



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, August 23, 2018
Macon, GA
9:30 am

Opening Remarks

Vice-Chair Taylor called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice at 9:35 am. The meeting was held at the Macon YDC in Macon GA.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Avery D. Niles, Chief of Staff Joe Vignati, Associate Superintendent Jean Lee, Deputy Commissioner Pamela Johnson, Assistant Commissioner Sean Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Edith E. Darden, Director John T. Smith, Mary Catherine Heard, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Victor Roberts, Director Mike Barton, Ombudsman Herman Archie, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Allyson Richardson, Deputy Commissioner Sherry Shoats, Chaplain Danny Horne, Associate Superintendent Jean Lee, Tania Appling, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Martha Dalesio, Deputy Commissioner Margaret Cawood, William Smith, Jim Shuler, Director Scott Cagle, Mikela Gordon, Todd Bentley, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Audrey Stokes, CFO Andrew Larrhoven, Matthew Montgomery, General Counsel Cindy Wang, Kim Todd, Racquel Watson, Sheila Phillips, Luci Dunn, Robb Gilstrap, Rusty Rodgers, Director Joan Quinn-Cannon, Julia Mazyck, Romensia Williams, Director Charmaine Johnson, Aishia Hunter-Cone, J. Brumley, S. Smith, Willie Dumas, Deadra Roberts

Others Present: Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; Andy Pierroti, WXIA; Luke Carter, WXIA

Secretary's Report: Secretary Adam Kennedy conducted the Roll Call. The following members were present: Willie Bolton, Thomas Coleman, Adam Kennedy, Julia Neighbors, Elaine Snow (teleconference), Fred Stephens, Kelly Stewart (teleconference), Sandra H. Taylor, Judge Lisa G. Colbert, Penny Penn, and Judge Quintress Gilbert

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

Vice-Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2018 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Colbert and seconded by Board Member Stephens. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioner's Report was previously submitted to the Board via email and it was included in the Board materials. Commissioner Niles presented his report to the Board.

The following topics were discussed:

The Commissioner gave special recognition to the SMRT and SERT teams. He also pointed out the ACA accreditation certificates for Muscogee YDC and Aaron Cohn RYDC.

Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Community Services Victor Roberts presented on the services they provide. **(Addendum A)**. Vice-Chair Taylor commended Commissioner Niles on the accreditation. Commissioner Niles states the thanks should go to the staff for their hard work in achieving the certificates.

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

Vice-Chair Taylor 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 Kennedy and seconded by Board Member Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education

Associate Superintendent Jean Lee presented on the grant funds for the culinary arts program. She mentioned the other vocational skills programs that the department has implemented. She also discussed teacher vacancies.

Vice-Chair Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn from the DJJ School Board and reconvene as the regular DJJ Board. A motion was made by Board Member Kennedy and seconded by Board member Stephens. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

No old business

Comments:

Vice-Chair Taylor thanked everyone for their participation. Judge Colbert mentioned the Chatham County partnership with the Department to help youth.

New Business

No new business

Comments:

No comments

Vice-Chair Taylor announced that the next Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, September 27th, 2018 at 10:00 am, DJJ Central Office, Decatur, GA.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sandra Heath-Taylor, Vice-Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Avery D. Niles, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Board Secretary
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