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**Board of Juvenile Justice &
Board of Education / Joint Board Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2026
Board Meeting Minutes**

Opening Remarks:

Call to Order: On Thursday, January 22, 2026, Chair Sandra Taylor called the joint board meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education to order at approximately 10:02 AM. The meeting was held solely by Zoom.

DJJ Staff Present: Assistant Commissioner Pamela Hill, DJJ Executive Team Members, and various DJJ Staff Members.

Other Attendees: Senior Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Crowder and Assistant Attorney General Shanna-Kay Gibbs. Other guests on Zoom.

Invocation: Chaplain Emily Kelly

Pledge of Allegiance: Board Chair Sandra Taylor

Roll Call: Conducted by Secretary Adam Kennedy: Danny Blackmon, Vice-Chair Willie Bolton, Sr. Judge Quintress Gilbert, Garland Hunt, Tim McCulley, Dr. Garry McGiboney, Michael Murphy, Penny Penn, Fred Stephens, and Chair Taylor. All attended virtually. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda by Board Member Blackmon and seconded by Board Member McCully. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of December 18, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Board Member Gilbert and seconded by Vice-Chair Bolton. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Report:

Assistant Commissioner (AC) Pamela Hill wished everyone a happy New Year. She gave the Commissioner's Report since Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb was presenting the agency's budget to the General Assembly. The Agency continues to stay focused on its mission; and more importantly, meeting the needs of the youth and staff.

The Agency is not sponsoring any legislation at this time but will continue to stay engaged and participate in committee meetings on issues that impact the Agency.

At the last board meeting, CFO Steven Williams gave an update on the budget and matters relating to the budget.

AC Hill extended her thanks to the board members and the DJJ team in helping to fulfill the mission here at DJJ.

Divisional Updates:

Education Update – Dr. Letunya Walker and Deputy Commissioner Lisa Mantz

- Proposed 2026-2027 School Calendar for the DJJ School System for the Board's review and approval.
- Review of the instructional days of the calendar.
- Overview of school breaks of calendar year and what is available for the youth during this time.

A motion was made to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar by Board Secretary Kennedy and seconded by Vice-Chair Bolton. The 2026-2027 School Calendar was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- General Counsel Cindy Wang introduced Senior Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Crowder and Assistant Attorney General Shanna-Kay Gibbs. They, along with other members of the Attorney General's Office, will be covering the board meetings.

Chair's Comments:

- Chair Taylor mentioned that it is vital for the agency to be well represented at the legislature. It is a lot of work for those team members who are present to stay on

top of what goes on there. Thanks to everyone who is working on informing the legislature and to please pass along the Board's appreciation for the DJJ representatives presenting on the budget

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- The next board meeting is February 26, 2026, in-person at Central Office at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made to adjourn by Board Member Gilbert and seconded by Secretary Kennedy. Meeting Adjourned.

Sandra H. Taylor, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Pamela Hill, Assistant Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice