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**BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**  
**July 17, 2019**

Members Present: Vice-Chair Sandra Taylor (presiding), Secretary Adam Kennedy, Willie C. Bolton, Judge Lisa Colbert, Angie Holt, John Edwards, Dick Yarbrough, Dr. Thomas Coleman, Danny Lee Blackmon, Penny Penn (via telephone conference), and Fred Stephens. Judicial Advisory Council Member Judge Steve Teske was also present.

**Motions and Other Business:**

1. Vice-Chair Taylor called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Secretary Kennedy called the roll.
2. A motion to amend the July 17, 2019 agenda was made and seconded. The motion was withdrawn to allow Commissioner Avery D. Niles to address the Board. Then the motion to amend was made again, seconded, and approved unanimously.
3. Commissioner Niles tendered his resignation and briefly remarked on his time with the Department and his current college enrollment status.
4. Judge Teske commended Commissioner Niles on improving the relationship between the Department and the juvenile court judges.
5. A motion to amend the agenda and to go into an executive session was made, seconded, and adopted unanimously. (A prior motion was withdrawn to allow Judge Teske to speak.)
6. After the executive session concluded, the agenda was twice amended to handle the personnel matter. The motions were seconded and approved unanimously.
7. The Board unanimously voted to not accept Commissioner Niles's resignation as tendered and voted to remove him immediately, pending approval by the Governor's Office.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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