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Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, January 22, 2015

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Opening Remarks

Chair Elaine P. Snow called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. The meeting was held at the Department of Juvenile Justice Headquarters in Decatur, GA.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Avery D. Niles; Assistant Commissioner Mark Sexton; Director Tracy Masters; Deputy Commissioner Michael McNeely; Deputy Commissioner Carl Brown; Deputy Commissioner Sarah Draper; Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb; Deputy Commissioner Miguel Fernandez; Deputy Commissioner Jeffrey Chandler; Director John T. Smith; Associate Superintendent Audrey Armistad; CFO Sonja R. Allen; Chaplain Danny Horne; Director Nadine Crocker; Ombudsman Debbie Carter; Acting Director Andrew Laarhoven; Director Allyson Richardson; Director Joan Quinn-Cannon; Melody Stanfield; Alline Wade-Simon; Catherine Ice; Bonita Jackson; Shanna Buchanan; Schwanda Nicole Hood; Natasha Bray; Sabrina Scott; Toni Driskell; Ashley Evans; Carla Slaton; Brandy Hicks; Jennifer DeWeese; Felicia Wyms; Deborah Barges; Dale Barfield; Chrissy Kaczynski; Assistant Deputy Commissioner Diana Aspinwall; Director Barry Shepherd; Teri Stripling; Clint Aleong; Edwards Adams; Martez Austin; Michael Felgenhauer; David Schwartz; Sharon Wilson; Spencer Gaudet; John Pearson; Director Lisa Casey Bryson; Sharon Starks; Director Jim Shuler; Janssen Robinson; Matthew Montgomery and Edith Guilford.

Others Present: Mindy Park, Attorney General's Office; Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; Savannah Siniarel, Concerned Citizen and Melissa Hargrove; Noreaco.

Secretary's Report: Chair Snow asked Secretary Kennedy to conduct the Roll Call. The following members were present: Willie C. Bolton; Thomas Coleman; John B. Edwards; Angie Holt; Secretary Adam Kennedy; Franklin Rozier; Chair Elaine P. Snow; Fred Stephens; Sandra Taylor and Dick Yarbrough. Advisory Council Members Quintress Gilbert and Steven Teske were present as well.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the current agenda. A motion was made by Board Member Holt and seconded by Board Member Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2014. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Bolton and seconded by Board Member Ambrose. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Niles discussed the following topics:

- The January 31, 2014 deadline for the Board Members to complete their Affidavit of Public Officer.
- Governor Deal's Briefing regarding his proposal to consolidate community supervision by creating a Board of Community Supervision and the Department of Community Supervision. For additional details on this topic, please see **Addendum A**.
- Limiting individual disciplinary restrictions to room in the Department of Juvenile Justice. For additional details, see **Addendum B**.

Deputy Commissioner Miguel Fernandez gave an overview of the programming of the Milledgeville Intensive Treatment Unit and the Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports (PBIS).

Deputy Commissioner Jeffrey Chandler gave an update on the Professional Development Course that was recently held by the Division of Security Facilities.

Recognition was given to the following individuals:

- Chrissy Kaczynski, Central Office January 2015 Employee of the Month
- Director Allyson Richardson and her Team for their outstanding job in coordinating the 2014 State Charitable Contributions Program and leading the efforts to raise a total of \$26,829 for 2014
- Director Joan Quinn-Cannon for her leadership in the completion of the Milledgeville ITU project
- Michael Felgenhauer for his efforts as Project Manager of the Milledgeville ITU project

Board of Education

Chair Snow asked for a motion to adjourn from the regular DJJ Board and reconvene as the DJJ School Board. A motion was made by Board Member Yarbrough and seconded by Board Member Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.

Associate Superintendent Armistad briefed the Board on the following topics:

- Teacher Vacancies
- Curriculum
- E-Core
- Education Transition Center

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Chair's Comment

Chair Snow stated the DJJ Board Member Training is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015. The location is the UGA Hotel/Conference Center 1197 South Lumpkin Street, Athens, Georgia 30602-3603. The February Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at the same location. All that desire to may arrive on Monday, February 23, 2015.

The April Board Meeting will be held in Glenville, Georgia. More details will be provided at a later date.

Old Business

There was no Old Business before the Board.

New Business

Board Member Dick Yarbrough reported that he had been appointed to the Education Reform Commission.

Board Member Frank Rozier announced that he had recently retired from his position as a State Court Judge in Pierce County, Georgia after 34 years of service.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at the UGA Hotel & Conference Center, 1197 South Lumpkin Street, Athens, Georgia.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine P. Snow, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

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Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy
Board Secretary