



## **Board Meeting Summary February 25, 2021 (Audio/Zoom Conference)**

### **Motions and Other Business:**

1. Chair Sandra Taylor called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 10:00 AM.
2. Board Member Angie Holt moved for approval of the agenda. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
3. Board Member Dick Yarbrough moved for approval of the January 28, 2021 meeting minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
4. Commissioner Tyrone Oliver updated the Board on the legislative session and COVID-19. He also specially recognized Judicial Advisory Council Member Judge Quintress Gilbert on her senior judge status and officers from the Augusta RYDC for their life-saving efforts.
5. Director of Engineering and Construction Services Joan Quinn-Cannon presented on the need for possibly demolishing the former Gwinnett RYDC facility. The Board adopted a resolution to authorize the Commissioner to take the steps necessary to effectuate the demolition if that would best serve the interests of the state.
6. Director of Re-Entry Services Dr. Keith Jones discussed DJJ's Re-Entry Services. Dr. Jones introduced Assistant Director of Re-Entry Services, Cathy Smith-Curry, who presented on community partnerships that assist youth in transitioning back into the community. Ms. Smith-Curry introduced Xavier Jennings, who discussed how he was formerly detained at DJJ and how the Georgia Youth Mentoring Program helped him succeed. Dr. Rashad Richey with the Office of Re-Entry Services presented on some of DJJ's key initiatives: "Operation C.O.R.E." and "F.R.E.S.H. Start Youth Initiative."

7. Board Member Yarbrough moved to adjourn the Board of Juvenile of Justice meeting and reconvene as the Board of Education. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
8. Deputy Superintendent Zane Shelfer talked about the education dashboard and current job vacancies. He also presented on DJJ's newest online school program called "Georgia Preparatory Academy Online."
9. Board Member Thomas Coleman moved to adjourn the Board of Education and to reconvene as the Board of Juvenile Justice. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
10. Chair Comments: Chair Taylor announced that the Board is continuing to monitor COVID-19 conditions to determine whether to return to in-person meetings.
11. Old Business: No old business
12. New Business: No new business
13. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be on March 25, 2021, at 10:00 AM.

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Cindy Wang, General Counsel