



**Board Meeting Summary
September 23, 2021
(DJJ Central Office and via Audio/Zoom Conference)**

Motions and Other Business:

1. Chair Sandra Taylor called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 10:10 AM.
2. Board Member Joyette Holmes moved for the approval of the agenda. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
3. Board Member Gary Yandura moved for the approval of the August 26, 2021 minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
4. Commissioner Tyrone Oliver sent his condolences to the family and Wilkes RYDC family of Sgt. Lisa Denise Huff regarding her passing on September 14, 2021. The Commissioner updated the Board on the release of the FY 2021-22 Annual Report and provided a COVID-19 update.
5. Special Investigations Unit Manager of the DJJ Gang Unit, Ray Ham, discussed the training events they host throughout the State of Georgia. He also gave an overview of the gang-related affiliations that take place within the secure facilities.
6. Commissioner Oliver introduced The Power of Peace (POPP) founder Kit Cummings. Cummings discussed the inspiration behind the POPP movement and ways his organization can redirect youth.
7. Board Member Colbert moved to adjourn the Board of Juvenile Justice meeting and reconvene as the Board of Education. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
8. Deputy Superintendent Zane Shelfer talked about the education dashboard and current job vacancies. He also introduced DJJ's Connections Graduate Program (CGP) Coordinator Carrie Hamilton-Shavers, who presented on the CGP and its mission. Shavers introduced Dr. John King, a mathematics professor at Georgia State University (GSU)-Georgia Perimeter College. He updated the Board on the

partnership with GSU through their Juvenile Justice Education Program (GSU-JJEP) for DJJ youth.

9. Secretary Adam Kennedy moved to adjourn the Board of Education and to reconvene as the Board of Juvenile Justice. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
10. Chair Comments: Chair Taylor encouraged Board Members to attend the upcoming training session.
11. Old Business: Board Member Holmes wanted to recognize the Office of Reentry Services Director Cathy Smith-Curry and her team for conducting a brief training session on the services their division offers.
12. New Business: No new business.
13. Vice-Chair Bolton and Board member Penn moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters and litigation updates. It was seconded and approved unanimously. (Members voting for closure are listed in the minutes.)
14. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Wang, General Counsel