

**BOARD OF CORRECTIONS**

**April 18, 2019  
Glennville, Georgia**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Duke Blackburn  
Mr. Mike Coggins  
Mr. Wayne Dasher  
Mr. Carl Franklin  
Sheriff Roger Garrison  
Mr. Larry Haynie  
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse  
Mr. W. D. Strickland  
Ms. Rose Williams  
Mr. Jerry Willis  
Ms. June Wood

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Chris Clark  
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard  
Mr. John Mayes  
Mr. Alton Russell-Chairman  
Ms. Andrea Shelton  
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:**

Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Commissioner  
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner  
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner  
Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner  
Mr. Alan Watson, Assistant Commissioner  
Ms. Sallie Barker, Director of OHS  
Ms. Megan Berryman, Nurse, Augusta University  
Ms. Brenda Braswell, Nurse, Augusta University  
Mr. Dan Brown, Director of Office of Information Technology  
Dr. Heather Corbett, Director, Career & Technical Education  
Mr. James Deal, Warden, Ware State Prison  
Gail Devore, Director of Nursing, ASMP, Augusta University  
Mr. Benjamin Ford, Warden, GDCP  
Ms. Haroldean Harvey, Nurse, Augusta University  
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs  
Ms. Whitney Hendrix, Deputy Warden, Emanuel Women Facility  
Mr. Ahmed Holt, Deputy Facilities Director  
Mr. Brad Hooks, Deputy Director of GCI Food Operations  
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison  
Chad Knight, Executive Director, Augusta University  
Charlene M. Martin, Director of Nursing Services, Augusta University  
Ms. Meosha McMillan, Warden, Emanuel Women Facility  
Ms. Leslie Medlock, Warden  
Mr. Clay Nix, Director of Office of Professional Standards  
Mr. Lamartrie Robinson, CO, Calhoun State Prison  
Joseph M. Shurina III, Emanuel Women Facility  
Mr. Stan Shepard, Regional Director, Southeast  
Ms. Cynthia Smith, CO, GSP  
Mr. Tarmarshe Smith, Warden  
Ms. Betsy Thomas, Director of Human Resources  
Ms. Stephanie Thomas, CO, West Central PDC  
Mr. Joshua Timothy, CO, GDCP  
Mr. Bryan Wilson, Deputy General Counsel

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Ms. Tina Piper, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**VISITORS:**

Travis Berryman, Citizen  
Dr. Rick Cason, Chaplain  
Latoya Ellis, Citizen  
Ms. Jackie Franklin, Wife of Carl Franklin  
Ms. Penny Coggins, Wife of Mike Coggins  
Shawanda Robinson, Citizen  
Eveline Thomas, Citizen

First, Vice Chairman Larry Haynie 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.

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

Vice Chairman Haynie 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.

Vice Chairman Haynie also presented the March Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was also seconded by Ms. Rose Williams. The Minutes were then voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

Commissioner Timothy C. Ward began his report by discussing the Commissioner’s dashboard, which is a three-page overview highlighting key areas within the Agency.

Commissioner Ward then asked Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner of Facilities Division, to assist in introducing and honoring four correctional officers with a Commissioner’s coin for Correctional Officers 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 Officers Week will be celebrated the week of May 5-11th. A group photo was taken of the presentations.

Plus, Commissioner Ward 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 presentations.

To follow, Commissioner Ward asked Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner of Inmate Services Division, to introduce his staff for the Inmate Services Update. Assistant Commissioner Sanders stated that Dr. Heather Lea Corbett, Director of Career & Technical Education, was out but, Meosha McMillan, Warden of Emanuel Women’s Facility, would present a Female Braille Program overview.

Warden McMillan began by discussing the partnership between Georgia Tech Research Corporation and the Georgia Department of Corrections. Warden McMillan stated that this partnership is important because the Braille program helps all people have access to the same information. In addition, she discussed the teacher qualifications, the Training and Outreach Coordinator at Georgia Tech and the Center for Inclusive Design & Innovation.

To close, Warden McMillan discussed the enrollment requirements, required skills, preferred skills, providing real opportunities for income through technology, basic computer skills, literary braille certification, on-the-job training, and future certifications.

This concluded the Commissioner’s Report.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Vice Chairman Larry Haynie began the Chairman’s Report by briefly giving an update on the June Board meeting in Columbus.

Vice Chairman Haynie continued with Old or New Business by asking Mr. Bryan Wilson, Deputy General Counsel, to present the Central State Prison Greenhouse Demolition Request in Ms. Jennifer Ammons’ absence.

Mr. Wilson briefly stated that the building commonly known as the Old Greenhouse is currently not in use, contains no salvageable equipment of value, and has been determined to be economically infeasible to rehabilitate or remodel into a usable condition, and has been identified as hazardous in its present state. The Georgia Department of Corrections requests that the Georgia State Properties Commission take all the necessary steps to complete the demolition.

Mr. Wayne Dasher made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Sheriff Roger Garrison. The resolution was voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Lastly, Vice Chairman Haynie called upon Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner, Inmate Services Division, to present a request for Approval of Employment for the Inmate Services Division. Assistant Commissioner Sanders stated that after reviewing the board packet, the board members expressed that they had some additional discussion regarding the Employment Approval, so the board members advised that they would like to table this item, until the May board meeting.

Vice Chairman Larry Haynie asked for a motion to “table” the Employment Approval. Mr. Duke Blackburn made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Jerry Willis. The employment was voted “tabled” by the Board, and the Employment will be addressed at the May board meeting.

To close, Vice Chairman Haynie reminded the Board:

- The next Board of Corrections meeting is on May 2nd, in Forsyth.
- Following the board meeting, there will be mandatory Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for all members

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Alton Russell, Chairman

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Duke Blackburn, Secretary

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Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison