



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY June 27, 2019

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

Motions and Other Business:

1. Vice-Chair Taylor called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 10:03 AM.
2. A motion to approve the June 27, 2019 agenda was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the May 24, 2019 minutes was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
4. The Commissioner's report was included in the materials. Commissioner Niles gave staff and ETC updates, mentioned the ACA Flag ceremonies, the upcoming ACA audits, and officer graduations. A juvenile correctional officer who was previously involved with the juvenile justice system discussed how the youth need emotional support-system to do better. Finally, the Commissioner specially recognized a juvenile correctional officer for her professionalism and service at the DeKalb RYDC.
5. Chief Financial Officer Andrew Laarhoven gave a presentation on the budget and appropriations. Field Supervisor Mark Adair provided an update on the Office of Investigations. Secretary Kennedy requested a breakdown of staff vs youth investigations. Judge Colbert wanted to know who decides what to investigate. Board members Edwards and Bolton asked about getting information to the Commissioner. Board member Yarbrough offered tips to Communications Director Glenn Allen on handling media inquiries. William Smith gave a presentation on financial audits. Board member Edwards wanted to know about p-card usage. Board member Bolton asked about restrictions on fuel cards.

6. Board members Bolton and Judge Colbert would like for the Board to re-examine the Department's Mission Statement. Vice-Chair Taylor suggested getting thoughts from the Governor's Office.
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. Associate Superintendent Jean Lee provided an update on the youth graduation. Judge Colbert commended the staff on the uplifting graduation ceremony. Dr. Lee also discussed the summer school plans/curriculum and gave an update on the Muscogee ETC. She also mentioned the various collaborative partnerships with the surrounding colleges on programs for the youth in the RYDCS and more student field trips. Board member Edwards suggested reaching out to PHD candidates for other possible partnership ideas.
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 Comments: No comments from the Chair.
11. Board Officer Nominations: Nominating Committee Chair Angie Holt reported the nominations: Adam Kennedy (Secretary), Willie Bolton (Vice-Chair), and Sandra Taylor (Chair). The Board opened the floor for further nominations. There were no nominations for each office. Each office nomination was voted to be closed separately. No objections to the process. Though no other nominees, official election to be held at the next meeting in July.
12. Old Business: Board member Coleman moved that the Board support the Commissioner. Vice-Chair Taylor suggested a board resolution. The motion was seconded by Board member Bolton. The motion passed unanimously. Board member Coleman will draft the resolution to highlight the Commissioner's accomplishments for the Board's consideration at the next meeting. Vice-Chair Taylor would also like to recognize Chair Snow's service as the Board's Chair. Formal recognition to be made at the July meeting.
13. New Business: Board member Yarbrough suggested that the Department recognize a youth and a staff member, alternately, each quarter—highlighting achievements and projects.
14. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be on July 25, 2019, at 10 AM in the Central Office, Decatur, GA 30032.

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