



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, October 23, 2014
10:00 AM

Department of Juvenile Justice
3408 Covington Highway
Decatur, GA 30032

Opening Remarks

Vice Chair Sandra Taylor 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 Mark Sexton; Sharon Starks, Lisa Kenn; Associate Superintendent Audrey Armistad; Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb; Director Ricky Rich; Deputy Commissioner Jeffery Chandler; Deputy Commissioner Carl Brown; Deputy Commissioner Sarah Draper; CFO Sonja R. Allen; Deputy Commissioner Michael McNeely; Deputy Commissioner Miguel Fernandez; Max Tran; Dr. Kimberly Gore; Director Nadine Crocker; Director Allyson Richardson; Brandi Hicks; Assistant Deputy Commissioner Joe Vignati; Bill Webb; Director Theodore Carter, Jr.; Director Tracy Masters; Steve Whitworth; Wayne Thaxton; Maggie Stidom; Debbie Alexander-Cater; Ananias Williams and Edith Guilford.

Others Present: Mindy Park, Attorney General's Office; Breahna Wright; Barton Child Policy and Law Clinic; Helen Sloat, Nelson and Mullins and Polly McKinney, Services for Georgia Children.

Secretary's Report: Vice Chair Taylor asked Secretary Kennedy to conduct the Roll Call. The following Members were present: Spurgeon Ambrose, Willie C. Bolton, Thomas Coleman, John Edwards, Angie Holt (via teleconference), Adam Kennedy, Julia Neighbors, Franklin Rozier, Fred Stephens, Kelly Stewart, Sandra Taylor and Dick Yarbrough. Advisory Council Member Quintress Gilbert was present as well.

Vice Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the current meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Ambrose and seconded by Board Member Rozier. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2014 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Secretary Kennedy and seconded by Board Member Yarbrough. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Niles presented and discussed the following topics during his report:

- Deputy Commissioner Michael McNeely updated the Board on the status of Officer training
- Deputy Commissioner Carl Brown updated the Board on the DAI and Incentive Grants
- Deputy Commissioner Sarah Draper updated the Board on the Division of Operations and Compliance's Professional Development Course
- Commissioner Niles updated the Board on the inaugural session of the DJJ Citizen's Academy

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

Board of Education

Superintendent Niles thanked the Board Members for supporting the Fall Open Houses that have taken place thus far.

Associate Superintendent Armistad discussed the following topics:

- Office of Education Updates
- eCore (see Addendum A for additional details)
Brief discussion was held regarding relationships with technical colleges
- Max Tran was recognized for his role in getting Infinite Campus up and running for the DJJ schools
- Commissioner Niles commended Dr. Armistad for the excellent job she is doing to move our education system forward

Vice Chair Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn from the DJJ Board of Education and reconvene to the Regular DJJ Board. A motion was made by Board Member Stewart and seconded by Board Member Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair's Comment

Vice Chair Taylor encouraged the Board Members to review the dates of the DJJ Citizens Academy and to participate in the classes when they are available.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

The BJCOT Centennial Graduation will be held on Friday, October 31, 2014. Additionally, Commissioner Niles stated that there are plans for training for the Board underway and details will be provided at a later time.

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the Department of Juvenile Justice Headquarters.

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