**Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner** 



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## August 27, 2020 (Audio Conference)

Members participating: Chair Sandra Taylor, Vice-Chair Willie C. Bolton, Secretary Adam Kennedy, Danny Blackmon, Dick Yarbrough, Margaret D. Kaiser, Penny Penn, Fred Stephens, Dr. Thomas Coleman, Past Chair Elaine Snow, and Judge Lisa Colbert joined later (non-voting). Judicial Advisory Council Member Judge Quintress Gilbert participated.

## Motions and Other Business:

- 1. Chair Taylor called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 10:00 AM.
- 2. Board member Yarbrough moved for the approval of the agenda. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 3. Board member Coleman moved for the approval of the July 23, 2020 minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 4. Commissioner Tyrone Oliver provided the Commissioner's Report. The latest COVID-19 numbers (staff and youth) were provided. Staff was commended for efforts to minimize COVID-19 spread. Commissioner Oliver also mentioned the new JCO uniform rollout to go along with the new mission statement and culture change. He also talked about the "F.R.E.S.H. Start" re-entry job program in partnership with the Pinky Cole Foundation (the "Slutty Vegan" restaurants).
- 5. Program Director Tricia Phillips presented on the Evening Reporting Center in Lowndes/Valdosta with SW Key Programs. (Guest speakers: Stephanie Williams (SWK CEO) and Shamekia Williams (SWK Director).) Secretary Kennedy asked about the aftercare program.
- 6. Deputy Commissioner of Administrative Services Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb presented on the employee engagement survey and the efforts to increase participation.
- 7. Commissioner Oliver mentioned the efforts to reduce paper consumption for the Board materials.

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- 8. Board member Coleman moved to adjourn the Board of Juvenile Justice and to reconvene as the Juvenile Justice Board of Education. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 9. Deputy Superintendent Zane Shelfer talked about the education data dashboard, COVID-19 protocol guides, and the fall semester starting well. He also mentioned the teacher vacancies. Chair Taylor asked about the special education enrollment rate. Superintendent Oliver commended education, medical, and health services staff for minimizing COVID-19 spread. Dr. Rufus Johnson talked about the upcoming re-accreditation process for the Georgia Preparatory Academy. Deputy Superintendent Shelfer talked about the federal grant review and the joint project with OBHS. Chair Taylor commended Superintendent Oliver and staff.
- 10. Board member Yarbrough moved to adjourn the Juvenile Justice Board of Education and to reconvene as the Board of Juvenile Justice. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 11. Chair Comments: Appreciate the agency leadership keeping the Board apprised.
- 12. Old Business: No old business.
- 13. New Business: No new business.
- 14. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be on September 24, 2020, at 10 AM.

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