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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Chairwoman Elaine Snow, Spurgeon Ambrose, Willie C. Bolton, Thomas Coleman, John Edwards, Angie Holt, Adam Kennedy, Julia Neighbors, Danny Porter, Fred Stephens, Kelly Stewart and Sandra Taylor.

Judicial Advisory Council Members Present: Judge Quintress Gilbert.

Motions and Other Business:

1. Chair Snow called the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to order on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 10:05 AM in the Board Room of the Central Office of the Department of Juvenile Justice, at 3408 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30032.
2. A motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the agenda for the October 22, 2015 meeting was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
4. Commissioner Niles gave an overview of the agency's activities since the last Board Meeting.
5. Sonja Allen-Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented on the budget.
6. Harold Cooper, Employee Relations Manager, presented "Employee of the Month" award certificates to DJJ employees exhibiting exemplary service.
7. Joe Vignati, Deputy Commissioner of Community Services Division, presented on the proposed name change from "Court Services Office" to "Community Services Office." A motion to adopt the proposed name change was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
8. 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.

9. Dr. Audrey Armistad, Associate Superintendent of Schools, gave a brief overview of the Office of Education Services' activities since the last Board Meeting.
10. A special guest (parent of youth) presented on his appreciation for DJJ efforts.
11. 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.
12. Old Business: There was no old business before the Board.
13. New Business: Vice Chair Sandra Taylor gave an update on a former DJJ employee.
14. Chair Snow announced that the next Board Meeting will be held in the Board Room of DJJ headquarters at 3408 Covington Hwy, Decatur, GA 30032, at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 10, 2015.
15. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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