



December 18, 2015

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Vice-Chairwoman Sandra Taylor, Spurgeon Ambrose, Willie C. Bolton, Thomas Coleman, Julia Neighbors, Kelly Stewart, Dick Yarbrough, and James Valbrun.

Motions and Other Business:

1. Vice-Chair Taylor called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 10:06 AM in the Board Room of the Central Office of the Department of Juvenile Justice, at 3408 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30032.
2. A motion to approve the agenda for the December 10, 2015 meeting was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
4. Commissioner Avery Niles spoke about Chair Elaine Snow's retirement as Chief of the Rome City Police Department. The Board voted to present Chair Snow with a resolution to commend her service.
5. Commissioner Niles gave an overview of the agency's activities since the last Board Meeting. He commended Board Member Bolton's attendance and participation in the DJJ Citizen's Academy.
6. Sonja Allen-Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented on the budget updates as of November 30, 2015. Board Member Bolton suggested ways to boost employee morale.
7. A motion to adjourn the Board of Juvenile Justice and to reconvene as the Juvenile Justice Board of Education was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

8. Dr. Audrey Armistad, Associate Superintendent of Schools, gave a brief overview of the Office of Education Services' activities since the last Board Meeting. She also informed the Board regarding the upcoming Advance Education meetings.
9. A motion to adjourn the Juvenile Justice Board of Education and to reconvene as the Board of Juvenile Justice was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
10. Old Business: Deputy Commissioner Sarah Draper discussed the upcoming PREA audit.
11. New Business: No new business.
12. Vice-Chair Taylor announced that the next Board Meeting will be held in the Board Room of DJJ headquarters at 3408 Covington Hwy, Decatur, GA 30032, at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 28, 2016.
13. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Wang, General Counsel