



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY October 27, 2016

Members Present: Chair Elaine Snow, Secretary Adam Kennedy, Willie C. Bolton, the Honorable Lisa Colbert, Kelly Stewart, Angie Holt, Dr. Thomas Coleman, John Edwards, Fred Stephens, Julia Neighbors, Dick Yarbrough, and the Honorable Penny Penn.

Motions and Other Business:

1. Chair Snow called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Thursday, October 27, 2016, at 10:07 AM in the Board Room of the Central Office of the Department of Juvenile Justice, at 3408 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30032.
2. A motion to approve the agenda for the October 27, 2016, meeting was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2016, meeting was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
4. The Commissioner had previously submitted his written report (included in materials). The Commissioner also commended staff efforts during the Hurricane Matthews evacuation of the Savannah RYDC, especially the Director of the Office of Planning and Preparedness Scott Cagle. The Commissioner also talked about the pallet art project by the YDC youth and other service learning projects. Margaret Cawood was introduced as the new Deputy Commissioner of Support Services.
5. Board member Bolton asked about the transportation vans, and Secretary Kennedy commended the Savannah DJJ staff.
6. DJJ Chief Financial Officer Sonja Allen-Smith gave the financial report. Judge Colbert asked about pay parity for non-law enforcement staff. Board member Yarbrough asked about IT needs, and Board member Stephens asked about the record management system.

7. A motion to adjourn the Board of Juvenile Justice and to reconvene as the Juvenile Justice Board of Education was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
8. Dr. Richard Behrens, Associate Superintendent, gave an overview of the blended curriculum model for the special school district. Max Tran presented on Infinite Campus and the parent portal. Board member Coleman asked about students transitioning back to their respective community schools. Board member Stephens discussed local community involvement. Board member Neighbors asked about parent engagement.
9. A motion to adjourn the Juvenile Justice Board of Education and to reconvene as the Board of Juvenile Justice was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
10. Chair Snow welcomed Board member Penn and thanked Board members who attended Dr. Audrey Armistad's retirement luncheon as well as the ribbon cutting ceremony for Terrell RYDC. Board member Bolton commended staff on the Wilkes RYDC groundbreaking. Chair Snow also discussed a community engagement event at the Rome RYDC. The Board also recognized the Commissioner for winning the Council of the Juvenile Court Judges' Martha K. Glaze Award.
11. Old Business: No old business. The Commissioner announced that the Commissioner's Youth Council will be held on November 1, 2016, in the 2nd floor Board Room. He also reminded the Board regarding the Board member training, November 2-3, 2016. Judge Colbert mentioned the community safety forum to be held in Chatham County on December 10, 2016.
12. New Business: No new business. The Commissioner gave special recognition to Sharon Starks who is retiring at the end of November.
13. Chair Snow announced that the next Board Meeting will be held in the Board Room of DJJ headquarters at 3408 Covington Hwy, Decatur, GA 30032, at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 8, 2016.
14. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Wang, General Counsel