## Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Commissioner



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## Board Meeting Summary June 22, 2023 (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, June 22, 2023, at approximately 10:00 AM.
- 2. Board member Quintress Gilbert moved to amend the agenda to include an executive session. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 3. Board Member Margaret Kaiser moved to approve the May 25, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 4. Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb discussed the following:
  - Graduations
  - Recruitment efforts
  - Quarterly virtual Town Hall Meetings will be held 6/28/23 and 6/30/23
  - Internal Meetings will be held as a result of the Town Hall Meeting.
  - Statewide HITS Meeting and the results of that meeting.
  - Building a stronger partnership with our sister agencies such as:
    - DFACS working to recreate the agreement to ensure cases are staffed prior to court, and that we are advocating for our youth and providing needed services.
    - DCH advocating for more mental health servies and making sure that Amerigroup will look for a bed for our youth when needed.
    - DBHDD The Commissioner attended a meeting which resulted in including our youth in their peer mentoring program.
  - Training this is an important part of DJJ. The Commissioner will advocate for and support our staffs' training needs.
- 5. Deputy Superintendent Zane Shelfer provided the education dashboard.
- 6. Education Presentation (Dr. Barbara Franklin)
  - o Online testing update with student, staff and central office experiences.
  - o Vaping curriculum is now part of summer program.

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- Human trafficking DJJ's goal is to teach the difference between Human Trafficking and Sex Trafficking and promote online safety.
- End of Course Testing was discussed by Deputy Superintendent Shelfer as well as other initiatives.
- 7. Division of Administrative Services gave updates on HR stats and initiatives.
- 8. No old business.
- 9. New Business:
  - Declaration of Board Officers Nominees
  - Board Member Fred Stephens moved to close the nominations, and it was seconded by Board Member Joyette Holmes. Motion was approved unanimously.
- 10. Retirement recognition of Margaret Cawood. She will continue to support DJJ on a PT basis as the legislative liaison.
- 11. Motion for Executive Session made by Board Secretary Adam Kennedy and seconded by Board Member Holmes. Motion was approved unanimously.
- 12. Upon return from executive session and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be on July 27, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

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