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Board of Juvenile Justice & Board of Education / Joint Board Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2026
Board Meeting Minutes

Opening Remarks:

Call to Order: On Thursday, September 24, 2026, Chair Sandra Taylor called the joint board meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education to order at approximately 10:01 AM. The meeting was held in person at DJJ Central Office and via Zoom.

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

Other Attendees: Assistant Attorney General Shanna-Kay Gibbs and other guests on Zoom.

Invocation: Chaplain Emily Kelly

Pledge of Allegiance: Board Member Michael Murphy

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

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

Approval of August 27, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Board Member McCulley and seconded by Board Member McGiboney. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Report:

- Sending thanks to everyone for all their hard work. The town hall meetings are continuing and there are two per visit (facility and community service office). This week's town hall meeting will take place at Wilkes RYDC and Athens CSO.
- AC Hill has been doing a great job in leading Culture Partners. To get the spokes off the wall and flow through the veins of this agency, we are having to be on the ground and hands-on. That is what AC Hill has been doing with the team by bringing everyone together and putting the work in.
- There was a BJCOT Graduation which was a very nice turnout.
- Big showing at the 2-Gen Academy, a state initiative but we are taking this on with a focus on partnerships.
- The Leadership Conference is coming up for Middle Managers.
- Awards to employees.

Divisional Updates:

Education Update:

- **DJJ School System Updates**:
    - Education Activities & Upcoming Events 2026-2027
    - New Education Programs & Initiatives
        - Connections Graduate Program
        - CTAE Program Expansion
        - Arts Education Opportunity
        - Curriculum & Assessment
        - Progress Learning: Turning Data into Action

Division of Community Service Update:

- Incompetent but Restorable Youth
- Common Diagnoses and Offenses
- Primary Stakeholders
- Devereux Forensic Residential Provider
- Placement Process
- Length of Stay
- Devereux DJJ IBR Program

Old Business – None

New Business - None

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Gilbert and seconded by Board Member McGiboney.

GA@Work Training Session for the Board Members.

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Sandra H. Taylor, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

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Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

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Adam Kennedy, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice