



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, December 12, 2019
Decatur, GA

Opening Remarks

Chair Taylor called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice at 10:03 am. The meeting was held at the DJJ Central Office, Decatur, GA.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Tyrone Oliver, Chief of Staff Mark J. Mitchell, Assistant Commissioner Sean C. Hamilton, DC Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Zane Shelfer, Doris Patterson, Carolene Maddox, Ombudsman Herman Archie, DC Victor Roberts, ADC Rusty Rodgers, Director Latera Davis, Tracy Cassell, Chris Wood, DC Pamela Johnson, Dr. Letunya Walker, Director Scott Cagle, Director Glenn Allen, Director Zach Louis, Barry Ogletree, Doricia Thompson, Janssen Robinson, Director Dana Kilpatrick, Steven Carter-Williams, Andrew McGee, Edward Butler, Caitlyn Weber, Marcia Pfister, Jewell Jackson, ADC Lisa Mantz, Debaja Coleman, Director Joan Quin-Cannon, ADC Michael McNeely, Tricia Phillips, Helen Troutt, Dr. Michelle Staples-Horne, Marissa Durkin, Robbin Pickerson, Rhonda Bundge, Sonya Davis, Robb Gilstrap, Kim Simmons, Tommy Brown, Julie Nelson, Stephanie Argo, Jeff Johnson, Natasha Harris, Herman Oglesby Jr., Malissa Brinsen, Selma W. Calloway, Teri Stripling, Aaron Howard, Jesse Floyd, Susan Miller, Tora Pierce, Kacey Evans, Terry Lee, Debaja Coleman, Monaletto C. Irby, Carrie T. Hamilton-Shavers, Cathy Dravis, Janese Smith, Stephanie L. Smith, Christina Brown, Emily Kelly, Dr. Monica Henson, Kenny Stewart, Michael Clark, Yolanda Wilson, Gail Tolbert-Smith, Kiara Williams, Geretta Benjamin, Hilroy Wilson, Racquel Watson, Larkin Cook, B. Keith Jones, Zatonya Gates

Others Present: Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; KeKie Silvio, Voices for GA's children

Secretary's Report: Secretary Adam Kennedy conducted the Roll Call. The following members were present: Danny Blackmon, Sandra H. Taylor, Judge Lisa G. Colbert, Adam Kennedy, Dick Yarbrough, Dr. Thomas Coleman, Penny Penn, James Valbrun, Willie C. Bolton, Margaret Kaiser

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

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2019 Board meeting. A motion was made by Board member Colbert and seconded by Board member Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report:

The Commissioner's Report was included in the Board materials. Commissioner Tyrone Oliver presented the report to the Board.

The following topics were discussed:

Commissioner Tyrone Oliver updated the board on recent staffing changes. The Commissioner introduced the new Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Monica Henson.

Human Resources Director Dana Kilpatrick presented the Faithful Service Awards.

Real Estate and Property Insurance Manager, Ms. Teri Stripling presented the board with Real estate resolutions: 1) regarding the Eastman RYDC surplus request, Vice-Chair Bolton moved for adoption, and Secretary Kennedy seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. 2) Regarding the lease of the former Paulding RYDC, Secretary Kennedy moved for adoption, Vice-Chair Bolton seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. 3) Regarding the Johnson State Prison custody transfer request, Board member Yarbrough moved for adoption, Secretary Kennedy seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Oliver gave youth admission and release data. Chair Taylor asked about the training reimbursement agreements. Secretary Kennedy and Judge Colbert asked about youth awaiting residential (both secure and nonsecure) placements.

Commissioner Oliver mentioned two facilities (Elbert Shaw RYDC and Bob Richards RYDC) receiving top scores during the ACA accreditation audits. He also presented on the LEAP graduation ceremony. Judge Colbert commended the staff. Chair Taylor would like a status update on the graduates. Board member Yarbrough would like to highlight the youth achievements. He also asked about the Department's internship programs. The Board would like to know more about them and the total number of interns and volunteers. Commissioner Oliver also mentioned the Department's state charitable contributions, the youths' December graduation ceremony, and the Department's participation in the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) "Secret Santa Program." The Commissioner gave a brief update on the Employee Exit Interview process, and he invited the Board to the holiday luncheon following the meeting.

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

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 Colbert and seconded by Board member Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education:

Interim Associate Superintendent Dr. Rufus Johnson was recognized. New Deputy Superintendent Monica Henson addressed the Board. Assistant Deputy Superintendent Zane Shelfer presented the graduation statistics. Judge Colbert wanted information on the students on IEPs, reading levels, etc. Chair Taylor would like a report. Assistant Deputy Superintendent Letunya Walker presented the Teacher of the Year finalists and Teacher of the Year. The Board commended them.

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 Kennedy and seconded by Board member Colbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Comments:

Chair Taylor encouraged the Board to attend the graduation ceremony. She also mentioned the thank you card for Board member Chair Elaine Snow for her service as the former Board Chair.

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

No new business

Comments:

Secretary Kennedy moved for Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters. Board member Dr. Coleman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. After session, Dr. Coleman moved to resume regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Board member Valbrun and approved unanimously.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be on January 23, 2020, at 10 AM in the Central Office, Decatur, GA 30032.

Sandra H. Taylor, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Board Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice