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**Board of Juvenile Justice &
Board of Education
Joint Meeting
Thursday, June 23, 2022
Decatur, GA
Board Meeting Minutes
(Audio/Zoom Conference)**

Opening Remarks

On Thursday, June 23, 2022. Chair Sandra Taylor called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order at 10:05 AM. The meeting was held as an in-person and audio/Zoom conference.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Tyrone Oliver, Deputy Superintendent Zane Sheller, DJJ Executive Team Members, and various DJJ Staff Members.

Attendees included: Assistant Attorney General Amy Radley (Law Department/in-person) and public guests (virtual).

Invocation: Chaplain Danny Horne

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Secretary Kennedy.

Roll Call: Members present were Chair Sandra Taylor (in-person), Vice-Chair Willie C. Bolton (in-person), Secretary Adam Kennedy (in-person), Chief Gary Yandura (in-person), Penny Penn (virtual), Thomas Coleman (in-person), Joyette Holmes (virtual), Danny L. Blackmon (in-person), Angie Holt (virtual), and Judge Lisa Colbert (virtual). Judicial Advisory Member Judge Quintress Gilbert (in-person) participated. Quorum was declared.

Agenda approval: Chair Taylor called for a motion to approve the June 23, 2022 agenda. The motion was made by Vice-Chair Bolton, seconded by Board Member Blackmon, and approved unanimously.

Minutes approval: Chair Taylor called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2022, board meeting. The motion was made by Board Member Coleman, seconded by Board Member Yandura, and approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

Human Resources (HR) Update

The Commissioner provided the agency's current vacancy rate to the Board. He advised that a Basic Juvenile Correctional Officer training (BJCOT) class is currently in session, adding that he would keep them informed regarding the upcoming BJCOT graduation.

Quarterly Townhall Meetings

Commissioner Oliver updated the Board regarding DJJ's virtual town hall meetings held on February 22nd and 23rd. The purpose of the meeting is to effectively communicate with DJJ staff to provide updates and feedback regarding the agency. The Commissioner stated that the agency would continue to engage with the DJJ staff quarterly.

Retirement – Chaplain Danny Horne

The Commissioner announced the retirement of Chaplain Danny Horne. He read Chaplain Horne's proclamation and thanked him for his dedicated service to the agency.

Divisional Reports

Board of Education (BOE)

Data Dashboard

Deputy Superintendent (DS) Zane Shelfer shared information about the education data dashboard, including the percentage of the student body with special education needs. DJJ is currently in the process of setting up interviews to fill vacant positions.

School System Data

DS Shelfer introduced Student Information & Technology Manager Max Tran. Tran discussed what student data is, how student data is used, and how student data empowers student success.

Detention Assessment Instructions (DAI)

Community Services Program Coordinator Cathy Dravis discussed the process to validate the Georgia Detention Assessment Instrument, also known as the DAI Validation Report. She discussed the purpose, overview, data changes, revisions, and the impact of the DAI Validation Report.

Questions/Comments (DAI)

Chair Taylor asked if the monitoring of overrides had started yet?

Judge Quintress Gilbert asked if school disciplinary matters could be included in the DAI?

Vice-Chair Bolton moved to approve the amended DAI. It was seconded by Board Members Colbert and Penn, and approved unanimously.

Old Business: Chair Taylor called for a motion to approve the amendments to bylaws for Juvenile Justice and Education. A motion was made by Board Member Penn. It was seconded by Vice-Chair Bolton, and approved unanimously.

New Business: No new business.

Comments: Chair Taylor thanked the Board for their input regarding the DAI.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be July 28, 2022, at 10:00 AM, DJJ Central Office, Decatur, GA, via in-person and audio/Zoom conference.

Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:21 am.

Sandra H. Taylor, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

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