Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Commissioner



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Board of Juvenile Justice &
Board of Education / Joint Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2023
Specially-Called Board Meeting Minutes
(Zoom Conference Only)

Opening Remarks:

On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, Chair Sandra Taylor called the specially-called joint board meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education to order at approximately 12:30 pm. The meeting was held via audio/Zoom conference only. The Invocation was given by Board Member Timothy McCulley prior to the start of the meeting.

DJJ Staff Present: Interim Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, DJJ Executive Team Members, and various DJJ Staff Members.

Other attendees included: Assistant Attorney General Kathleen Jacobs (Law Department).

Roll Call: Conducted by Board Secretary Adam Kennedy. Members present were Chair Sandra Taylor, Vice-Chair Willie C. Bolton, Danny Blackmon, Quintress Gilbert, Garland Hunt, Timothy McCulley, Penny Penn, Joyette Holmes, Fred Stephens, Lisa Colbert, Margaret Kaiser, and Katie Powers. Quorum was declared.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Board Member Stephens, seconded by Board Member McCulley, and approved unanimously.

Executive Session (Personnel Matter): Secretary Kennedy moved for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Bolton and approved unanimously (Secretary Kennedy, Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Bolton, Blackmon, Gilbert, Hunt, McCulley, Penn, Holmes, Stephens, Colbert, Kaiser, and Powers).

After the Executive Session: Secretary Kennedy moved to appoint Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb as the Commissioner and to remove "Interim" from her title upon her swearing in by Governor Brian Kemp on May 3, 2023 at 3:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Bolton and approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Comments: Commissioner Reynolds-Cobb thanked everyone for the confidence and support throughout her career at DJJ. She appreciated the support

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and looked forward to the great work that will be done collectively with the Board's support.

New Business: None

Board Chair Taylor's Comments:

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 10:00 am. Chair Taylor reminded the Board regarding the election process for Board officers.

Motion to adjourn by Board Member Hunt and seconded by Vice-Chair Bolton. Motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.

Sandra H. Taylor, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice

Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice