



**Joint Meeting of the Boards
of Juvenile Justice and Education
Thursday, May 26, 2022
Forsyth, GA
Board Meeting Minutes**

Opening Remarks

On Thursday, May 26, 2022, Chair Taylor called the joint meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education to order at 1:11 PM. The meeting was held at the DJJ Training Academy in Forsyth, GA.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Tyrone Oliver, DJJ Executive Team Members, and various DJJ Staff Members.

Other attendees: Assistant Attorney General Amy Radley

Invocation: Chaplain Danny Horne

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Board Member Fred Stephens.

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

Agenda approval: Chair Taylor called for a motion to approve the May 26, 2022 agenda. Board Member Colbert moved to adopt the agenda, Board Member Holmes (and Vice-Chair Bolton) seconded, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Minutes approval: Chair Taylor called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022, board meeting. The motion was made by Board Member Yandura, seconded by Board Member Holmes, and approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Tyrone Oliver updated the Board regarding the increase in detention rates as well as current staff vacancies. He also announced the number of correctional and probation staff graduates and provided an update on the employee engagement survey. Commissioner Oliver briefed the Board on the status of the court proceedings and psychological evaluations being conducted virtually, and the negative impact that they have on the youth. He also mentioned restricting JTS access to protect the confidentiality of the youth records and the pending JDEX project that would grant access to authorized attorneys to obtain juvenile detention and legal histories. Finally, he updated the Board regarding the assault on the transportation officers by protestors of the planned Atlanta Police Department training complex.

Divisional Reports

Education

Superintendent Oliver presented the latest education dashboard numbers. He also invited the Board to attend the upcoming youth graduation on May 27, 2022.

Division of Administrative Services

Deputy Commissioner Allyson Richardson presented the board resolution to authorize the issuance of bonds.

Chair Taylor called for a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was made by Secretary Kennedy, seconded by Board Member Colbert, and approved unanimously.

Old Business: No new business.

New Business: The Board discussed the proposed draft amendments to the Board bylaws (Juvenile Justice and Education). The Board wanted to make sure that the objective is consistent with the mission of the Department and cover all the youth population that the Department supervises. The bylaws of the Board of Education should also be consistent with those of the Board of Juvenile Justice. The Board would like the bylaws to be succinct. The revised proposed amendments will be presented to the Board by the June meeting.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Penn and seconded by Vice-Chair Bolton. The next scheduled meeting will be on June 23, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

Sandra Taylor, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice/Education

Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice /Education