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**Joint Board of Juvenile Justice &
Board of Education
Specially-Called Meeting**
(Via Zoom Only)
Thursday, December 22, 2022
Board Meeting Minutes

Opening Remarks:

On Thursday, December 22, 2022, Chair Sandra Taylor called the specially-called joint board meeting of the Board for Department of Juvenile Justice and the Board of Education to order at approximately 10:01 AM. The meeting was held via Zoom only.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Tyrone Oliver, Assistant Commissioner/Chief of Staff Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, DJJ Executive Team Members, and various DJJ Staff Members.

Attendees included: Assistant Attorney General Amy Radley (Law Department).

Roll Call: (Conducted by Board Secretary Adam Kennedy) Members present were Chair Sandra Taylor, Vice-Chair Willie C. Bolton, Gary Yandura, Judge Lisa Colbert, Dr. Thomas Coleman, Angie Holt, Margaret Kaiser, Fred Stephens, Kathryn Powers, Joyette Holmes, Danny Blackmon, John Edwards, and Tim McCulley. Quorum was declared.

Meeting Agenda Approval: Board Member Holmes moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Board Member Coleman and approved unanimously.

Meeting Minutes Approval: The approval of the minutes from the October 27, 2022 board meeting was tabled to the next regularly scheduled board meeting by unanimous consent.

Executive Session: Board member Holt moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. It was seconded by Board Member Colbert and approved unanimously by all present.

Commissioner's Report: Upon return to the open meeting, Commissioner Oliver announced that he has accepted the position of Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, effective January 1, 2023. He wanted to thank the Board and DJJ staff for everything they have done to support him over the last 3.5 years. He will remain in

contact with DJJ and encouraged staff to continue to “Be The Change” to positively transform the lives of the youth in DJJ custody and supervision.

Board Chair Taylor thanked Commissioner Oliver for the dedication, leadership, and service that he has provided to the Board and the agency.

After recognition of Commisisoner Oliver, the Board discussed the need for an interim commissioner. After discussion, Vice-Chair Bolton moved to appoint Assistant Commissioner/Chief of Staff Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb as Interim Commissioner effective January 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Board Member Holt. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Oliver thanked Assistant Commissioner/Chief of Staff Reynolds-Cobb for all that she has done for him and for the agency. He also wanted to thank Assistant Attorney General Radley for her work for the Board and DJJ and announced that she will be transferring to another division of the Attorney General’s Office and will no longer be handling matters for the Board and DJJ.

Board Chair Taylor also thanked Assistant Attorney General Radley for all the years of service and guidance she has given to the Board. She asked both Commissioner Oliver and Assistant Attorney General Radley to return to an in-person meeting to be officially recognized by the Board.

Board Member Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Secretary Kennedy and approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.

Sandra H. Taylor, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Interim Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice