

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

April 16, 2015

Glennville, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Sonja Allen-Smith
Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Mac Collins
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Mr. J.M. "Bob" Plemons
Mr. Tommy Rouse
Mr. Jerry Willis-Vice Chairman
Ms. Rocio Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. William S. Acuff
Mr. Lee Anderson
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Alton Russell-Secretary
Ms. Andrea Shelton
Ms. Rose Williams-Chairman

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Homer Bryson, Commissioner
Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Assistant Commissioner
Dr. L. C. "Buster" Evans, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Lynn Bill, GCHC
Ms. Peggy Chapman, Confidential Secretary
Mr. Stan Cooper, Department of Corrections
Mr. Stan Hall, Director of Engineering & Construction Services
Ms. Joan Heath, Public & Intergovernmental Affairs Director
Mr. Brad Hickox, Correctional Nurse
Mr. Walter Hudson, Investigations Unit
Mr. Joseph Hutchenson, Major, Georgia State Prison
Mr. Rick Jacobs, Director of Facilities Operations
Mr. Anthony Jenkins, Programs Director
Ms. Koralina Jimenez, Correctional Officer
Mr. Deshawn Jones, Correctional Officer
Mr. Donald Jones, Investigations Unit
Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Ms. Tonya Knowles, Correctional Nurse
Mr. Jack Koon, Deputy Director of Facilities
Mr. Michael Kraft, Probation Operations
Mr. Tom McElhenney, Health Services Director
Ms. Marcia McIntyre, Deputy Director of Probation
Ms. Letrima McNeal, Correctional Officer, Ware SP
Mr. Mark Morris, Director of Risk Reduction
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Investigations Unit
Mr. Clay Nix, Investigations Unit
Mr. Scott Poitevint, Admin Division Director
Mr. Johnny Sikes, Facilities Operations
Mr. Tom Sittnick, Deputy Director of OPT
Mr. Arnold Smith, OPT Division Director
Ms. Vonnie Stewart, Executive Assistant
Ms. Sandra Thomas, Deputy Director of Probation
Mr. Robert Toole, Field Operations Manager
Ms. Denise Iezzi Towns, Correctional Nurse
Mr. Woodrow Tripp, Investigations Unit
Mr. Steve Upton, Deputy Director of Facilities
Mr. Johnny Williams, Correctional Nurse
Mr. Stanley Williams, Warden of GSP

MEMBERS, BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Ellis Wood, Vice Chairman
Colonel Mark W. McDonough, Commissioner
Mr. Russell D. Powell, Deputy Commissioner
Mr. Peter Adams, BPS
Mr. Harris Blackwood, Director, Governor's Office of Highway Safety
Mr. Danny Bryant, BPS
Ms. Cheryl Buie, Board Liaison
Mr. Ken DeLoach, Lieutenant, GSP
Mr. Clint Durrence, Lieutenant, DPS
Ms. Cindy Franklin, Comptroller
Mr. William Hitchens, Captain, GSP
Ms. Allison Hodge, DPS
Mr. Johnny Jones, Major, DPS
Mr. Vernon M. Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigations Director
Mr. Russell Powell, Deputy Commissioner, DPS
Mr. Chad Riner, Captain, GSP
Mr. Chris Wigginton, Director of Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Mr. Sammy Young, Lieutenant, GSP
Georgia State Patrol Staff

MEMBERS, BOARD OF PARDONS & PAROLES

Mr. Terry Barnard, Chairman
Mr. Chris Barnett, Executive Director
Mr. Bert Fluellen, State Board of Pardons & Paroles
Mr. Brian Owens, Board Member
Ms. Rita Rocker, State Board of Pardons & Paroles
Pardons and Paroles Employees

VISITORS:

Honorable Hugh McCullough, State Court Judge Tattnall County
Honorable D. Jay Stewart, Superior Court Judge, Atlantic Judicial
Honorable Patricia Stone, Judge Family Court Chatham County
Ms. Audrey Armistad, Department of Juvenile Justice
Mr. Carl Brown, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Juvenile Justice
Ms. Lisa Bryson, Department of Juvenile Justice
Mr. Jeff Chandler, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Juvenile Justice
Mr. Thomas Coleman, Board Member, Department of Juvenile Justice
Ms. Sara Draper, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Juvenile Justice
Mr. Miguel Fernandez, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Juvenile Justice
Mr. John Fletcher, OPB
Ms. Amy Fortner, Department of Juvenile Justice
Ms. Lynda Griffin, General Counsel, Department of Juvenile Justice
Ms. Edith Guilford, Department of Juvenile Justice
Mr. Fredrick Head, Riverbend Facility, GEO
Ms. Vanessa O'Donnell, Department of Juvenile Justice
Ms. Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Juvenile Justice
Mr. Chris Roessler, Mayor of Glennville
Mr. Mark Sexton, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Juvenile Justice
Ms. Elaine Snow, Chairman, Department of Juvenile Justice
Ms. Sharon Starks, Executive Assistant, Department of Juvenile Justice

This Board meeting, being a Joint Board Meeting with the Board of Public Safety, was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Terry Bernard of the State Board of Pardons & Paroles. Mayor Chris Roessler welcomed all guests to the city of Glennville and Pastor Mike Howard of the First Baptist Church of Glennville offered the invocation. Mr. Wayne Dasher presented the Pledge of Allegiance, recognized all guests and briefly spoke about the 29th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Cookout. Chairman Bernard began the meeting by introducing the members of the

State Board of Pardons and Paroles. Next, Chairman Bernard called on Mr. Stan Cooper, of the Department of Corrections to introduce keynote speaker Honorable Patricia Stone, Family Court Judge of Chatham County. In addition, the Honorable Hugh McCullough, State Court Judge of Tattnall County introduced keynote speaker Honorable D. Jay Stewart, Superior Court Judge of Atlantic Judicial District.

Judge Stone and Judge Stewart delivered encouraging words on family treatment courts, accountability courts, juvenile courts and drug courts. To close, both judges thanked the law enforcement community for their continued support and dedication to the State of Georgia.

Vice Chairman Ellis Wood then proceeded to chair the Board of Public Safety. After completion of the Board of Public Safety meeting, the Board of Corrections meeting began.

Next, Board of Corrections Vice Chairman Jerry Willis called to order the April meeting of the Board of Corrections. Vice Chairman Willis then introduced the members of the Board of Corrections.

Vice Chairman Willis presented to the Board the April Agenda for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Ms. Sonja Allen-Smith, and was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Vice Chairman Willis presented to the Board the March Minutes for approval. Mr. Carl Franklin made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Rocio Woody, and the Minutes were voted approved by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Homer Bryson began his report by speaking about the conclusion of the General Assembly, the budget for Corrections, pay raises for correctional officers and House Bill 310 passing regarding the Governor's proposal to create the Department of Community Supervision by combining adult probation and parole and juvenile probation. Commissioner Bryson stated the board members would hear more about the Department of Community Supervision at the May Board of Corrections meeting. In addition, Governor Nathan Deal is having a Post Legislative Breakfast hosted by the Columbia County Chamber on May 7th.

To follow, the members of the board presented Mr. Brian Owens with an honorary resolution and his retired badge. Additionally, the board honored Mr. Owens with a desk for his years of service on the Board of Corrections and for his service as the former Commissioner of the Department of Corrections.

Thereafter, Vice Chairman Willis read the Governor's Proclamation recognizing and honoring Correctional Officers Week and Nurses Appreciation Week. Correctional Officers Week is nationally recognized on May 3 - 9, 2015. Commissioner Bryson called on Mr. Rick Jacobs, Facilities Operations Director to assist with the presentation to a group of correctional officers. The honorees were Officers Joseph Hutchenson, Letrima McNeal, Deshawn Jones and Koralina Jimenez.

To follow, Vice Chairman Willis and Commissioner Bryson called on Mr. Tom McElhenney, Director of Health Services, to help assist with the presentation of the Governor's Proclamation to honor a group of nurses. Nurses Appreciation Week is nationally recognized on May 6 - 12, 2015. The nurses that were honored were Brad Hickox, Tonya Knowles, Denise Iezzi Towns and Johnny Williams. This concluded Commissioner Bryson's report.

Vice Chairman Willis reminded the Board of Corrections that the next meeting would be at Augusta State Medical Prison in Augusta, Georgia on May 7, 2015. This concluded the Board of Corrections meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Rose Williams, Chairman

Alton Russell, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison