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December 20, 2013

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Chair Elaine Snow, Vice-Chair Sandra Taylor, Thomas Coleman, Willie Bolton, Dick Yarbrough, John Edwards, Spurgeon Ambrose and Julia Neighbors. Fred Stephens participated via teleconference.

Judicial Advisory Council Members Present: None.

Motions and Other Business:

1. Chair Snow called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Friday, December 20, 2013 in the DJJ Board Room in DJJ's Central Office located at 3408 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2013 meeting was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
4. Commissioner Niles gave an overview of DJJ's activities since the last Board Meeting.
5. Andre Castaing, Staff Attorney, and Carl Brown, Deputy Commissioner, gave an overview of HB 242 and its impact on DJJ.
6. Joe Vignati, of the Governor's Office for Children and Families, reviewed his office's activities relative to the implementation of HB 242.
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. Dr. Audrey Armistead, Associate Superintendent of Schools, gave an overview of the Office of Education Services' activities since the last Board Meeting.
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.

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10. Old Business: There was no old business before the Board.
11. New Business: Board Member Willie Bolton inquired whether DJJ was pursuing unused GDC facilities for retrofitting as DJJ facilities to reduce the distances that local law enforcement must travel to deliver youth to DJJ. The Commissioner advised that the Department is studying this option as it develops its master plan for capital projects.
12. Chair Snow announced that the next Board Meeting will be held in the Central Office on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
13. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



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