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**Board of Juvenile Justice &
Board of Education / Joint Board Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2024
Board Meeting Minutes
(In-Person and Zoom Conference)**

Opening Remarks:

Call to Order: On Thursday, October 24, 2024, 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: Assistant Commissioner Pamela Hill, 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: Board Member Fred Stephens

Roll Call: Conducted by Secretary Adam Kennedy (in person): Chair Taylor (in person), Vice-Chair Willie Bolton (in person), Danny Blackmon (in person), Judge Lisa Colbert (virtual), Senior Judge Quintress Gilbert (in person), Scotty Hancock (virtual), Tim McCulley (virtual), Michael Murphy (in person), Penny Penn (in person), and Fred Stephens (in person). A quorum was declared.

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

Approval of August 22, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Board Member McCulley and seconded by Board Member Gilbert. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Report presented by Assistant Commissioner (AC) Pamela Hill

- There were two recent graduation ceremonies (BJCOT and BJPOT).
- The Division of Community Services held their annual training summit.
- There was an update on how Hurricane Helene impacted the facilities and community offices. AC Hill thanked the staff and all their efforts in making sure our youth remained safe as well as making sure they took care of their families. Special recognition to SMART, HITS, and Emergency Management for their response and assistance across the state of Georgia by helping those communities. She also recognized the Communications team for providing updates to keep everyone aware of what was going on and providing information on the resources that were available to the staff and community at-large.
- Our Rockdale facility had to evacuate due to the chemical fire, but once approved by our community partners, the youth returned to the facility safely.
- The Annual Wellness Event was held. Thanks to the Division of Professional Development and Volunteer Services, and to all the participants for a successful event.
- AC Hill announced the Charitable Contributions goal of \$10,000.00. This is going very well with everyone helping to reach this goal.
- AC Hill announced the upcoming graduation ceremony in December for the students.
- Five facilities are undergoing the annual PREA audits.

Divisional Updates:

Education Update

- Enrollment Counts and Vacancy Report
- Georgia Preparatory Academy Course Offerings
- SY 2023-2024 Average High School Enrollment (YDC's)
- SY 2023-2024 IXL Assessment Data - Average Assessment Scores (YDC's)
- Student Performance
- Movement from Beginning to Proficient Learner
- From Beginning to Proficient Learner
- Highlighted Student Growth and Success
- CTAE Programs in DJJ YDC's
- 2023-2024 School Year GED
- Connections Graduate Programming YDC

Division of Secure Facilities

- Youth Development Campus (YDC)
- Youth Development Campus Leadership
- Youth Development Campus Overview
- Facility Population, Location and Leadership
- Facility Population Overview

- Overview of Incidents by YDC
- Driving Operations – Best Practices
- Snapshot 2024
- 2024 Atlanta YDC Relaunch

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

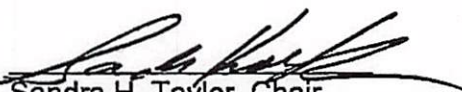
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Chair's Comments:

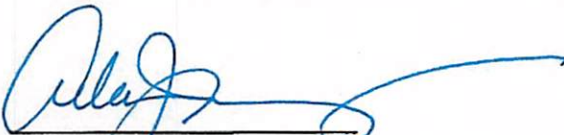
- Chair Taylor will meet with the Commissioner to see if the January Board Meeting can be held at the Atlanta YDC, and the March meeting be held at the Augusta YDC. They will be able to see the new facilities and possibly do the board training in Augusta.

The next board meeting will be held at Central Office on December 12, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned.


Sandra H. Taylor, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice


Pamela Hill, Assistant Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice


Adam Kennedy, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice