Avery D. Niles, Commissioner



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## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY May 25, 2017

Members Present: Chair Elaine Snow, Vice-Chair Sandra Taylor, Secretary Adam Kennedy, Willie C. Bolton, Julia Neighbors, Richard Ambrose, John Edwards, Penny Penn, Angie Holt, Fred Stephens, Dick Yarbrough, and Dr. Thomas Coleman.

## Motions and Other Business:

- Chair Snow called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Thursday, May 25, 2017, at 10:00 AM in the Central Office Board Room at 3408 Covington Hwy, Decatur, GA 30032.
- 2. A motion to approve the May 25, 2017 agenda was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- 3. A motion to approve minutes of the April 13, 2017 meeting was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- Commissioner Avery D. Niles had previously submitted his written report (included in materials). Assistant Commissioner and Chief of Staff (AC) Joe Vignati conducted the meeting since the Commissioner had a scheduling conflict.
- AC Vignati recognized Victim and Volunteer Services Director Latera Davis to introduce our guests from Special Olympics—Rebecca Walsh and Olympian Elena Weaver.
- 6. Deputy HR Director Harold Cooper awarded Employee Appreciation Certificates for dedicated years of service to DJJ employees. AC Vignati announced the retirements of Deputy Commissioner of Secure Campuses Sarah Draper and HR CHU Manager Yewanda Kendricks.
- 7. Acting Deputy Commissioner of Secure Campuses John Pearson gave a brief report on employee misconduct investigations. Board Member Neighbors asked for a facility breakdown and trends at the next board meeting and she also asked about disciplinary actions against employees with substantiated employee misconduct. New Director of Office of Investigations Mike Barton was introduced.

- 8. Office of Engineering Director Joan Quinn Cannon presented on the bond-funded projects as well as the bond resolutions.
- 9. A motion to adopt the bond resolutions was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- 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 introduced Zane Shelfer as the new Assistant Associate Superintendent. Mr. Shelfer presented on the graduation statistics.
- 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. Chair Snow thanked the board members who attended the meeting.
- 14. New Business: No new business. AC Vignati announced Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Secure Facilities Diana Aspinwall's transfer to the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.
- 15. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be on June 22, 2017, at 10 AM in the Central Office Board Room.

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