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Board Meeting Summary March 23, 2023

Motions and Other Business:

- 1. Chair Sandra Taylor called the joint meeting of the Boards of Juvenile Justice and Education to order on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at approximately 10:00 AM.
- 2. Vice-Chair Willie Bolton moved for the approval of the agenda. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 3. Board Member Fred Stephens moved for the approval of the February 23, 2023, minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 4. Interim Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb talked about the recent swearing-in ceremonies for Board Members Garland Hunt and Quintress Gilbert, the annual Polar Plunge event, upcoming graduations, the legislative session, and recognized staff for their work and accomplishments. She also updated the Board on the employee engagement survey, and the Annual Report was distributed.
- 5. Deputy Superintendent Zane Shelfer presented on the education data and decreasing staff vacancy rate. Education staff also presented on online assessment testing for all students.
- 6. Chief Financial Officer Steven Carter-Williams provided an overview of the FY24 appropriated funds.
- 7. Director of the Office of Re-Entry Services, Cathy Smith-Curry, spotlighted youth D. DeLoach. Youth DeLoach shared his experiences as a troubled teen and his transition into a successful college athlete.
- 8. Deputy Commissioner of Treatment and Care Margaret Cawood gave a brief overview of the various bills being monitored during the legislative session.
- 9. Pamela Hill, Deputy Commissioner of Secure Facilities, gave an overview of the secure facilities and the services that they provide.
- 10. Old Business: No old business

- 11. New Business: Assistant Attorney General Amy Radley was recognized for her years of support to the agency.
- 12. Chair Comments: Chair Taylor informed the Board members that the next board meeting will be held on April 13, 2023, at the Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.
- 13. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.
- 14. The next scheduled meeting will be on April 13, 2023, in Statesboro, GA.

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