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**Board of Juvenile Justice &
Board of Education / Joint Board Meeting
Thursday, February 22, 2024
Board Meeting Minutes
(In-Person and Zoom Conference)**

Opening Remarks:

Call to Order: On Thursday, February 22, 2024, Chair Sandra Taylor called the joint board meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education to order at approximately 10:00 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.

(Guests are noted in the sign-in sheet.)

Invocation: Chaplain Emily Kelly

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Secretary Adam Kennedy.

Introduction of New Board Members: Michael Murphy and Scotty Hancock.

Roll Call: Conducted by Secretary Adam Kennedy: Chair Sandra Taylor (in-person), Vice-Chair Willie Bolton (in-person), Danny Blackmon (in-person), Lisa Colbert (in-person), Thomas Coleman (Zoom), Quintress Gilbert (in-person), Scotty Hancock (in-person), Garland Hunt (Zoom), Margaret Kaiser (Zoom), Timothy McCulley (Zoom), Michael Murphy (in-person), Penny Penn (in-person), and Fred Stephens (in-person). 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 Gilbert, Board Member Murphy abstained. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of January 25, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Board Member Gilbert and seconded by Board Member Penn, Board Member Murphy abstained. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Report:

Legislative Session

- The budget hearings have been going well. DJJ has the support of the Governor and so many members of the General Assembly.
- Margaret Cawood continues to serve as the Community and Legislative Liaison at the Capitol representing the agency. The "Raise the Age" bill is still pending. The agency is prepared to provide any information requested by the General Assembly.
- On February 9, 2024, 39 cadets graduated from BJCOT.
- We had one of our final meetings with Deloitte regarding our policies.
- On Tuesday, February 20, 2024, we had our first Virtual Town Hall Meeting for the year.
- Recognized RA Samuel Roper for his heroic and good Samaritan deed.
- Our Engineering and Construction Team was recognized for their work on the Gwinnett CSEC project.

Introduction of the members in the audience.

Education Update

Overview of Connections Graduate Program

- Population
- Programs
- GSU Pre-College Courses
- Kennesaw State Therapeutic Arts Program
- Partnerships and Transitional Goals
- Program Testimonials
- Questions and Answers

Division of Community Services

Interstate Compact for Juveniles

- Authority of the Compact
- The Interstate Commission
- State Roles
- State Compact Office & Functions
- State Council
- When to Apply Interstate Compact
- ICJ Returns
- Transportation and Airport Surveillance
- Transfer of Supervision
- Supervision/Service Requirements
- Incoming Supervision Request
- Submitting Violations or Absconded Reports
- Outgoing Supervision Request

- Travel Permits
- Statistics
- Questions and Answers

CSEC Project

- Overview of CSEC Project
- Introduction of entire team
- Questions and Answers

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Chair's Comments:

- Chair Taylor thanked everyone for their great presentations and the dedication shown by all.

Motion to adjourn by Board member Colbert and seconded by Secretary Kennedy.
Motion was unopposed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sandra H. Taylor, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice