



Board of Juvenile Justice  
Thursday, June 23, 2016  
DJJ Headquarters  
10:00 AM

### Opening Remarks

Chair Elaine Snow called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. The meeting was held at the DJJ Headquarters, 3408 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30032.

**DJJ Staff Present:** Chief of Staff Mark Sexton, Janssen Robinson, Matthew Montgomery, CFO Sonja R. Allen-Smith, Deputy Commissioner Miguel Fernandez, Principal Angela Burse, Dr. Rufus Johnson, Tamara Middlebrooks, Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Deputy Commissioner Joe Vignati, Director Ricky Rich, Deputy Commissioner Sarah Draper, General Counsel Cindy Wang, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Theodore Carter, Jr., Assistant Deputy Commissioner Debbie Carter, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Gary Tolar, Dr. Letunya Walker, Director Lisa Bryson, Tomika Grigsby, Director Catina Martin-Fenner, Dr. Roy Davenport, Chaplain Jonathan Wesley, Deputy Director Cathy Raissle, Director Joan Quinn-Cannon, Director Allyson Richardson, Director John T. Smith, Sharon D. Starks, Edith Guilford, SMRT Officer Paul Wilson, SMRT Office Travis Leming and SMRT Officer Jennie Carson.

**Others Present:** DJJ Youth M.G., DJJ Youth A. T., Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; Brian Lawler, Office of Planning and Budget, Jimmy Neason, Private Citizen and Helen Sloat, Nelson & Mullins.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Adam Kennedy conducted the Roll Call. The following members were present: Spurgeon Ambrose, Willie C. Bolton, Lisa Colbert, Angie Holt, Adam Kennedy, Danny Porter, Elaine Snow, Fred Stephens and Sandra Taylor. John Edwards participated via teleconference. Advisory Council Member Quintress Gilbert participated via teleconference as well.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the current agenda. A motion was made by Board Member Holt and seconded by Board Member Colbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2016 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Bolton and seconded by Board Member Colbert. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Niles previously submitted his written report which is included in materials given to the Board. The Commissioner participated via telephone, briefly. Assistant Commissioner Sexton covered the remainder of his report.

Tamara Middlebrooks of the Division of Community Services updated the Board on School-Based Supervision. For additional details on this topic, please see **Addendum A**.

General Counsel Cindy Wang provided a brief update regarding the Standing Committee on Policy Review and Board Rules on the Department of Community Supervision transfer, which is up for adoption at the July 28, 2016 Board Meeting.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to adjourn from the regular DJJ Board and reconvene as the DJJ School Board. A motion was made by Board Member Holt and seconded by Secretary Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Board of Education**

Associate Superintendent Armistad discussed the following topics during the School Board Meeting:

- Updates from the Professional Learning Conference
- Dates for additional professional development opportunities for DJJ teachers (June 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>)
- Introduction of Regional Principal Angela Burse
- Recognition of Christine Kaczynski and Rescue 2 Restore Program
- Division of Secure Campuses in providing service learning projects
- Retirement of Dr. Rufus Johnson
- DJJ Youth M.G. and A. T. gave an overview of what they learned on their service learning trip to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center. For additional details, please see **Addendum B**

Chair Snow asked for a motion to adjourn from the DJJ School Board and reconvene as the regular DJJ Board. A motion was made by Vice Chair Taylor and seconded by Board Member Ambrose. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Chair's Comments**

Chair Snow discussed the following encouraged the other Board Members to read the DJJ Newsletter and other articles that are sent each month.

## **Old Business**

There was no Old Business before the Board.

## **New Business**

There was no New Business before the Board.

Chair Snow announced that the next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at DJJ Headquarters, 3408 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30032 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Elaine P. Snow, Chair  
Board of Juvenile Justice

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Avery D. Niles, Commissioner  
Department of Juvenile Justice

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Adam Kennedy  
Board Secretary