



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, March 27, 2014
10:00 AM

Department of Juvenile Justice
3408 Covington Highway
Decatur, GA 30032

Opening Remarks

Vice Chair Sandra H. Taylor called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and DJJ Board of Education at 10:00 AM.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Avery D. Niles; Assistant Commissioner Mark Sexton; Director John T. Smith; Associate Superintendent Audrey Armistad; Deputy Commissioner Sarah Draper; Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb; Deputy Commissioner Michael McNeely; Andrew Laarhoven; Deputy Commissioner Carl Brown; CFO Sonja R. Allen; Deputy Commissioner Miguel Fernandez; Director Nadine Crocker; Director John Gee; Dr. Michelle Staples-Horne; Director Latera Davis; Andre Castaing; Director Tracy Masters, Director Jim Shuler, Director Theodore Carter; Monique Brandenburg; Director Willie Gilmore; Assistant Deputy Commissioner Margaret Cawood; Michelle Stanley; ShaRon LovettOzuem; Sherille May Eunice; Director Joan Quinn-Cannon; Teri Stripling; Director Allyson Richardson; Janssen Robinson and Sharon Starks.

Others Present: Joe Hood, Office of Planning and Budget; Mindy Park, Attorney General's Office; Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; Helen Sloat; Maya Chaudhuri, SCHR; LoClar T. DeLoatch, Concerned Parent; Emily Adams, Barton Child Law Center;

Secretary's Report: Vice Chair Taylor asked Board Member John Edwards to conduct the Roll Call. The following Members were present: Richard Ambrose, Willie Bolton, Thomas Coleman, John Edwards, Julia Neighbors, Danny Porter, Franklin Rozier, Fred Stephens, Vice Chair Sandra Taylor and Dick Yarbrough.

Vice Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2014 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Bolton and carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the current meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Yarbrough and seconded by Board Member Porter. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

Assistant Commissioner J. Mark Sexton updated the Board on the following:

- House Bill 898 – Interstate Compact
- Senate Bill 324 – POST Certification Approval for Certain Probationary Staff
- Senate Bill 365 – Title IVE
- Blessing of the Badges Ceremony
- Updated Organizational Charts
- Facility Map

Recognition was given to Director Willie Gilmore for 20 years of service to the State of Georgia.

The following staff members gave updates on the listed topics:

- Andre Castaing – Overview of the Board of Juvenile Justice and Education Laws
- Deputy Commissioner Miguel Fernandez – Division of Support Services
- Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb – Division of Administrative Services
- Deputy Commissioner Carl Brown – Juvenile Justice Reform & HITS
- Director Theodore Carter, Jr. – Office of Training
- Director Latera Davis – Office of Victims, Volunteers and Chaplaincy Services
- Monique Brandenburg – Gangs & Impact on Classification by Program

For additional details, please see **Addendums A-G**

Vice Chair Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn from the Regular DJJ Board Meeting and reconvene to the DJJ School Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Rozier and seconded by Board Member Edwards. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education

Associate Superintendent Dr. Audrey Armistad discussed the following topics during her report:

- Update on Standardized Testing
- Spring Graduation – May 23, 2014 at 1:00 PM

Vice Chair Taylor 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 Stephens and seconded by Board Member Edwards. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Comment

Vice Chair Taylor reviewed information regarding the April Board Meeting that will be held in Statesboro, Georgia. This will be a two-day trip and will include a tour of the Claxton RYDC.

Old Business

There was no Old Business before the Board.

New Business

There was no New Business before the Board.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, April 18, 2014 in Statesboro, Georgia.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine P. Snow, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Avery D. Niles
Commissioner

Adam Kennedy
Board Secretary