



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY April 12, 2018

Members Present: Chair Elaine Snow, Vice-Chair Sandra Taylor, Secretary Adam Kennedy, Willie C. Bolton, Richard Ambrose, Judge Lisa Colbert, Dick Yarbrough (via telephone conference), Angie Holt (via telephone conference), and Julia Neighbors. Judicial Advisory Council Member Judge Quintress Gilbert was also present.

Motions and Other Business:

1. Chair Snow called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at 9:01 AM in the Holiday Inn Statesboro-University Area at 455 Commerce Drive, Statesboro, GA 30458.
2. A motion to approve the April 12, 2018 agenda was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the February 22, 2018 minutes was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
4. JPM Bill Martin from Bulloch County welcomed the Board.
5. Commissioner Avery D. Niles presented the Commissioner's report, which was previously submitted (included in materials). He discussed upcoming events and projects related to the transitional school.
6. Commissioner Niles announced new leadership changes.
7. Assistant Commissioner/Chief of Staff Joe Vignati provided an update on secure facilities leadership changes. Board Member Bolton asked about the security officer staffing levels. Commissioner recognized Mr. Bolton's work with DJJ and Wilkes RYDC.
8. Ombudsman Herman Archie gave a brief update about the Rockdale RYDC Family Day event. Next family engagement event will be held at the Macon YDC in May. Vice-Chair Taylor talked about the Carrolton CSO community event. Board Member Yarbrough's article was well received.
9. Governmental Affairs Director John Smith provided a legislative update.

10. Chief Financial Officer Andrew Laarhoven mentioned that there were no financial audit findings. There were a couple of management level comments.
11. 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.
12. Associate Superintendent Jean Lee discussed Advanced ED accreditation process and GA Milestones testing. She also mentioned teacher vacancies and retention percentage. The State appropriated additional funds for math and science teacher salaries.
13. Judge Colbert mentioned the film "Raised in the System" and suggested wider distribution to staff and public.
14. 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.
15. Old Business: No old business. Chair Snow thanked everyone for their participation and recognized Board Member Bolton.
16. New Business: No new business.
17. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be on May 24, 2018, at 10 AM in the Central Office Board Room.

Cindy Wang, General Counsel