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**Board of Juvenile Justice &
Board of Education / Joint Board Meeting
Thursday, June 27, 2024
Board Meeting Minutes
(In-Person and Zoom Conference)**

Opening Remarks:

Call to Order: On Thursday, June 27, 2024, Chair Sandra Taylor called the joint board meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education to order at approximately 10:05 AM. The meeting was held in-person and via audio/Zoom conference.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, DJJ Executive Team Members, and various DJJ Staff Members.

Invocation Special Student Guest

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chair Taylor.

Roll Call: Conducted by Secretary Adam Kennedy (virtual): Chair Taylor (in person), Vice-Chair Willie Bolton (virtual), Sr. Judge Quintress Gilbert (in person), Garland Hunt (in person), 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 Penn and seconded by Board Member Murphy. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of May 23, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Board Member Gilbert and seconded by Board Member Hunt. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Report:

- The Commissioner thanked the staff for everything that they do daily to make sure that the mission of the organization is fulfilled. She also extended appreciation to the Board Members for their continued support and for supporting staff and youth.
- Recognized again Pamela Hill for her promotion to the Assistant Commissioner/Chief of Staff position.
- She also recognized staff for graduating from the 2Gen Academy.
- The Commissioner talked about the youth's art exhibit at the High Museum of Art and gave an update on the Café Momentum Program.
- The Commissioner also talked about the Town Hall meeting and various staff events.

Education Update: Dr. Letunya Walker, Deputy Superintendent

- Dr. Walker thanked the Board for their support.
- She presented on the School System Data Dashboard and what is currently being done traditionally and non-traditionally in their hiring process to recruit more staff.

Education Presentations:

- Macon YDC Mobile Welding Lab Spring 2024 – The CTAE Director presented the mobile welding program, and special guests included both faculty and students from the program.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:


- Board Member Murphy suggested adding an item for any board comments.
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Chair's Comments:

- The date for the training for Board Members is still in progress. Chair Taylor stressed the importance for participation by Board Members in these training sessions – especially for the new members.

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


Meeting adjourned.



Sandra H. Taylor, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice



Adam Kennedy, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice



Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice