



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, June 28, 2018
Decatur, GA
10:00 am

Opening Remarks

Vice-Chair Sandra Taylor called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice at 10:05 am. The meeting was held at the DJJ Central Office, Decatur GA.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Avery D. Niles, Chief of Staff Joe Vignati, Associate Superintendent Jean Lee, , Deputy Commissioner Pamela Johnson, Assistant Commissioner Sean Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Edith E. Darden, Director John T. Smith, Mary Catherine Heard, General Counsel Cindy Wang, Director Latera Davis, Chief Financial Officer Andrew Laarhoven, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Victor Roberts, Director Mike Barton, Ombudsman Herman Archie, Kristi Johnson, Andrew McGee, Director Joan Quinn-Cannon, HR Director Charmaine Johnson, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Allyson Richardson, Carrie T. Hamilton, Dr. Christy Doyle, Donica Thompson, Jim Shuler, Phillip Scott Wallace, Chaplain Danny Horne, Matthew Montgomery, Associate Superintendent Jean Lee, Angela Burse, Zane Shelfer, Tania Appling, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Martha Dalesio, Ima Alexander, Assistant Director Maria Pease, Wendy Edwards, Leverius Glass, Racquel Watson, William Smith, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Lisa Mantz, Windy Hix, Tricia Phillips, Jim Shuler

Others Present: Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office

Secretary's Report: Secretary Adam Kennedy conducted the Roll Call. The following members were present: Willie Bolton, Thomas Coleman, John B. Edwards, Angie Holt, Adam Kennedy, Julia Neighbors, Penny Penn, Elaine Snow, Fred Stephens, Kelly Stewart (teleconference), Sandra H. Taylor, Dick Yarbrough, Judge Lisa G. Colbert, Judge Quintress Gilbert

Vice-Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the current agenda. A motion was made by Board Member Holt and seconded by Board Member Colbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2018 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Colbert and seconded by Board Member Holt. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioner Report was previously submitted to the Board via email and it was included in the Board materials. Commissioner Niles presented his report to the Board.

The following topics were discussed:

Commissioner Niles introduced Ms. Windy Hix as the new OCATS Director to the Board.

The Faithful Service awards were presented by HR Manager Kristi Johnson. One employee was recognized.

Senior Investigator, Ray Hamm of the DJJ Criminal Intelligence Unit (Division of Investigations), gave an update on "Street Gang Activity." Board members asked about officer supervision. Training curriculum developed and implemented. Intervention programs discussed, including re-entry efforts. Gang activity is a problem in the community as well. Discussed sharing of information with other law enforcement agencies. The Board would like information regarding community youth and recidivism rate at a future board meeting. **(Addendum A)**

Training Manager Tania Appling presented on professional development training. **(Addendums B and C)**

Board member Neighbors asked if the Division of Community Services could present on Law Enforcement partnerships, Recidivism, Training and Services at a future board meeting.

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

Vice-Chair Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn from the regular DJJ Board Meeting and reconvene as the DJJ School Board. A motion was made by Board Member Yarbrough and seconded by Board Member Colbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education

Associate Superintendent Jean Lee mentioned the new ETC in the Muscogee/Columbus area. Program Coordinator, Ms. Carrie Hamilton Shaver and Principal Angela Burse discussed graduate program and job opportunities. They are working closely with re-entry services.

Vice-Chair Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn from the DJJ School Board and reconvene as the regular DJJ Board. A motion was made by Board Member Holt and seconded by Board member Yarbrough. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Taylor motioned to go into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and litigation. The motion was seconded by Board Members Holt and Yarbrough. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn from the Executive Session and reconvene as the regular DJJ Board. A motion was made by Board member Kennedy and seconded by Board Member Holt. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

No old business

Comments:

Vice-Chair Taylor thanked everyone for their participation.

New Business

No new business

Comments:

No comments

Vice-Chair Taylor announced that the next Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at DJJ Headquarters, 3408 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30032 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sandra H. Taylor, Vice-Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Avery D. Niles, Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Adam Kennedy, Board Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice