



**Board of Juvenile Justice &  
Board of Education  
Joint Meeting  
Thursday, August 25, 2022  
Decatur, GA  
Board Meeting Minutes  
(Audio/Zoom Conference)**

**Opening Remarks**

On Thursday, August 25, 2022. Chair Sandra Taylor called the joint meeting of the Boards of Juvenile Justice and Education to order at approximately 10:00 AM. The meeting was held as an in-person and audio/Zoom conference.

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

**Attendees included:** Assistant Attorney General Amy Radley (Law Department/in-person) and guests: Marilssa Vazquez (virtual) and Tekeonna McPherson (in-person).

**Invocation:** Emily Kelly, NW Regional Chaplain.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Board Member Thomas Coleman.

**Roll Call:** (Conducted by Vice-Chair Bolton) Members present were Chair Sandra Taylor (in-person), Vice-Chair Willie C. Bolton (in-person), Chief Gary Yandura (in-person), Thomas Coleman (in-person), Margaret Kaiser (in-person), Joyette Holmes (in-person), Penny Penn (in-person), Angie Holt (virtual), Fred Stephens (virtual), Katie Powers (virtual), Judge Lisa Colbert (virtual), and Tim McCulley (virtual, joined later). Judicial Advisory Member Judge Quintress Gilbert (in-person) participated. Quorum was declared.

**Agenda approval:** Chair Taylor called for a motion to approve the August 25, 2022 agenda. The motion was made by Board Member Yandura, seconded by Board Member Holmes, and approved unanimously.

**Minutes approval:** Chair Taylor called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022, board meeting. The motion was made by Board Member Colbert, seconded by Board Member Coleman, and approved unanimously.

### **Commissioner's Report**

The Board and Commissioner Oliver expressed condolences to Secretary Adam Kennedy for the loss of his mother. Also, the Commissioner expressed condolences to Vice-Chair Bolton for the loss of his family member.

Rockdale facility was accredited by ACA. Commissioner commended and acknowledged staff. He also mentioned the BJCOT graduation and invited the Board to attend. Commissioner talked about the leadership training "Leaders without Titles." He mentioned how many youth are currently in detention and talked about the agency staff vacancy rate.

### **Divisional Reports**

#### **Board of Education (BOE)**

Deputy Superintendent (DS) Zane Shelfer presented on the data dashboard.

Dr. Letunya Walker, Assistant Deputy Superintendent, presented on the school system's leadership principles program, "Profile of a Leader."

#### **Re-Entry Services**

Cathy Smith-Curry, Director of Reentry Services, introduced the guests who talked about their journeys in the system and their subsequent achievements: Marilssa Vazquez (virtual, out of state) and Tekeonnia McPherson (in-person). Commissioner and Board recognized and commended their accomplishments.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** No new business

**Comments:** The next scheduled meeting will be September 22, 2022, at 10:00 AM, DJJ Central Office.

**Executive Session:** Vice-Chair Bolton moved to go into executive session to discuss litigation matters. Board member Holmes seconded and the motion was approved unanimously (Taylor, Bolton, Coleman, Holmes, Penn, Yandura, Kaiser, Powers, Stephens, Colbert, and Holt).

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned (motion by Board Member Holmes, seconded by Board Member Yandura, and approved unanimously).

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.

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Sandra H. Taylor, Chair  
Board of Juvenile Justice

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Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner  
Department of Juvenile Justice

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Adam Kennedy, Secretary  
Board of Juvenile Justice