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Board Meeting Summary July 22, 2021 (DJJ Central Office and via Audio/Zoom Conference)

Motions and Other Business:

- 1. Chair Sandra Taylor called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 10:00 AM.
- 2. Vice-Chair Willie C. Bolton moved for the approval of the agenda. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 3. Board Member Fred Stephens moved for the approval of the June 24, 2021 minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 4. Chair Taylor opened the meeting by recognizing and welcoming new Board Member Joyette Holmes.
- 5. Board Member Thomas Coleman moved for adoption of the full slate of board officers: Taylor as Chairperson, Bolton as Vice-Chair, and Adam Kennedy as Secretary. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.
- Commissioner Tyrone Oliver welcomed new Board Member Holmes. He recognized the re-appointment of Board members Gary Yandura, Stephens, Coleman, Bolton, and Penny Penn.
- Commissioner Oliver gave an update on the FY2022 budget. He also recognized Medical Director Dr. Michelle Staples-Horne, Director of Health Care Services (AU) Ben Harvill, and Chief of Nutrition and Food Services Stephanie Henesy for their service with distinction during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Deputy Commissioner of Community Services Victor Roberts introduced the Division of Community Services presenters: Assistant Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Rusty Rodgers, Director of Residential and Community-Based Services Racquel Watson, Director of Re-Entry Services Cathy Smith-Curry, and Operations Director Tricia Phillips. Each team member discussed the daily operations within their division.

- 9. Board Member Penn moved to adjourn the Board of Juvenile Justice meeting and reconvene as the Board of Education. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 10. Deputy Superintendent Zane Shelfer introduced community partners Margaret Baldwin (Kennesaw State University [KSU]) and Rodney Williams (Alliance Theatre). Both partners collaborated to create a workshop called the "Metro Collison Program." The workshop was conducted at the Metro Regional Youth Detention Center. Lance Brown (KSU peer mentor) recited selected youth projects.
- 11. Secretary Kennedy moved to adjourn the Board of Education and to reconvene as the Board of Juvenile Justice. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 12. Chair Comments: Chair Taylor encouraged board members to communicate with the Commissioner about agency challenges.
- 13. Old Business: No old business
- 14. New Business: No new business
- 15. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be on August 26, 2021, at 10:00 AM.

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