BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
April 30, 2025
Augusta, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. J.C. "Spud" Bowen
Ms. Kellie Brownlow
Mr. Rodney Bryant
Mr. Thomas Culpepper
Mr. Ester Fleming Jr. – Chairman
Sheriff Donnie Pope
Mr. Rossie Ross
Mr. Alton Russell
Mr. Luis "Lou" M. Solis Jr.
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Ms. Rose Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Sheriff Barry H. Babb
Mr. Bruce Carlisle
Mr. Chris Clark
Mr. John B. Edwards
Sheriff Gary Gulledge
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:
Ms. Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:
Mr. Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner
Mr. Alan Watson, Chief of Staff
Ms. Latera M. Davis, Assistant Commissioner of Inmate Services (interim)
Mr. Jackson Defore, Assistant Commissioner of Finance and Admin
Mr. Ahmed Holt, Assistant Commissioner, Facilities Division
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner of Inmate Services
Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner of Health Services Division
Mr. Adam Baswell, Director of Office of Professional Development
Mr. Antonie Caldwell, North Regional Director
Mr. Jamie Clark, Director of Engineering & Construction Services
Mr. Phillip Davenport, Regional Director, North
Ms. Gail Devore, Registered Nurse / Nurse Administrator, Augusta Transitional Center
Ms. Carmen Edwards, Warden, Lee Arrendale State Prison
Ms. Komola Edwards, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Kenneth Ellis, Statewide Chaplain
Ms. Rachel Farmer, Registered Nurse
Ms. Jennifer Floyd, Registered Nurse
Mr. Benjamin Ford, Facilities Director
Ms. Teresa Grable, Registered Nurse/ Nurse Administrator, Macon Transitional Center
Ms. Verna Harden, Correctional Officer III, Rogers State Prison
Ms. Meisha Shedrick, Sister of Correctional Officer
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Office of Communications
Mr. Cliff Hogan, Director of Data Management and Research
Mr. Brian Harris, Correctional Officer III, ASMP
Ms. Latasha Harris, Deputy Warden of Security
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Executive Assistant
Ms. Jaxon Johnson, Recruitment Lieutenant, Walker State Prison
Mr. DeShawn Jones, Warden of Augusta State Medical Prison
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, County Prisons Coordinator
Ms. Dawn Mock, Office of Information Technology
Ms. DeAnn Morris, Regional Director, SE
Ms. Patricia Nelson, RDON, North
Ms. Kelly Anne Pennington, SW Nursing Director
Ms. Kyra Reagan, Registered Nurse, Macon State Prison
Mr. Chris Rud, RDON, SE
Mr. Henry Rutherford, Director of Office of Information Technology
Ms. Fawn Smith, Nurse Practitioner, Coastal State Prison

Mr. Tarmarshe Smith, Southeast Regional Deputy Director
Ms. Annettia Toby, Southeast Regional Director
Mr. Jermaine White, Southwest Regional Director
Mr. Matthew Wolfe, Director of Office of Professional Standards

VISITORS:
Ms. Lynn Blackburn, Wife of Duke Blackburn
Mr. Eugene Brantley, Sheriff (Richmond County)
Ms. Tervonda Daniel, Guest of Teresa Grable
Mr. Jayce Fitzpatrick, Guest of Teresa Grable
Ms. Tiffany Johnson, Mother of Jaxon Johnson
Ms. Kaitlyn Johnson, Wife of Jaxon Johnson
Ms. June Johnson, Daughter of Jaxon Johnson
Ms. Panella Myrick, Sister of DeAnn Morris
Mr. Thomas Reagan, III, Guest of Kyra Reagan
Ms. Anaya Veal, Guest of Teresa Grable

First, Chairman Ester Fleming Jr. called to order the April 30, 2025 meeting for the Board of Corrections ("the Board") at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes.

Chairman Fleming then asked Chaplain Kenneth Ellis to deliver the invocation. Following such, Chairman Fleming led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Fleming presented the Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. W. D. Strickland made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Alton Russell. The Agenda was voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

Chairman Fleming presented the April 3, 2025 Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. W. D. Strickland made a motion to approve the Minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Rossie Ross. The Minutes were voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
To begin the Commissioner's Report, Commissioner Tyrone Oliver discussed briefly the Commissioner's Dashboard, which is a four-page overview highlighting key areas and significant events within the Agency.

Commissioner Oliver then discussed some of the major projects for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget that was signed by Governor Brian P. Kemp.

Commissioner Oliver asked Mr. Ahmed Holt, Assistant Commissioner of Facilities Division, to assist in introducing and honoring four (4) correctional officers Ashley Davis, Fire Chief, Lee Arrendale State Prison; Brian Harris, Correctional Officer III, Augusta State Medical Prison; Verna Harden, Correctional Officer III, Rogers State Prison, and Jaxon Johnson, Recruitment Lieutenant, Walker State Prison 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 select group. Correctional Officers Week will be celebrated the week of May 4-10, 2025. Individual photos were taken of each officer's presentation.

Commissioner Oliver asked Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Health Services, to assist in honoring four (4) Nurses: Fawn Smith, Nurse Practitioner, Coastal State Prison; Kyra Reagan, Registered Nurse, Macon State Prison; Gail Devore, Registered Nurse / Nurse Administrator, Augusta Transitional Center; Teresa Grable, Registered Nurse/ Nurse Administrator, Macon Transitional Center 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 with a Governor's proclamation and a Commissioner's coin. National Nurses Week will be celebrated the week of May 6 – 12, 2025. Individual photos were taken of the presentations.

Next Commissioner Oliver asked Mr. DeShawn Jones, Warden of Augusta State Medical Prison, to present an ASMP Update. Warden Jones began his presentation by displaying an aerial photo of the facility. Some of the highlights from his presentation were discussing items such as GDC's Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Top 5 Priorities of the Department of Corrections, the Cultural Beliefs, and the Augusta State Medical Prison's leadership and history.

Warden Jones continued with discussing Augusta State Medical Prison's mission, facility challenges, facts and statistics, and specialty services: 24 hr. Infirmary, Crisis Stabilization Unit, Acute Care Unit, Mental Health Clinic (Centurion), Medical Clinic (Centurion), Wound Care Clinic (MyWoundDoc), Physical Therapy Clinic, Dental Clinic, Mobile CT Unit, Mobile MRI Unit, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Dialysis Unit (Rendevor), Telemedicine Remote Care, and Ambulatory Surgical Center.

Lastly, Warden Jones closed by discussing Human Resources, current projects, dental clinic, patients served, treatment stations, dialysis suite (Rendevor), ambulatory surgical center, GDC's hospital assistance, ASMP's accomplishments (Fiscal Year 2024 Audit and Focused Recognitions; Reduction in Incidents for Fiscal Year 2023 to Fiscal Year 2024) and ASMP's successes (Overcoming Hurricane Helene, Dialysis Temporary Water Supply, Joint Effort Between GDC and Centurion, tankers provided potable water, community involved efforts to access gasoline (Walmart/Grovetown PD), community involved efforts to access water (Grovetown Fire Department/City of Augusta), and CPOF supported staff members that suffered total losses.

This completed Mr. Jones' report.

Following such, Commissioner Oliver asked Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner, Health Services Division, to present a Medical Update.

To begin, Mr. Sauls discussed Medical Missions of Augusta State Medical Prison (ASMP). Also discussed were ASMP's facility data (Infirmary Beds, CSU/ACU Beds, Dialysis Chairs, and ALU Beds), mental health population, Dialysis patients, Diabetics patients, Cancer patients, medical staffing, wound care, Pharmacy and Pharmacy Demographics, ASMP's Dental Clinic, Mental Health Staffing, and the Specialized Mental Health Treatment Units (SMHTUs).

Mr. Sauls concluded by discussing the planned reopening of two outpatient ambulatory suites and TechCare HER.

This concluded the report of Mr. Sauls and the Commissioner's Report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no business under the Chairman's Report or Old or New Business, so Chairman Fleming reminded the Board that the next Board of Corrections meeting is on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at State Offices South at Tift College, in Forsyth, Georgia.

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

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Ester Fleming Jr., Chairman

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Chris Clark, Secretary

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Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison