

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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Rose Williams, Chairman

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Alton Russell, Secretary

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Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison