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## DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

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Board of Juvenile Justice  
Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Forsyth, GA

### Opening Remarks

Vice-Chair Taylor called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice at 10:20 am. The meeting was held at the DJJ Training Academy, Forsyth, GA.

**DJJ Staff Present:** Commissioner Avery D. Niles, Chief of Staff Sean C. Hamilton, Associate Superintendent Jean Lee, Deputy Commissioner Pamela Johnson, Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Edith E. Darden, Deputy Commissioner Victor Roberts, Deputy Commissioner Sherry Shoats, Chaplain Danny Horne, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Martha Dalesio, CFO Andrew Laarhoven, General Counsel Cindy Wang, Director Glenn Allen, Assistant Commissioner Catina Martin-Fenner, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Audrey Stokes, Deputy Commissioner Margaret Cawood, Director Joan Quinn-Cannon, Shanna Buchanan, Kim Todd, LaVeta Hughes, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Allyson Richardson, HR Interim Director Dana Kilpatrick, Dr. Christy Doyle, Barry Ogletree, Graham Penney, Andrew McGee, Emily Kelly, Larkin Cook, Matt Montgomery, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Lisa Mantz, Director Mike Barton

**Others Present:** Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; Felicia Bennet, Parent

**Secretary's Report:** Vice-Chair Taylor conducted the Roll Call. The following members were present: Willie Bolton, John Edwards (teleconference), Fred Stephens (teleconference), Sandra H. Taylor, Judge Lisa G. Colbert, Penny Penn, Angie Holt (teleconference), Elaine P. Snow (teleconference)

Vice-Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the current agenda. A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board Meeting. A motion was made by the Board member Holt and seconded by Board member Colbert. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Commissioner's Report**

The Commissioner's Report was included in the Board materials. Commissioner Niles presented his report to the Board.

The following topics were discussed:

DJJ Director of Engineering and Construction Services Joan Quinn-Cannon presented on the 2019 Bond Resolution (**Addendum A**). Board Member Bolton moved for its adoption, and Board member Holt seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Deputy Commissioners Sherry Shoats (Secure Campuses) (**Addendum B**), and Pamela Johnson (Secure Detention) (**Addendum C**) presented on the PBIS programs in the secure facilities. Board members Colbert and Stephens asked about how fidelity of these programs is tracked.

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

Vice-Chair Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn from the regular DJJ Board Meeting and reconvene as the DJJ School Board. A motion was made by Board member Colbert and seconded by Board member Penn. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Board of Education**

Associate Superintendent Jean Lee provided an update on the youth graduation. Superintendent Avery D. Niles talked about the ceremony for the aquaponic garden at Elbert Shaw RYDC. Board member Colbert commended the Chatham County ETC and its supportive staff.

Vice-Chair Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn from the DJJ School Board and reconvene as the regular DJJ Board. A motion was made by the Board member Penn and seconded by Board member Holt. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Old Business**

No old business

## **Comments:**

The Board's Executive Committee met and appointed the following as the Nominating Committee: Angie Holt, Richard Yarbrough, and Dr. Thomas Coleman. The Nominating Committee will provide the officer nominations at the next board meeting.

## **New Business:**

No new business

**Comments:**

Vice-Chair Taylor reminded the Board of the GA Preparatory graduation that would be held on today.

Vice-Chair Taylor announced that the next Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 10:00 am, DJJ Central office, Decatur, GA.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Sandra H. Taylor, Vice-Chair  
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