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Board of Juvenile Justice & Board of Education / Joint Board Meeting Thursday, July 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes (In-Person and Zoom Conference)

Opening Remarks:

Call to Order: On Thursday, July 25, 2024, Chair Sandra Taylor called the joint board meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education to order at approximately 10:01 AM. The meeting was held in-person and by Zoom.

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

Invocation: Emily Kelly, Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chair Taylor.

Roll Call: Conducted by Secretary Adam Kennedy (virtual): Chair Taylor (in person), Vice-Chair Willie Bolton (in person), Danny Blackmon (in person), Senior Judge Quintress Gilbert (virtual), Judge Lisa Colbert (virtual), 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 Board Member Colbert and seconded by Board Member Penn. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of June 27, 2024, 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 Pamela Hill):

CrowdStrike Outage – There are still some end-users who remain impacted by the outage, but our IT department is working diligently to get all end-users back online as soon as possible. AC Hill recognized the work of the Administrative Services and IT staff members for working so diligently to restore services statewide.

BJCOT Graduation – There were 44 cadets who graduated from Class 269 to become certified JCOs.

School Resource Officers – There were four school resource officers sworn in this July. We anticipate six more school resource officers starting August 16, 2024.

This week is National Pre-Trial & Probation & Parole Supervision week.

Employee Engagement Forums – These forums were established for the front-line staff to have the opportunity to communicate their concerns, suggestions, ideas and successes to the Executive Staff.

Educational Professional Learning Conference – This conference was held last week. The primary focus was on their major objectives for the school year.

AC Hill thanked the Board and Staff for their continued support and dedication.

Education Update: Dr. Letunya Walker, Deputy Superintendent

- Dr. Walker thanked the Board for their support.
- She presented on the School System Data Dashboard and their hiring and recruiting efforts.
- Project Based Learning Overview

Office of Communications: Glenn Allen, Director, Office of Communications

- Overview of goals and initiatives
- Use of social media
- Advertisements, platforms used and their impact
- Internal and external communications
- Video production and how it serves our Agency

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- None.

Chair's Comments:

- An email was sent out to the Board regarding the date for the tentative board training. Chair Taylor stressed the importance of these training sessions especially for new members.

The next board meeting will be held on August 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

A motion was made to adjourn by Board Member Murphy and seconded by Board Member Penn.

Meeting adjourned.

Sandra H. Taylor, Chair

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Adam Kennedy, Secretary Board/of Juvenile Justice