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**Board of Juvenile Justice &
Board of Education / Joint Board Meeting
Thursday, October 23, 2025
Board Meeting Minutes
(In-Person and Zoom Conference)**

Opening Remarks:

Call to Order: On Thursday, October 23, 2025, Chair Sandra Taylor called the joint board meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education to order at approximately 10:05 AM. The meeting was held in-person and by Zoom.

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

Other Attendees: Senior Assistant Attorney General Amy Radley. Guests in the audience and on Zoom.

Invocation: Chaplain Emily Kelly

Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Sandra Taylor

Roll Call: Conducted by Secretary Adam Kennedy (virtual): Chair Sandra Taylor (in person), Vice-Chair Willie Bolton (in person), Danny Blackmon (in person), Judge Lisa Colbert (virtual), Senior Judge Quintress Gilbert (virtual), Dr. Garry McGiboney (in person), Michael Murphy (in person), and Tim McCulley (virtual). A quorum was declared.

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda by Vice Chair Bolton and seconded by Board Member McGiboney. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of July 24, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Board Member Gilbert and seconded by Board Member McGiboney. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Reynolds-Cobb stated that the board meetings provide an opportunity to showcase what the Department has been working on. At this meeting, staff and youth presented on projects that they have accomplished in the facilities or in the community. She also thanked everyone who attended the recent training session that was held. Chair Taylor worked long and hard to make sure that it happened and hoped that everyone enjoyed the training.

The Commissioner also recognized the Board members who attended the Employee Awards ceremony that was held during the leadership training and conference. That was the first for DJJ and there were a lot of people who worked very hard to make that happen. Several staff members were recognized at the ceremony, including those who assisted with the planning. The Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner/Chief of Staff Pamela Hill also wanted to extend their appreciation and recognition to Deputy Commissioner Allyson Richardson for her vision, leadership and hard work that was shown at the Awards Ceremony. She made sure that everyone was recognized and that they felt appreciated, which made the ceremony a success.

Divisional Updates:

Education Update & Youth Spotlight (Dr. Letunya Walker)

Updates for the DJJ School District from August to October 2025

- 2025 Pathway to Success GED Week is held September 15-19, 2025. September 16th is recognized as National GED Day.
- DJJ School District College Career and Homecoming Week was held at all schools October 6–10, 2025.
- Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated from October 23-31, 2025. The Theme is "Life is a Puzzle, solve it Drug Free."
- The youth graduation will be held in Macon on December 18th.

Scholars Spotlight

- Blueprints for a Better World
- Mural Presentations
- Scholar Introduction

CTAE Programs

- Mobile Welding Lab
- Music Production Program
- Summer Camp Music Program

Community Services – Youth Spotlights

- Café Momentum
- Wilkes Forklift Program

Secure Facilities – Youth Spotlights

- Atlanta YDC Choir
- Atlanta YDC Anthem
- Atlanta YDC Baptism
- Macon YDC Girls Summer Camp
- Rockdale RYDC Tuesday Morning Meeting
- Rockdale & Atlanta Youth Fishing Trip

Office of Engineering (Spencer Gaudet, Project Engineer)

Board Resolution – Milledgeville Campus – Board member Blackmon moved to approve the passing of the resolution to demolish a total of 16 building structures at the campus that have been deemed unusable because of their condition. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Bolton and approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- The date for the next board meeting.

Chair’s Comments:

- Traditionally the Board does not meet in November. The December board meeting will be held on December 18, 2025, at 10:00 AM in Macon so everyone can also attend the graduation.

A motion was made to adjourn by Board Member Gilbert and seconded by Board Member McGiboney. Meeting Adjourned.

Sandra H. Taylor, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice