

## **BOARD OF CORRECTIONS**

**April 12, 2018  
Glennville, Georgia**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Jerry Willis, Chairman  
Mr. Duke Blackburn  
Mr. Mac Collins  
Mr. Wayne Dasher  
Mr. Carl Franklin  
Sheriff Roger Garrison  
Mr. Larry Haynie  
Mr. John Mayes  
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse  
Mr. Alton Russell  
Mr. W. D. Strickland  
Ms. June Wood  
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Chris Clark  
Mr. Mike Coggins  
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard  
Ms. Andrea Shelton  
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  
Mr. Karl Arvin, Correctional Officer II, Rutledge State Prison  
Ms. Linda Barney is an LPN, Applying ITF  
Mr. Don Blakely, Warden of Valdosta State Prison  
Mr. Waymon Boyer, Food Service Supervisor, Macon State Prison  
Mr. Dan Brown, Director of Office of Information Technology  
Ms. Maxie Freeman, Correctional Officer II, Valdosta State Prison  
Mr. Brent Galloway, Georgia Correctional Industries  
Mr. Christopher Fox, Fire Chief, Macon State Prison  
Mr. Hal Gibson, Director of Engineering & Construction Services  
Ms. Sabrina Gregory, Director of Nursing, Coastal State Prison  
Ms. Mary LaVaughn Gore, LPN, GDCP  
Mr. Steven Harris, D.O.N., Hays State Prison  
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Office of Public Affairs  
Mr. Brad Hooks, Chief Operating Officer, Georgia Correctional Industries  
Mr. Carlos Jones, DWS, Dodge State Prison  
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison  
Mr. Jason Lewis, Beef Manager, Georgia Correctional Industries  
Mr. BJ Maddox, Correctional Sergeant, GDCP  
Mr. Gregory McLaughlin, Warden of Macon State Prison  
Mr. Clay Nix, Director Office of Professional Standards  
Ms. Amy Pataluna, Deputy Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries  
Ms. Angie Pittman, Office of Professional Standards  
Mr. John Riley, Office of Professional Standards  
Mr. John Richey, Deputy Director, Office of Professional Standards  
Mr. James Roger, Deputy Farm Director, Georgia Correctional Industries  
Mr. Chris Tiller, Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries  
Ms. Betsy Thomas, Director of Human Resources  
Mr. Jonathan Smith, Swine Manager, Georgia Correctional Industries  
Ms. Mozell Smith, Director of Nursing, GDCP

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Mr. Chris Carr, Attorney General  
Ms. Rebecca Dobras, Assistant Attorney General

**VISITORS:**

Ms. Jackie Franklin, Wife of Carl Franklin  
Ms. Barbara Gregory, Mother of Sabrina Gregory  
Ms. Sabrina Gregory, Director of Nursing, Augusta University/GCHC  
Ms. Becky Harris, Wife of Steven Harris  
Mr. Daniel P. Higgins, Captain, Sheriff Office  
Mr. Chad Knight, Executive Director of Nursing, Augusta University/GCHC  
Ms. Charlene Martin, Director of Patient Care Services, Augusta University/GCHC  
Mr. Brian Tukes, Department of Community Supervision

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

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

To begin, 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 Ms. June Wood. 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 Ms. Rocio Woody. The Minutes were then voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier began his report by asking Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner of facilities division, to assist in introducing and honoring four correctional officers with a Commissioner's coin for Correctional Officer's Week. In addition, the Board of Corrections honors the service of correctional officers each year by presenting a Governor's proclamation to a selected group. Correctional Officer's Week will be celebrated the week of May 6-12th. A group photo was taken of the presentation.

Plus, Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier asked Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Health Services, to assist in honoring four correctional nurses for National Nurses' Week. 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. National Nurses' Week will be celebrated the week of May 6 - 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 Marty Allen of Georgia State Prison. Mr. Myrick introduced Warden Marty Allen and asked him to present a facility update.

Warden Allen began his overview by stating the mission of Georgia State Prison is to protect the public by maintaining custody of offenders, while providing academic and vocational education, mental health, specialized counseling programs, community details and work release transition to offenders. In addition, Warden Allen discussed the facility's history, inmate capacity, facility special missions, staffing, reentry services, educational classes and statistics, and their overall budget.

This concluded the Commissioner's Report.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman Jerry Willis began the ‘Chairman’s Report’ by briefly discussing the board members touring Rogers State Prison farm. A few members explained that they appreciated seeing the various farming operations and Chairman Willis explained that he placed an updated Georgia Correctional Industries informational fact sheet in their board booklets for their convenience.

Next, Mr. Chris Tiller, Executive Director of Georgia Correctional Industries, presented the “Georgia Correctional Industries Beyond the Call” employee recognition award to Mr. Jason Lewis, Beef Manager and to Mr. Jonathan Smith, Swine Manager.

Mr. Tiller stated that both employees manage the farm operations daily and they are hardworking, dedicated employees. In addition, both individuals are invaluable to the agency, work long hours, and are instrumental in reaching agency set goals while demonstrating that they can produce significant improvements. Mr. Tiller presented Mr. Lewis and Mr. Smith with plaques on behalf of the Board of Corrections and Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier. A photo was taken of the plaque presentation.

Chairman Jerry Willis gave an update of the Georgia Prison Wardens Association Scholarship Fund stating that the 2018 collection goal was reached. Board members collected and donated \$1600.00 for the recipient. Chairman Willis thanked the Board for their annual participation.

Furthermore, Chairman Jerry Willis asked the Board if they would like to discuss canceling the July and August board meetings for the summer months, if there is no official business that must be voted upon.

Chairman Williams asked for a motion to approve canceling the July and August board meetings. Mr. John Mayes made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Ms. June Wood, and the motion canceling the July and August board meetings was voted approved by the Board.

Chairman Willis began Old or New Business by stating that the Board members needed to nominate and appoint a Board of Corrections’ ex officio member to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). Chairman Willis then opened the floor for nominations. Vice Chairman Alton Russell made a motion to nominate and appoint Chairman Jerry Willis as the designee for CJCC, the nomination for Chairman Willis to be appointed as the designee was then seconded by Mr. John Mayes, and the nomination and appointment was voted approved by the Board.

Last of all, Chairman Willis asked for a motion to approve an honorary resolution be drafted for Steve Upton, Director of Facilities Operations, for his retirement and many years of dedicated service to the Georgia Department of Corrections.

Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Vice Chairman Alton Russell, and the resolution was voted approved by the Board.

To conclude the meeting, Chairman Willis thank Mr. Wayne Dasher for hosting the April meeting and he reminded the board members that the next Board meeting will be on May 3rd at State Offices South at Tift College, in Forsyth, Georgia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jerry Willis, Chairman

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Larry Haynie, Secretary

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Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison