

**BOARD OF CORRECTIONS**

**April 4, 2024  
Dublin, Georgia**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. J.C. "Spud" Bowen  
Mr. Bruce Carlisle  
Mr. Ester Fleming Jr.  
Mr. Larry Haynie – Chairman  
Ms. Janelle King  
Sheriff Donnie Pope  
Mr. Rossie Ross  
Mr. Luis "Lou" M. Solis Jr.  
Mr. W. D. Strickland  
Ms. Rose Williams

**CONFERENCE CALLS:**

None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sheriff Barry H. Babb  
Mr. Duke Blackburn  
Mr. Chris Clark  
Mr. Thomas Culpepper  
Mr. John B. Edwards  
Sheriff Gary Gullede  
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard  
Ms. Tina Piper, Attorney General's Office  
Mr. Alton Russell

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Ms. Elizabeth Crowder, Attorney General's Office

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:**

Mr. Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner  
Mr. Alan Watson, Chief of Staff  
Mr. Ahmed Holt, Assistant Commissioner  
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner  
Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner  
Mr. Jacob Beasley, Warden, Smith State Prison  
Mr. Jamie Clark, Director of Engineering and Construction Services  
Ms. Komola Edwards, Director of Human Resources  
Mr. Benjamin Ford, Deputy Director of Facilities Operations  
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs  
Mr. Cliff Hogan, Director of Data Management and Research  
Ms. Jessica Howard, Lieutenant, McRae Women's Facility  
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Executive Assistant  
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison  
Ms. Dawn Mock, OIT  
Ms. Mac'Kayla Oglesby, Administrative Assistant - Women's Services  
Mr. Greg Phillips, Office of Professional Standards  
Mr. Henry Rutherford, Director of OIT  
Mr. Brian Sherrod, Deputy Director of GCI  
Ms. Aimee Smith, Warden, McRae Women's Facility  
Mr. David Stokes, Superintendent, Long State Prison  
Mr. Rob Thrower, Legislative Liaison  
Mr. Steven Turner, Chaplain  
Ms. Pamela Wiggins, Director of Female Services  
Mr. Brian Wilson, Deputy General Counsel  
Mr. Matthew Wolfe, Director, Office of Professional Standards  
Mr. Charles Vinson, Office of Information Technology

**VISITORS:**

Ms. Debbie Clark, Sister of Officer Robert Clark  
Ms. Elizabeth Connally, Mother of Officer Robert Clark

First, Chairman Larry Haynie called to order the April meeting for the Board of Corrections (“the Board”) at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes. Chairman Haynie then asked Chaplain Steven Turner to deliver the invocation. Following such, Chairman Haynie led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Haynie welcomed and recognized all guests and visitors, and the Board meeting, being duly convened, proceeded with business.

Chairman Haynie began by asking Mr. Ahmed Holt, Assistant Commissioner of Facilities Division to present a Medal of Honor award to the family of Fallen Officer Robert Clark. In addition, Chairman Haynie presented a plaque on behalf of the Board of Corrections to the family of Officer Robert Clark. Photos were taken of the presentations.

Chairman Haynie presented the April 4, 2024 Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. W. D. Strickland made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams. The Agenda was voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Chairman Haynie presented the March 7, 2024 Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Rossie Ross made the motion to approve the Minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams. The Minutes were voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

### **COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

To begin the Commissioner’s Report, Commissioner Tyrone Oliver presented the Budget Update beginning with a brief overview of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

Some of the highlights discussed were:

**Departmental Administration:** (Recruitment Advertising and Work Culture)

**Detention Centers:** (Operational Costs at Facilities Statewide)

**Food and Farm Operations:** (Additional Offender Meals on Weekends)

**Health:** (Physical Health and Pharmacy Service Contracts)

**Offender Management:** (Transfer to Departmental Administration Program, County Correctional Institutions \$2 Per Diem Increase, Virtual Court Technology Efficiencies Reduction)

**Private Prisons:** (Bed Capacity Increase)

**State Prisons:** (Capital Maintenance and Repairs (Additional Funds), Safety, Security, and Technology Initiatives, Operational Costs at Facilities Statewide, Offender Call Monitoring, Radio Communications, Vocational Education Contracts with TCSG, BCOT Replacement of Notebooks with Chromebooks, BCOT Replacement of Notebooks with Chromebooks, HR Recruitment Center Closures, Recruitment / Retention Cost Avoidance, Privatizing Food Services at 4 Facilities)

**Transition Centers:** (Operational Cost for Metro Re-Entry Phase IV, Operational Costs at Facilities Statewide)

**Statewide Changes:** (Cost-of-Living-Adjustments (4% up to \$3,000), Salary Enhancement for POST-Certified LE (\$3,000)\*, Salary Enhancement for POST-Certified LE (\$3,000)\*, DOAS Administered Insurance Programs, Telecommunications/Infrastructure Rates for GTA, GBA Rental Rate for Security & Operational Cost, Merit System Assessment Billings, TRS Employer Contribution Rate)

**Capital Outlay:** (Replace 218 Vehicles, Statewide, Replace 10 Buses, Statewide)

To close, Commissioner Oliver discussed the total Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (State Funds).

Next Commissioner Oliver asked Mr. Jamie Clark, Director, Engineering & Construction Services and Mr. Ahmed Holt, Assistant Commissioner, Facilities Division, to do a Facility Overview on the new facility being built in Washington County.

Some of the highlights that were discussed were the new state of the art facility design, the schematics of the facility, pictures showing the 567 acres, discussing the types of construction equipment needed to construct the facility, 67 acres of new perimeter, and building space.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Holt continued with discussing items such as dealing with specific types of offenders that come into the correctional system, technology improvements, and meeting with other prison officials in Utah and Philadelphia to see what their facilities look like.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Holt further discussed this special mission facility, being able to house any type of offender, flexibility, infrastructure design, roofing, technology, the 1528 single man beds that can expand to 1900, the 896 general population beds, 124 supportive living unit beds, and the 384 special needs beds (Tier and Step-Down programs).

Lastly Mr. Clark and Mr. Holt discussed evidence based prison, the possible Warden for the facility, the basic layout of the facility, the guard shack for the facility, K-9, the parking lot, admin staff parking, meeting space, intake, fire station, the Washington County Community, administrative area, visitation area, medical area, multipurpose area, dorms, cameras, and security system. And Mr. Holt closed by discussing the recreational area, fencing, programming, classrooms, movement, locks, the boilers and chillers system, and staffing.

This concluded Mr. Clark and Mr. Holt's report.

Commissioner Oliver then asked Mr. Matthew Wolfe, Director, Office of Professional Standards, to present a brief Office of Professional Standards Update.

Mr. Wolfe began by introducing Mr. Greg Phillips who discussed Operation Skyhawk. In his presentation Mr. Phillips discussed the collaboration of several teams who assisted in this operation.

This concluded Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Phillips' report and the Commissioner's Report.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Under the Chairman's Report, Chairman Haynie began by advising the Board that we collected a total of one thousand three hundred ten dollars (\$1310.00) towards the 2024 Georgia Prison Warden's Association Board of Corrections scholarship fund. The Board will continue to collect for this scholarship until the fifteen-hundred-dollar (\$1,500) goal is met.

There were no Old or New Business, so Chairman Haynie concluded the meeting by reminding the Board that the next board meeting is on May 2, 2024, at State Offices South at Tift College, in Forsyth, Georgia.

There being no further business, the board meeting was adjourned.

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Larry Haynie, Chairman

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J.C. "Spud" Bowen, Secretary

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Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison