



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, July 26, 2018
Decatur, GA
10:00 am

Opening Remarks

Board Chair Snow called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice at 10:06 am. The meeting was held at the DJJ Central Office, Decatur GA.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Avery D. Niles, Chief of Staff Joe Vignati, Associate Superintendent Jean Lee, , Deputy Commissioner Pamela Johnson, Assistant Commissioner Sean Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Edith E. Darden, Director John T. Smith, Mary Catherine Heard, Andre' Casting, Director Latera Davis, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Victor Roberts, Director Mike Barton, Ombudsman Herman Archie, , Assistant Deputy Commissioner Allyson Richardson, Deputy Commissioner Sherry Shoats, Dr. Christy Doyle, Chaplain Danny Horne, Associate Superintendent Jean Lee, Tania Appling, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Martha Dalesio, , Assistant Director Maria Pease, Racquel Watson, William Smith, , Windy Hix, Tricia Phillips, Jim Shuler, Robb Gilstrap, Marcia Pfister, Director Scott Cagle, Neal Clark, Mikela Gordon, Hilroy Wilson, Brian Harrelson, Royal Godfrey, Arlene Brock, Lisa Whitaker, Tracy Cassell, Dana Phillips, Todd Bentley, Cathy Dravis, Bonita Jackson, Tamisha Jones, Taneesha B. Williams, Director Percival Griffith, Julia Mazyck, , Assistant Deputy Commissioner Audrey Stokes, Deputy Commissioner Margaret Cawood, Yolanda Thompson, Latisha Story, Hulon M. Kemp, Robbin Dickerson, Deputy CFO Bakia Parrish, CFO Andrew Larrhoven

Others Present: Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office: Helen Sloat, Nelson Mullins: Julian Reid, Emory University; Letitia Campbell, Candler School of Theology: Elizabeth Bonds, Candler School of Theology; Andy Pierroti, WXIA; L B. Edwards, Jr. (visitor)

Secretary's Report: Secretary Adam Kennedy conducted the Roll Call. The following members were present: Richard Ambrose, Willie Bolton, Thomas Coleman, John B. Edwards, Angie Holt, Adam Kennedy, Julia Neighbors, Elaine Snow, Fred Stephens, Kelly Stewart (teleconference), Sandra H. Taylor, Judge Lisa G. Colbert, Judge Quintress Gilbert

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

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2018 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Holt and seconded by Board Member Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Snow commended Board Member Angie Holt for receiving an award from IAWP.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioner Report was previously submitted to the Board via email and it was included in the Board materials. Commissioner Niles presented his report to the Board.

The following topics were discussed:

The Faithful Service awards were presented by HR Employees Relations Manager, Ms. Lisa Whitaker. Four employees were recognized.

Chaplain Danny Horne gave a presentation about DJJ's partnership with the Candler School of Theology at Emory, working with youth at Metro RYDC. Dr. Letitia Campbell, Professor Elizabeth Bounds and Intern Julian Reid, addressed the Board about their work with the youth and how it related to the academic and training programs for Candler students.

(Addendum A & B)

HR Assistant Director Maria Pease gave a presentation to the Board on behalf of Director Charmaine Johnson. The presentation outlined a new multi-year employee retention strategy. Assistant Director Pease answered questions from Board members in reference to Exit Interviews and strategies to retain employees. **(Addendum C).**

The Commissioner introduced Ms. Sherry Shoats, the new Interim Deputy Commissioner for Secure Campuses to the Board. DC Shoats briefly addressed the Board.

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

Chair Snow 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 Taylor and seconded by Board Member Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education

Associate Superintendent Jean Lee updated the Board on school activities and announced that there will be a series of open houses at various locations. She introduced Dr. Neil Clark as the new Regional Principal.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to adjourn from the DJJ School Board and reconvene as the regular DJJ Board. A motion was made by Board Member Taylor and seconded by Board member Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

No old business

Comments:

Chair Snow thanked everyone for their participation.

New Business

No new business

Comments:

No comments

Chair Snow announced that the next Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, August 23rd, 2018 at the Macon YDC campus in Macon, GA.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine P. Snow, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Avery D. Niles, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Board Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice