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## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY August 25, 2016

Members Present: Chair Elaine Snow, Secretary Adam Kennedy, Willie C. Bolton, the Honorable Lisa Colbert, Kelly Stewart, Julia Neighbors, Angie Holt, and Fred Stephens. Advisory Council Members present: the Honorable Steven Teske and the Honorable Quintress Gilbert (via telephone call).

## Motions and Other Business:

- 1. Chair Snow called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 10:01 AM in the Board Room of the Central Office of the Department of Juvenile Justice, at 3408 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30032.
- 2. A motion to approve the agenda for the August 25, 2016, meeting was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- 3. A motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2016, meeting was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- 4. The Commissioner had previously submitted his written report (included in materials). Assistant Commissioner Mark Sexton introduced new members of the DJJ executive team.
- 5. Assistant Commissioner Sexton also talked about the meeting between DJJ and the judges from Bahrain who were interested in Juvenile Justice Reform.
- 6. Sexton also gave some dates for upcoming events: the Retirement Luncheon for Dr. Audrey Armistad (10/4/2016 @ 11:00AM), the Ribbon Cutting at Terrell RYDC (10/4/2016 @ 2:00PM), and the Wilkes RYDC Groundbreaking Ceremony (10/11/2016 @ 1:00PM).
- 7. A motion to adjourn the Board of Juvenile Justice and to reconvene as the Juvenile Justice Board of Education was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

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- 8. Dr. Richard Behrens, Associate Superintendent, discussed the Georgia Preparatory Academy Fall Open House Schedule, introduced Mary Shepherd, CTAE Director, and provided the Activity Report and Student Population Count.
- 9. Dr. Behrens also stated that the Division of Education will begin making brief divisional reports at future Board meetings. A request was made by Judge Colbert to get a report on what is being done regarding literacy for DJJ youth. Board Member Stephens requested information on the transition of DJJ youth back to the schools in their communities.
- 10. A motion to adjourn the Juvenile Justice Board of Education and to reconvene as the Board of Juvenile Justice was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- 11. Old Business: No old business.
- 12. New Business: No new business. Judge Colbert invited the Board to attend the Community Safety Forum in Savannah on December 10, 2016.
- 13. Chair Snow announced that the next Board Meeting will be held in the Board Room of DJJ headquarters at 3408 Covington Hwy, Decatur, GA 30032, at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 22, 2016.
- 14. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.