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**Board of Juvenile Justice &
Board of Education / Joint Board Meeting
Thursday, December 18, 2025
Board Meeting Minutes
Middle Georgia State University
Robert F Hatcher Sr. Conference Center
Macon, GA (Room 211A/211B)**

Opening Remarks:

Call to Order: On Thursday, December 18, 2025, Chair Sandra Taylor called the joint board meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education to order at approximately 11:05 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 Michael Murphy

Roll Call: Conducted by Secretary Adam Kennedy (virtual), Danny Blackmon (in-person), Vice-Chair Willie Bolton (in-person), Judge Quintress Gilbert (virtual), Tim McCulley (virtual), Dr. Garry McGiboney (in-person), and Chair Sandra Taylor (in-person). A quorum was declared.

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

Approval of October 23, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Board Member McCulley and seconded by Board Member McGiboney. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Report:

- The Commissioner thanked the staff for all the hard work they have done throughout the year and talked about the critical role that they play in the youths' lives.
- Highlights of 2025
 - o Muscogee YDC
 - o Designing Macon YDC and RYDC
 - o Milledgeville Design Process
 - o 2nd Cohort Café Momentum startup of new program
 - o Checking in on the youthful offenders who transitioned to the GA Department of Corrections.
 - o Building stronger partnerships with the Sheriffs around the state to help those who are transitioning to the adult system.
- The Commissioner thanked the Board for all they did and the support that was given to her when she lost her father.
- Announcement of the graduation ceremony following the meeting.

Divisional Updates:

Education Update – Dr. Letunya Walker (Deputy Superintendent)

- Presentation by the CTAE Director
 - o Curriculum & Assessment
 - o Special Education
 - o CTAE
 - o GED Pathway to Success
 - o Connections Graduate Program (CGP)
- Presentation by the Director Curriculum & Assessment
 - o Department of Student Support
 - o School Counseling Department
 - o PBIS
 - o Family Engagement
 - o GPA Graduation Numbers (Spring and Fall 2025)
 - o Fall TCC Earners
 - o FAST 4 Week Intensive – Focused Leadership for Immediate Student Impact
 - o 2025 DJJ School of the Year – Augusta RYDC
 - o 2025-2026 DJJ Teacher of the Year Ms. Heishe Brown
 - o Hidden Heros Award – Dr. Letunya Walker

Financial Services, Steven Williams, Chief Financial Officer

- Presentation of AFY 2026-2027 - Budget Requests

Recognition and Appreciation of Deputy Commissioner Rusty Rodgers and his achievements at DJJ

End of the Year Video

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Secretary Kennedy acknowledged that this will be Asst. Attorney General Amy Radley's last board meeting.

Chair's Comments:

- The Board thanked Ms. Radley for all the work she has contributed to the Board.
- Reminded Board of the graduation ceremony.

A motion was made by Board Member McGiboney to adjourn and seconded by Board Vice-Chair Bolton. 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