

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

March 5, 2015

Atlanta, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Rose Williams, Chairman
Ms. Sonja R. Allen-Smith
Mr. Lee Anderson
Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Mac Collins
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl L. Franklin
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. J. M. "Bob" Plemons
Mr. Alton Russell
Ms. Andrea Shelton
Mr. Jerry Willis
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. William S. Acuff
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Commissioner Homer Bryson
Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Assistant Commissioner
Dr. L.C. "Buster" Evans, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Jada Garmon, Investigations Unit
Mr. Gary Harmon, Technology Analyst
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public & Intergovernmental Affairs
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Public & Intergovernmental Affairs
Ms. Tamika Harvey, Investigations Unit
Mr. Walter Hudson, Investigations Unit
Mr. Rick Jacobs, Director of Facilities Operations
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel
Mr. Michael Kraft, Director of Probation Operations
Mr. Arnold Smith, Director of OPTD
Ms. Amy Pataluna, Food & Farm Operations
Mr. Scott Poitevint, Director of Admin Division
Mr. Nicholas Spates, Tech Service
Dr. Steven Turner, Chaplain
Mr. Norman Wilson, Executive Director of GCI

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS:

Ms. Genevieve Beck-Roe, Southern Center for Human Rights
Dr. Vincent Alcoite, Friend of Carl Franklin
Mr. Michael Hourihan, Carl Vincent Institute

Chairman Rose Williams called the March meeting of the Board of Corrections to order at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes. Chairman Williams asked Chaplain Steven Turner to give the invocation.

Chairman Rose Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance, recognized all guests and visitors and the Board meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed to business.

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

Chairman Williams presented the February Minutes to the Board for approval. Sheriff Roger Garrison made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. John Mayes and the Minutes were voted approved by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Homer Bryson began his report by giving a brief feedback summary on his observations of the Department of Corrections since he accepted his new role as Commissioner. In addition, he discussed the Upcoming Events for March, April and May. Significantly mentioned were the Assistant Commissioner's trip to Angola Prison and the Joint Board Meeting in Glennville. Commissioner Bryson stated Assistant Commissioners Gregory C. Dozier and Timothy C. Ward are excited about their trip and both gentlemen just finish reading a book written by Mr. Burl Cain who is the warden for Angola State Prison in Louisiana. Once the Assistant Commissioners return they will report back to the board on their trip. Commissioner Bryson then asked Mr. Norman Wilson to present his report.

Mr. Norman Wilson, Executive Director of GCI, presented the Georgia Correctional Industries Overview. Mr. Wilson started his presentation by talking about Arrendale State Prison, Dooly State Prison, Joe Kennedy, Middle Georgia Region, Montgomery State Prison and Rogers State Prison farm's location, acreage and operation. Some of the highlights were the pork operation, vegetable, fruit and row crop operation. In addition, Mr. Wilson discussed the gristmill, beef cattle operation, egg production, food processing units-canning plant and dairy production. To finish, Mr. Wilson stated that the new Farm Administrator, James Rogers, would start on April 1st and that he will introduce Mr. Rogers to the Board at the April meeting.

To follow, Ms. Amy Pataluna presented on Food and Farm Services and Farm Operations. Ms. Pataluna briefly spoke about the specific commodities the Department produces and the development and maintenance of the inmate menus. Ms. Pataluna stated that she oversees the Food Service Operations for the Department of Corrections' 55 facilities including Hays State Prison, Phillips State Prison, Tift cafeteria in Forsyth and the cafeteria at Clay National Guard in Marietta. In addition, Ms. Pataluna discussed the development and maintenance of the master menu's nutritional software programs that ensures key nutrients are met for every inmate. Moreover, the medical diets, alternative entrée program (religious diet program), GDC's average food costs per inmate and the menu cost were discussed. To conclude, Ms. Pataluna gave a summary on off- setting costs, nutritional needs, ideas for new products, recipe testing and consulting other States regarding emerging trends.

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Williams gave an update on the Scholarship Fund for the Georgia Prison Warden's Association (GPWA) stating the balance was \$425.00. The Board members will have until June 2015 to contribute to the fund to reach the \$1000.00 goal. The GPWA Conference will be held at Lake Lanier Islands Resort on June 7-10, 2015. The Board of Corrections Scholarship Fund will be presented at the Awards Ceremony Banquet on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Next, Chairman Williams asked Mr. Wayne Dasher to give any additional information on the events surrounding the Joint meeting and the Law Enforcement Appreciation Cookout in Glennville on April 16th.

Chairman Williams continued asking for any Old or New Business stating there were a few honorary resolutions that needed the Board's approval and signature. The first resolution is to honor Mr. Brian Owens, former Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. The second and third resolutions are to honor Correctional Officers and Correctional Nurses during their nationally recognized month of May. Chairman Williams asked for a motion to approve all three

resolutions. Mr. Alton Russell made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Jerry Willis and the resolutions were voted approved by the Board as presented.

Subsequently, Chairman Williams asked Mr. Jerry Willis to speak about two possible offsite meetings. Mr. Willis stated that the Board previously discussed the possibility of having offsite meetings in Augusta and Savannah. These offsite meetings will be beneficial because most of our members are new and have not been to the facilities in those areas. Therefore, Mr. Willis made a motion to approve changing the location of the May and October meetings from Forsyth to Augusta and Savannah, which was then seconded by Mr. Alton Russell. There was some discussion by Mr. Bruce Hudson who stated he would like to have the meetings at the Forsyth location. Ultimately, (with the raising of hands) there was an approval vote of eleven board members for changing the location, the motion was voted approved by the Board. The May meeting will therefore be held in Augusta and the October meeting will be held in Savannah.

To conclude the meeting, Ms. Andrea Shelton asked the Board to sign cards to honor chaplains for Prison Chaplain's Appreciation Day. Also, Mr. Wayne Dasher asked the Board to sign a card for Mr. Brian Owens. Mr. Dasher stated that the card will be presented along with a table and some other items at the Joint meeting in Glennville.

Chairman Williams reminded the Board that the next meeting will be on April 16th at the National Guard Armory in Glennville. In addition, Chairman Williams reminded the Board that The Carl Vinson Institute will be conducting Board training in conjunction with lunch directly following the adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Rose Williams, Chairman

Alton Russell, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison