



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, December 13, 2018
Decatur, GA

Opening Remarks

Vice-Chair Sandra Heath-Taylor called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice at 10:00 am. The meeting was held at the DJJ Central Office.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Avery D. Niles, Assistant Commissioner Joe Vignati, Assistant Commissioner Sean C. Hamilton, Associate Superintendent Jean Lee, Deputy Commissioner Pamela Johnson, Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Edith E. Darden, Mary Catherine Heard, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Victor Roberts, Director Mike Barton, Ombudsman Herman Archie, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Allyson Richardson, Deputy Commissioner Sherry Shoats, Chaplain Danny Horne, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Martha Dalesio, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Lisa Mantz, William Smith, Director Scott Cagle, CFO Andrew Laarhoven, General Counsel Cindy Wang, Racquel Watson, Director Glenn Allen, Director Latera Davis, Andrew McGee, Tomika Grigsby, Director Chris Wood, Cathy Dravis, Deputy Commissioner Catina Martin-Fenner, Deputy Commissioner Pamela Johnson, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Audrey Stokes, Deputy Commissioner Margaret Cawood, Helen Troutt, Dana Phillips, Dr. Christy Doyle, Karon Swars, Michael Rouse, Roderick Crawford, Shawn Swain, Kim Holley, Richard Lindsey, Teri Stripling, Sophia Thomas, Michael Hall, Director Joan Quinn-Cannon, Tania Appling, Emily Kelly, Tracy Cassell, Jennifer Statham, Director Debaja Coleman, Tricia Phillips, John Thomason, Lauren Gean, Carolene Maddox, Rolland Hinkins, C. Johnson, Richard Fox

Others Present: Rebecca Dobras, Attorney General's Office

Secretary's Report: Secretary Adam Kennedy conducted the Roll Call. The following members were present: Willie Bolton, Adam Kennedy, Julia Neighbors, Elaine Snow, Fred Stephens (teleconference), Sandra H. Taylor, Judge Lisa G. Colbert, Spurgeon Ambrose, John Edwards (teleconference), Penny Penn (teleconference), Dick Yarbrough and Judge Quintress Gilbert

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

Vice-Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2018 Board Meeting. A motion was made by the Board member Yarbrough and seconded by Board member Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioner's Report was previously submitted to the Board via email and it was included in the Board materials. Commissioner Niles presented his report to the Board.

The following topics were discussed:

Due to a previously scheduled meeting, Commissioner Niles arrived late. Assistant Commissioner Vignati presented the Commissioner's report and Commissioner Niles finished the report upon his arrival.

The Faithful Service awards were presented by HR Manager, Ms. Jennifer Statham. There were seven recipients.

Assistant Commissioner Vignati provided the new staff updates. Deputy Chief Financial Officer Sophia Thomas, Agency Procurement Officer John Thomason, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Secure Campuses Shawn Swain, and Director of Victim Services Debaja Coleman addressed the Board.

Teri Stripling, Real Estate and Property Insurance Manager, presented on the proposed Board Resolution regarding the surplus and conveyance of the old training building (located outside of the fenced area of the Milledgeville Youth Development Campus) to the Baldwin County Governing Authority. The proposed resolution also included a permanent ingress and egress easement to Baldwin County **(Addendums A & B)**.

Board member Bolton moved for the adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Secretary Kennedy and passed unanimously.

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

Vice-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 Yarbrough and seconded by Board Member Colbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education

Associate Superintendent Jean Lee updated the Board on the upcoming youth graduation and presented the Teacher of the Year Award Recipient Kim Holley, Rockdale Regional Youth Detention Center. Mr. Holley addressed the Board.

Vice-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 Yarbrough and seconded by Board member Colbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

No old business

Comments:

Vice-Chair Taylor thanked everyone for their participation in the Board meetings and encouraged them to participate more in the agency events.

Commissioner Niles mentioned the Cadwell facility opening. Board member Bolton commended the engineering staff. Commissioner Niles announced Assistant Commissioner Vignati's impending retirement. The Board commended his work. Assistant Commissioner Joe Vignati addressed the Board.

New Business:

No new business

Comments:

Judge Colbert announced a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new multi-agency resource center in Chatham County.

Vice-Chair Taylor announced that the next Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, January 24th, 2019 at 10:00 am, DJJ Central Office, Decatur, GA.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sandra Heath-Taylor, Vice-Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Avery D. Niles, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Board Secretary
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