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**DJJ Chief Financial Officer Sonja Allen
Appointed to Department of Corrections Board**

(ATLANTA - GA) The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice is pleased to announce DJJ's Chief Financial Officer Sonja Allen has been appointed to the Board of the Georgia Department of Corrections.

Governor Nathan Deal made the official announcement Friday as he named DJJ's Allen as one of fifteen Georgians appointed to state boards. DJJ Commissioner Avery D. Niles congratulated CFO Allen on her appointment to the DOC Board.

"This board selection is a sound move by Governor Deal that will help move DJJ and DOC that much closer to understanding our common goals in Georgia Criminal Justice Reform," said Commissioner Niles. The Commissioner commended Sonja Allen for two decades of financial service in several state government agencies.

Chief Financial Officer Allen came to DJJ from Georgia's new Department of Public Health where, as former Director of Financial Services she assisted in the development of a new Finance Division. She has served as Budget Director for the Child Support Services Division at the Georgia Department of Human Resources; Policy Coordinator and Analyst at the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget; and OPB Budget Officer for DHR.

CFO Allen says her professional skillset is built on sound management principles, policy coordination, team leadership and problem solving experience.

CFO Allen has a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Tennessee State University. She and her fiancé, William, have two children. They reside in Tucker.

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