



Board of Juvenile Justice  
Thursday, July 24, 2014  
10:00 AM

Department of Juvenile Justice  
3408 Covington Highway  
Decatur, GA 30032

### Opening Remarks

Chair Elaine 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; Director Allyson Richardson; Director John Gee; Janssen Robinson; Chaplain Danny Horne; Associate Superintendent Audrey Armistad; Director Tracy D. Masters; Deputy Commissioner Sarah Draper; Director Ricky Rich; Assistant Deputy Commissioner Joe Vignati; Director David Schwartz; Deputy Commissioner Michael McNeely; Director John T. Smith; Deputy Commissioner Carl Brown; Assistant Deputy Commissioner Gary Tolar; Sharon Starks; Assistant Deputy Commissioner Miguel Fernandez; CFO Sonja R. Allen; Director Joan Quinn-Cannon; Assistant Deputy Commissioner Diana Aspinwall; Dr. Michelle Staples-Horne; Director Debbie Alexander-Carter; Director B. Keith Jones; Sonya Love; Edith Guilford; Larry Black and Director Jim Shuler.

**Others Present:** Tanya Jackson, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget; Matt Ogles, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget; Maya Chaudhuri, Southern Center for Human Rights; Mindy Park, Attorney General's Office; Helen Sloat, Nelson Mullins and LoClar T. DeLoatch, Concerned Parent.

**Secretary's Report:** Chair Snow asked Board Member Fred Stephens to conduct the Roll Call. The following Members were present: Willie C. Bolton, Thomas Coleman, Danny Porter, Angie Holt, Franklin Rozier, Elaine P. Snow, Fred Stephens, Kelly Stewart and Dick Yarbrough. Advisory Council Members Quintress Gilbert and Steve Teske were present as well.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the current meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Holt and seconded by Board Member Coleman.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2014 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Holt and seconded by Board Member Rozier.

### **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Niles discussed the following topics during his report:

- Recruitment efforts
- Pay increases for Juvenile Correctional Officers
- Overtime for Officers working at Sumter and Eastman YDC

Assistant Deputy Commissioner Diana Aspinwall gave an overview of the Detention Assessment Instrument. For additional details, see **Addendum A**. Upon completion of the presentation, Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the Revised Detention Assessment Instrument. 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 adjourn from the Regular DJJ Board Meeting and reconvene as the DJJ School Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Bolton and seconded by Board Member Yarbrough. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Board of Education**

Associate Superintendent Armistad stated the Office of Education would like to begin the new school year using a numerical grading scale and weights. For additional details, see **Addendum B**. After this topic was discussed, Chair Snow asked the Board for a motion to approve the implementation of a grading scale and weight instrument. A motion was made by Board Member Porter and seconded by Board Member Stephens. The motion carried unanimously.

Associate Superintendent Armistad discussed the standardized test scores and the monthly education dashboard. For additional information on these topics, please see **Addendum C and Addendum D**.

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

### **Chair's Comment**

Chair Snow thanked the Board for their comments and participation at this Board Meeting. She encouraged them to continue giving their input each month. Board Member Bolton commended the DJJ Staff on the direction the agency is moving in from a law enforcement perspective. Chair Snow also commended the DJJ Staff on the great job we are doing as an agency.

**Old Business**

There was no Old Business before the Board.

**New Business**

There was no new business before the Board.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the Department of Juvenile Justice Headquarters.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Elaine P. Snow, Chair  
Board of Juvenile Justice

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Avery D. Niles  
Commissioner

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Adam Kennedy  
Board Secretary