



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, August 22, 2019
Decatur, GA

Opening Remarks

Vice-Chair Taylor called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice at 10:03 am. The meeting was held at the DJJ Central Office, Decatur, GA.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Tyrone Oliver, Chief of Staff Sean C. Hamilton, ADC Michael McNeely, ADC Allyson Richardson, Chaplain Danny Horne, DC Margaret Cawood, AC Catina Martin-Fenner, Zane Shelfer, Interim Asst. Associate Superintendent Dr. Rufus Johnson, Doris Patterson, Carolene Maddox, Adam T. Barnett, Carrie T. Hamilton-Shavers, Ombudsman Herman Archie, Stephanie Henesy, DC Victor Roberts, ADC Rusty Rodgers, Chris Saxton, Tomika Grigsby, Director Latera Davis, William Smith, Cathy Dravis, Helen Troutt, Tracy Cassell, Tricia Phillips, Chris Wood, DC Sherry Shoats, Dr. Ron Koon, DC Pamela Johnson, ADC Audrey Stokes, Sophia Thomas, Tamara Mays, CFO Andrew Laarhoven, Dr. Christy Doyle, Dr. Letunya Walker, Racquel Watson, Percival Griffiths, Marsha Heard, Director Scott Cagle. B. Bristol, Director Glenn Allen, Daphney Barnett, Tasha Williams, Director Zach Louis, Jessica Walker, Keshia Douglas, Angela Burne, Winifred Pierce, Director Joan Quinn-Cannon, Dr. Michelle Staples-Horne, Tamica Coleman, Ryan Phagan, Marissa Durkin, Todd Bentley, Jajuana Dewberry, Karen Young, Cathy Smith-Curry, Barry Ogletree, Racquel Watson, Gail Smith, Candace English, Theodosia Ware, Aisha Hunter-Cone, Doricia Thompson, Robbin Dickerson, Ira Collymore, Sabrina Scott, Cherecia Kline, Beverly Hastings, Graham Penney, Eric John, Meshell Dewberry, Betty Taylor, Janelle Brookins, Sheryl Swanson, Keith Wynn

Others Present: Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; Lisa Ibekwe, PACE Center for Girls; Zelian Stewart, OPM

Secretary's Report: Secretary Adam Kennedy conducted the Roll Call. The following members were present: Danny Blackmon, Sandra H. Taylor, Judge Lisa G. Colbert (teleconference), Angie Holt (teleconference), Adam Kennedy, Dick Yarbrough, Dr. Thomas Coleman, Penny Penn, Fred Stephens, Judge Quintress Gilbert (teleconference), John B. Edwards (teleconference), Margaret D. Kaiser, Steven C. Teske

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

Vice-Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2019 Board

meeting. A motion was made by Board member Coleman and seconded by Board member Yarbrough. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report:

The Commissioner's Report was included in the Board materials. Commissioner Tyrone Oliver presented the report to the Board.

The following topics were discussed:

Commissioner Oliver announced the retirement of Deputy Commissioner of Secure Campuses Sherry Shoats. She made a few remarks, thanking staff and the Executive Team.

HR Manager Tamara Mays presented the Faithful Service certificates. There were two employees recognized.

Deputy Commissioner of Secure Detention Pamela Johnson presented an update on facilities. Board member Edwards asked about exit interviews because of the vacancies at the facilities. Chair Taylor would like more information regarding the Diana Screenings. Board member Yarbrough asked for trend analysis regarding staff retention. Secretary Kennedy asked about the number of youths awaiting YDC placement. **(Addendum A)**

Deputy Commissioner of Community Services Victor Roberts presented on the overview of the division and court services. Board member Kaiser asked about Superior Court youth and Board member Stephens asked about CHINS referrals. Secretary Kennedy inquired about the evidence-based programming provided in the community. Chair Taylor asked for a report on grants. Secretary Kennedy asked about the staffing rates in the community and pay for JPPSs. Board member Edwards mentioned supervisor's treatment of staff. **(Addendum B)**

PREA Coordinator Adam Barnett gave an overview of ACA's (American Correctional Association) accreditation process and PREA audits. Secretary Kennedy asked about the accreditation process and facility issues. Office of Professional Standards Director Latera Davis and other staff provided additional information regarding ACA. Board member Edwards asked about policy enforcement. Because of time constraints, Chair Taylor stopped the PREA presentation and moved on the presentation from the Office of Human Resources. **(Addendum C)**

Transactions Manager Edward Butler presented on the overview of the Office of Human Resources (HR). The Board asked him to focus on staff retention and turnover statistics. The Board also asked about exit interviews. HR will present a report on staff retention/turnover and exit interviews at the next meeting. **(Addendum D)**

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

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 Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education:

Interim Associate Superintendent Dr. Rufus Johnson presented on the “90-Day Action Plan” and AdvancED update. **(Addendum E)**

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 the Board member Kennedy and seconded by Board member Yarbrough. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair’s Comments:

No comments

Old Business:

No old business

Comments:

Board member Coleman mentioned the importance of accreditation.

New Business:

No new business

Comments:

None

Chair Taylor announced the next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 10:00 am, DJJ Central office, Decatur, GA.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sandra H. Taylor, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Board Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice