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**Board of Juvenile Justice &  
Board of Education / Joint Board Meeting  
Thursday, December 12, 2024  
Board Meeting Minutes  
(In-Person and Zoom Conference)**

**Opening Remarks:**

**Call to Order:** On Thursday, December 12, 2024, Chair Sandra Taylor called the joint board meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education to order at approximately 10:05 AM. The meeting was held in-person and by Zoom.

**DJJ Staff Present:** Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, DJJ Executive Team Members, and various DJJ Staff Members.

**Other Attendees:** Senior Assistant Attorney General Amy Radley. Guests in the audience and on Zoom.

**Invocation:** Chaplain Emily Kelly

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Board Member Danny Blackmon

**Roll Call:** Conducted by Secretary Adam Kennedy (virtual): Chair Sandra Taylor (in person), Vice-Chair Willie Bolton (in person), Danny Blackmon (in person), Judge Lisa Colbert (virtual), Senior Judge Quintress Gilbert (virtual), Garland Hunt (in person) Penny Penn (virtual). A quorum was declared.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda** – A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda by Vice Chair Bolton and seconded by Board Member Colbert. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**Approval of October 24, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Board Member Gilbert and seconded by Board Member Penn. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Commissioner's Report:**

- The Commissioner thanked the team for all their hard work done by the staff.
- Update on the six major projects for FY2024 and highlights:
  - o DOAA Audit
  - o Policy Update
  - o Recruitment and Retention
  - o Racial, Ethnic and Disparity
  - o Town Hall Project (Report Card Project)
  - o Customer Service Project

### **Divisional Updates:**

#### **Education:**

- Graduation Update – Being held on Tuesday, Dec 17, 2024, in Macon, Georgia
- Regular Education Pathway
- Pathway to Success GED Program

#### **Secure Facilities:**

- Youth Development Campus (YDC) Experience Secure Long-Term Facilities
- What are Youth Development Campuses
- Goals of Youth Development Campuses
- Services Provided
- Engagement
- Facility, Capacity, Location and Leadership
- Youth Population and Experience Up-close Overview of Six Youth Development Campuses
  - o Macon YDC
  - o Augusta YDC
  - o Eastman YDC
  - o Milledgeville YDC
  - o Atlanta YDC
  - o Muscogee YDC (under renovation)
- Challenges and Opportunities for Improvement
- The Way Forward

#### **Special Education:**

- o Code of Federal Regulations
- o Menu of Evidence-Based Support
- o Intake Process for Students
  
- o Eligibility Procedures/Aligned with IDEA
- o Georgia DOE State Board Rule for Incarcerated Youth

- SB440 Superior Court Length of Stay Report

### **Office of Classification**

- Classification Process Overview

### **Behavioral Health Services (OBHS)**

- Overview
- Services Offered to Youth at YDC Facilities
- OBHS Specialized Treatment Units
- Evidence Based Programs Offered at YDC Facilities
- YDC Additional Treatment Services

### **Community Services Division**

- Office of Reentry Services – Post Release Process and Follow-up
- Family Participation in Pre-Release Planning
- Reentry Process Flow
- Comprehensive Transition Plan in FY24
- The Transition Process
- Post-Release Process

### **Old Business:**

- None

### **New Business:**

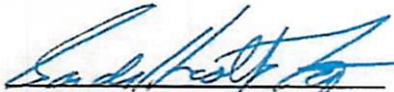
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### **Chair's Comments:**

- Chair Taylor thanked all the presenters. She hopes to have some of the Board Meetings on the road in 2025 to see some of the events that are happening at the facilities.

The next board meeting will be held at Central Office on January 23, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

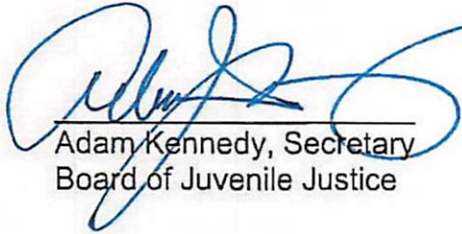
A motion was made to adjourn by Board Member Hunt and seconded by Board Member Blackmon. Meeting Adjourned.



Sandra H. Taylor, Chair  
Board of Juvenile Justice



Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb Commissioner  
Department of Juvenile Justice



Adam Kennedy, Secretary  
Board of Juvenile Justice