



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, August 28, 2014
10:00 AM

Department of Juvenile Justice
3408 Covington Highway
Decatur, GA 30032

Opening Remarks

Vice Chair Sandra Taylor called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. The meeting was held at the Department of Juvenile Justice Headquarters in Decatur, GA.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Avery D. Niles; Sharon Starks; Director Jim Shuler; Janssen Robinson; Assistant Commissioner Mark Sexton; Director John T. Smith; Deputy Commissioner Sarah Draper; Director Ricky Rich; Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb; Deputy Commissioner Carl Brown; Associate Superintendent Audrey Armistad; Deputy Commissioner Michael McNeely; Sonja R. Allen, Chief Financial Officer; Director Joan Quinn-Cannon; Director Allyson Richardson; Assistant Deputy Commissioner Joe Vignati; Director Nadine Crocker; Vanessa O'Donnell; Ombudsman Debbie Carter; Sharon Wilson; Stan Davis; Michelle Stanley; Matthew Broome; Elizabeth Albea; Director Todd Bentley; Regional Administrator Victor Roberts; Director John Gee; Director Bill Spears; Regional Administrator Renee' McClanahan; Assistant Deputy Commissioner Margaret Cawood; Spencer Gaudet; George Fussell; Andrew Chapman; David Parham; Melody Stanfield; Teri Stripling; Michael Felgenhauer; Natasha Bray; Director Tracy Masters; Director Theodore Carter, Jr.; Assistant Deputy Commissioner Gary Tolar; Matthew Montgomery and Edith Guilford.

Others Present: Joe Hood, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget; Brian Tukes, Governor's Office; Tanya Jackson, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget; Daniel Moore, Concerned Parent; Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; Matt Ogles, Office of Planning and Budget; Helen Sloat, Nelson Mullins; Chuck Clay, Nelson Mullins; Polly McKinner, Voices for Georgia's Children and Mindy Park, Attorney General's Office.

Secretary's Report: Vice Chair Taylor asked Secretary Kennedy to conduct the Roll Call. The following Members were present: Spurgeon Ambrose, Willie C. Bolton, Thomas Coleman, Adam

Kennedy, Julia Neighbors, Fred Stephens, Sandra Taylor and Dick Yarbrough. Advisory Council Member Quintress Gilbert was present as well.

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

Vice Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2014 board meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Stephens and seconded by Board Member Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Niles discussed the following topics during his report:

- Recognition of two of the top recent HITS graduates
- Board Member Spurgeon Ambrose's recent reappointment to the DJJ Board
- The Executive Team's ALS Challenge
- Ribbon Cutting of the Career Center at Metro RYDC

CFO Allen updated the Board on the FY14 and FY15 Budgets. (For additional information, see **Addendum A.**)

Director Joan Quinn-Cannon updated the Board on the FY15 and FY16 Capital Outlay Budget Request. (For additional information, see **Addendum B.**)

Vice Chair Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn from the Regular DJJ Board Meeting and reconvene as the DJJ School Board Meeting. A motion was made by Secretary Kennedy and seconded by Board Member Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education

Associate Superintendent Armistad discussed the following topics:

- Start of the new school year
- New DJJ initiatives
- Education dashboard

Superintendent Niles briefly discussed the Georgia Preparatory Academy Fall Open Houses. (For additional information on this topic, please see **Addendum C.**)

Vice Chair Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn from the DJJ School Board Meeting and reconvene to the Regular DJJ Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Stephens and seconded by Board Member Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Comment

Vice Chair Taylor encouraged the Board Members to speak with the DJJ Staff if they had any questions or concerns regarding activities in their communities or districts.

Old Business

There was no Old Business before the Board.

New Business

Commissioner Niles stated that the new Deputy Commissioner for Secure Facilities is Jeffrey Chandler. He also congratulated CFO Sonja R. Allen on her appointment to the Board of the Georgia Department of Corrections. He also welcomed Vanessa O'Donnell to DJJ. She will be assisting with recruitment for Bill Ireland.

Secretary Kennedy congratulated Assistant Deputy Commissioner Joe Vignati for receiving an award at the Georgia Juvenile Services Conference. He also briefly discussed the Savannah Impact Program.

Vice Chair Taylor asked that the Executive Team notify the Board when they will be in their area so the members may have an opportunity to "tag along" and see what's going on in the facilities or communities in which they live. She also asked the Board to consider meeting in other places occasionally.

Dr. Armistad discussed an upcoming opportunity in which the Commissioner will address the technical college presidents. This is a good opportunity to further build our relationship with the technical schools.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the Department of Juvenile Justice Headquarters.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine P. Snow, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Avery D. Niles
Commissioner

Adam Kennedy
Board Secretary