later Board Meeting.

Chair Snow announced that the next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at the DJJ Headquarters, 3408 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30032 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine P. Snow, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Avery D. Niles, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy
Board Secretary