



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, March 24, 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: Commissioner Avery D. Niles, Chief of Staff J. Mark Sexton, Assistant Commissioner Keith Horton, Sharon D. Starks, Director Jim Shuler; Janssen Robinson, CFO Sonja R. Allen-Smith, Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Deputy Director Cathy Raissle, Special Assistant Carl Brown, Deputy Commissioner Miguel Fernandez, Deputy Commissioner Sarah Draper, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Theodore Carter, Jr., Deputy Commissioner Dwayne Orrick, Director Andrew Laarhoven, Associate Superintendent Audrey Armistad, Chaplain Danny Horne, General Counsel Cindy Wang, Director Joan Quinn-Cannon, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Margaret Cawood, Director Ricky Rich, Dr. Rufus Johnson, Director Scott Cagle, David Schwartz, Deputy CFO Drew Townsend, Tania Appling and Director Lisa Bryson.

Others Present: Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; Brian Lawler, Office of Planning and Budget; Irene Sanders, Private Citizen; Jody Bradham, TalentQuest; Holly Mims, NYAP and Branden Bearden.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Adam Kennedy conducted the Roll Call. The following members were present: Spurgeon Ambrose, Willie C. Bolton, Thomas Coleman, Angie Holt, Adam Kennedy, Julia Neighbors, Elaine Snow, Fred Stephens, Sandra Taylor and James Valbrun. Advisory Council Member Quintress Gilbert was present 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 Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2016 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Taylor and seconded by Board Member Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Niles chose to move to the School Board meeting and yielded the floor to Associate Superintendent Armistad.

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 Secretary Adam Kennedy and seconded by Board Member Valbrun. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- The AdvancEd visit scheduled for April 18-20, 2016. For additional details, see Addendums A - C.
- Georgia Preparatory Academy's Spring Graduation will be held on Friday, May 20, 2016

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Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Niles discussed the following topics during his report:

- Formation of a Standing Committee on Policy Review
- The settlement agreement of a lawsuit against the agency
- Commissioner Niles encouraged the Board Members to visit the DJJ schools in their districts
- Scheduling meetings with School Superintendents in Georgia school districts

Chair's Comments

- The AdvancEd visit and Board Member evaluations.
- The date and location of DJJ Board Member training will be discussed at a later time

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 Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at DJJ Headquarters, 3408 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30032 at 1:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine P. Snow, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Avery D. Niles, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy
Board Secretary