

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

**April 13, 2017
Glennville, Georgia**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jerry Willis, Chairman
Mr. Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Mike Coggins
Mr. Mac Collins
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Larry Haynie
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse
Mr. Alton Russell
Ms. Andrea Shelton
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Christopher Clark
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Mr. John Mayes
Ms. Rose Williams

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Commissioner
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Scott Poitevint, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Chief of Staff
Ms. Tanya Averett, LPN, Rutledge State Prison
Mr. Hal Gibson, Director of Engineering & Construction Services
Ms. Cassie Hargrove, Central Region
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs
Ms. Tracy Jackson, RN, Coastal State Prison
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Keith Lank, Fugitive Unit
Mr. Gary Lister, Vocational Director, Inmate Services Division
Mr. Clay Nix, Assistant Director of Office of Professional Standards
Ms. Amalia Nunes, LPN, Central State Prison
Ms. Amy Pataluna, Interim Director, Georgia Correctional Industries
Ms. Anne Pye, RN, Burruss Correctional Training Center
Mr. Bryan Redfern, Correctional Officer, Montgomery State Prison
Mr. Anthony Russell, Correctional Officer, Rutledge State Prison
Mr. Brian White, Correctional Officer, Rogers State Prison
Mr. Douglas Williams, Warden of Smith State Prison
Ms. Linda Young, Correctional Officer, Emanuel Women's Facility

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Rebecca Dobas, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS:

Ms. Martha Ansley, Georgia Correctional Healthcare
Ms. Lynn Bill, Georgia Correctional Healthcare
Mr. Rick Cason, Chaplain
Ms. Olivia Duke, Office of Planning & Budget

Ms. Jackie Franklin, Wife of Carl Franklin
Ms. Kristen Kinney, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget
Ms. Rhonda Redfern, Citizen
Ms. Anita Russell, Citizen
Ms. Erica Wade, Citizen
Ms. Wendy White, Citizen
Mr. Neal Thompson, Citizen

First, Chairman Jerry Willis called to order the April meeting for the Board of Corrections ("the Board") at 3:00 p.m. Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes.

Chairman Willis then asked Chaplain Rick Cason to deliver the invocation. Following such, Chairman Willis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance before recognizing all guests and visitors, and the Board meeting, being duly convened, proceeded with business.

Chairman Willis presented the April Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Sheriff Roger Garrison. The Agenda was voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

Chairman Willis also presented the March Minutes to the Board for approval. Vice Chairman Alton Russell made the motion to approve, which was also seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher. The Minutes were then voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier began his report by honoring four correctional officers for Correctional Officer's Week, which is celebrated the first week of May (May 1-7th), each year. In addition, the Board of Corrections honors the service of correctional officers each year by presenting a Governor's proclamation to a selected group. This year, each candidate was also presented a plaque containing a Commissioner's coin. A group photo was taken of the presentation.

Plus, Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier honored four correctional nurses for National Nurses' Week, which is celebrated May 6 - 12th, each year. The Board of Corrections honors these nurses for the vital role they play in the correctional health setting each day. The nurses were presented a Governor's proclamation and a plaque containing a Commissioner's coin. A group photo was taken of the presentation.

Next, Commissioner Dozier gave a brief summary of the Commissioner's dashboard, which is a three-page overview highlighting key areas within the Agency.

Afterwards, Commissioner Dozier asked Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner of Facilities Division, to introduce Warden Douglas Williams from Smith State Prison to present a facility update. Warden Williams began his overview by explaining where in Georgia the facility is located. In addition, he discussed that Smith State Prison is a level five facility, with classification levels from minimum to close. Plus, Warden Williams discussed the housing population levels, security and non-security positions, satellite facilities (Long State Prison, Smith Transitional Center, & Women's Probation Detention Center), and Smith State Prison education and programming. To close, Warden Williams briefly discussed the bee keeping program for Smith State Prison.

Thereafter, Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs, introduced the "Beyond the Walls" article and short video on the Walker State Prison Fire Team. The article and video covered the story of how the Walker State Prison Fire Team were able to save Chief Matthew Mann, the man who taught them how to be firefighters, when he was struck on the head by another vehicle.

Next, Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner of Inmate Services Division, introduced Mr. Gary Lister, Vocational Director, to give the Honey Bee Program presentation. In his presentation, Mr. Lister discussed the partnerships, hive locations at facilities, the curriculum, the harvesting process, lessons, attitudes, and interactions. In addition, Mr. Lister discussed the creativity, practicum, exam and results to be a certified beekeeper.

This concluded the Commissioner's Report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Jerry Willis began the 'Chairman's Report' by collecting for the Georgia Prison Warden's Association scholarship fund. Additionally, Mr. Alton Russell gave an update on the Columbus Board meeting scheduled for June 1st.

There was no Old or New Business so Chairman Willis reminded the Board that the next Board meeting will be on May 4th, in Forsyth and the Board members will take an official photo on that date.

Chairman Willis asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion, which was then seconded by Vice Chairman Alton Russell, and the Board meeting was voted to adjourn.

Jerry Willis, Chairman

Larry Haynie, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison