DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY May 24, 2018

Members Present: Chair Elaine Snow, Vice-Chair Sandra Taylor, Secretary Adam Kennedy, Willie C. Bolton, Dick Yarbrough, Angie Holt (via telephone conference), Julia Neighbors, John Edwards, Dr. Thomas Coleman, Penny Penn, Fred Stephens (via telephone conference), and Kelly Stewart (via telephone conference). Judicial Advisory Council Member Judge Quintress Gilbert was also present.

Motions and Other Business:

- 1. Vice-Chair Taylor called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 10:03 AM (Chair Snow was under the weather).
- 2. A motion to approve the May 24, 2018 agenda was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- 3. A motion to approve the April 12, 2018 minutes was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- 4. Commissioner Avery D. Niles presented the Commissioner's report, which was previously submitted (included in materials).
- 5. HR Manager Kristi Johnson presented Faithful Service Awards to DJJ employees.
- 6. Director of Office of Engineering and Construction Services Joan Quinn-Cannon presented on facility updates and the bond resolution. The Board moved for and unanimously adopted motion to approve bond resolution.
- 7. Commissioner Niles discussed the challenging youth population, including gang involvement, and the community issues impacting the facilities. Board member Bolton asked about any security concerns. Secretary Kennedy asked about impact on community services. Commissioner said the turnover rate in community low.
- 8. Commissioner also mentioned providing more cameras and body cameras to staff.

- 9. Deputy Commissioner of Support Services Margaret Cawood presented on programming services and upcoming projects on youth assessment tools.
- 10. A motion to adjourn the Board of Juvenile Justice and to reconvene as the Juvenile Justice Board of Education was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- 11. Associate Superintendent Jean Lee discussed the upcoming youth graduation on May 25, 2018, and break down of diplomas, GEDs, and technical skills certificates. She also mentioned that the valedictorian and salutatorian accepted to college received donated laptops.
- 12. A motion to adjourn the Juvenile Justice Board of Education and to reconvene as the Board of Juvenile Justice was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- 13. Old Business: No old business. Vice-Chair Taylor thanked everyone for their participation and recognized Board Member Bolton.
- 14. New Business: No new business.
- 15. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be on June 28, 2018, at 10 AM in the Central Office Board Room.

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