



Board of Juvenile Justice

May 22, 2014

10:00 AM

Department of Juvenile Justice

3408 Covington Highway

Decatur, GA 30032

Opening Remarks

Chair Elaine Snow called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. The meeting was held at the Department of Juvenile Justice Headquarters, in Decatur, GA.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Avery D. Niles; Assistant Commissioner Sexton Mark Sexton; Director Ricky Rich; Todd Bentley; Christopher Ayers; Brad York; Director Sheila Dease; April DeShields; Shalanda Carter; Doug Martin; Ronnie Whitman; Jeff Johnson; Annette Jackson; Kimberly Blount; Director Bobby Hughes; Rebecca Gallaway; Victor Roberts; Chuck Hewett; Kenneth Ward; Stephanie Blokzyl; Carleena Brown; Assistant Deputy Commissioner Joe Vignati; Jennifer Cannington; Carrie Hamilton-Shavers; Monique Brandenburg; Kim Todd; John Harp; Jamie Allen; Susan Edgeworth; Director Jim Shuler; Adam Barnett; Kim Smith; CFO Sonja R. Allen; Shawn Swain; Director Theodore Carter, Jr.; Lisa Kenn; Matthew Montgomery; Janssen Robinson; Lisa Casey Bryson; Director Nadine Crocker; Director John T. Smith; Director John Gee; ShaRon LovettOzuem; Sherrill Eunice; Deputy Commissioner Carl Brown; Deputy Commissioner Miguel Fernandez; Deputy Commissioner Michael McNeely; Deputy Commissioner Sarah Draper; Deputy Commissioner Clay Seabolt; Director Latera Davis; Georgette Wimbush; Loronda Giddens; Suzette Smith; Chaplain Danny Horne; Nathan Katzif; Amy Fortner; William Belflower; Lalita Appling; Sharon Russell; Director Tracy Masters; Arkeysha McCullough; Sheila Phillips; Lawanda Drinks; Lutrenze Butcher-Mitchell; Andrew Laarhoven; Edith Guilford and Sharon Starks.

Others Present: Mindy Park, Attorney General's Office; Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; Jody Bradham, TalentQuest; Christine Chenevert, Discovery Camping; Richard Hursey, Discovery Camping; Gean Hursey, Discovery Camping; Dr. Ronnie Kilgore, First Baptist Church of Snellville; Renay Kilgore, First Baptist Church of Snellville; Joe Hood, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget; Tanya Jackson, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget; Cheryl Dresser; Maya Chaudhuri, SCHR; Helen Sloat, Nelson & Mullins.

Secretary's Report: Chair Snow asked Secretary Kennedy to conduct the Roll Call. The following Members were present: Spurgeon Ambrose; Willie Bolton; Thomas Coleman; John Edwards; Angie Holt; Adam Kennedy; Frank Rozier; Elaine Snow; Fred Stephens; Kelly Stewart; Sandra Taylor; Dick Yarbrough. Also present was Advisory Council Member Judge Quintress Gilbert.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the current meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Angie Holt and seconded by Board Member Willie Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2014 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Secretary Adam and seconded by Board Member Thomas Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Niles stated the Bill Ireland complex is scheduled to be completed in November 2014. This facility will be used as an intensive therapy unit.

Director Ricky Rich gave updates on the Office of Investigations. He focused on accountability, case management and training. (For additional details, see **Addendum A.**)

With assistance from Director Jim Shuler, Commissioner Niles presented 24 employees with the DJJ Above and Beyond Award. This award is for employees that go the extra mile to make the Department of Juvenile Justice a better place.

Four additional employees received awards as part of the State of Georgia's Public Employees Recognition Week. The categories were Customer Service, Leadership, Community Service and the Why I Love DJJ.

Carrie Hamilton-Shavers honored volunteer groups Discovery Camping and First Baptist Church of Snellville, by presenting them with awards for their service to the Department of Juvenile Justice, particularly at the Gwinnett RYDC.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to adjourn from the Regular Board Meeting and reconvene as the DJJ School Board Meeting. A motion was made by Vice Chair Taylor and seconded by Board Member Yarbrough. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education

Associate Superintendent Dr. Audrey Armistad discussed the following topics:

- 2014 Spring Graduation – Friday, May 23, 2014 at the Augusta YDC, at 1:00 PM
- Professional Development Course – Tuesday, May 27-30, 2014, Stone Mountain, GA (For further details, please see **Addendum B.**)

- Upcoming Testing

Commissioner Niles presented Associate Superintendent Armistad with a Faithful Service Award for 25 years of service to the State of Georgia.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to adjourn from the DJJ School Board Meeting and reconvene to the Regular DJJ Board Meeting. A motion was made by Vice Chair Taylor and seconded by Board Member Coleman. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Comment

The next Board Meeting will be held on June 26, 2014, at 10:00 AM, at the DJJ Headquarters in Decatur, GA.

Old Business

There was no Old Business before the Board.

New Business

Commissioner Niles provided the Board Members copies of the audit findings regarding Security Staffing from the Department of Audits and Accounts Performance Audit Division. He asked that the Board read over them and let him know if they had any questions. (For additional details, please see **Addendum C.**)

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine P. Snow, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Avery D. Niles
Commissioner

Adam Kennedy
Board Secretary