



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, January 24, 2019
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 Sean C. Hamilton, Associate Superintendent Jean Lee, Deputy Commissioner Pamela Johnson, Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Edith E. Darden, LaVeta Hughes, 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, Director Chris Wood, Deputy Commissioner Catina Martin-Fenner, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Victor Roberts, Deputy Commissioner Pamela Johnson, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Audrey Stokes, Deputy Commissioner Margaret Cawood, Helen Troutt, Dr. Christy Doyle, , Assistant Deputy Commissioner Shawn Swain, Sophia Thomas, Director Joan Quinn-Cannon, Jennifer Statham, Director Debaja Coleman, Tricia Phillips, Carolene Maddox, Assistant Director Dana Kilpatrick, Dr. Letunya Walker, Jim Shuler, Tara Green, Kawana Flowers, Carol J. Yancey, Hallie Andrews, Tora Pierce, Monoletto Irby, Kiara Williams, Montaeaya Dixon, Tamara Mays, Tracy Owens, Leonard Addison

Others Present: Rebecca Dobras, Attorney General's Office, Bruce Yancey (Guest), Andy Pierrotti (WXIA), David Brooks (WXIA), Alex Borovsky (Barton Center)

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

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

Vice-Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018 Board Meeting. A motion was made by the Board member Yarbrough and seconded by Board member Holt. 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:

He talked about the opening for Cadwell RYDC and invited Board members to visit the facilities. Commissioner Niles also gave new staff and Board updates. Board member Kelly Stewart will not be renewing her term. The agency has a new director for Augusta YDC and a new Deputy HR Director.

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

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 Holt and seconded by Board Member Colbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education

Associate Superintendent Dr. Jean Lee updated the Board on the students who have successfully completed the Smart Driver Program. She also discussed the technical programs and partnering with Community Services' Re-Entry division and probation officers to see which students have used their technical certification to obtain jobs in the community.

The Board commended staff's efforts as well as the great technical school system in Georgia. The efficacy and enrollment numbers of the Education Transition Centers (ETCs) were discussed.

The Commissioner mentioned the new ETC in Columbus, GA.

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 Kennedy and seconded by Board member Edwards. 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. Vice-Chair Taylor asked for condolences to Chair Elaine Snow and her family on the loss of her Mother.

New Business:

No new business

Comments:

The Board asked that the Community Services division present at the next Board meeting.

Vice-Chair Taylor announced that the next Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, February 28th, 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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