

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

December 1, 2016

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Rose Williams, Chairman
Ms. Sonja Allen-Smith
Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Christopher Clark
Mr. Mac Collins
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Mike Coggins
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Larry Haynie
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse
Mr. Alton Russell
Ms. Andrea Shelton
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Mr. Jerry Willis
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Carl Franklin
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Mr. John Mayes

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Commissioner
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Scott Poitevint, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Jack "Randy" Sauls, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Chief of Staff
Ms. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel
Mr. Dan Brown, Director of Office of Information Technology
Mr. Terry Edge, Director of Training
Mr. Hal Gibson, Director of Engineering & Construction Services
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs
Mr. Brad Hooks, Assistant Executive Director of Operations for Georgia Correctional Industries
Mr. Kenny Howard, Correctional Officer
Mr. Walter Hudson, Office of Professional Standards
Mr. Anthony Jenkins, Program Director, Risk Reduction Services
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Frank Kersey, Fire Chief, Georgia State Prison
Ms. Sue Mickens, Warden of Pulaski State Prison
Mr. Clay Nix, Assistant Director of Office of Professional Standards
Ms. Amy Pataluna, Georgia Correctional Industries
Mr. J. M. "Bob" Plemons, Legislative Liaison
Mr. Antonnio Printup, Director of Special Operations
Ms. Lisa Rodriguez-Presley, Office of Public Affairs
Ms. Vonnie Stewart, Executive Assistant
Ms. Betsy Thomas, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Steven Turner, Chaplain
Mr. Shawn Wombles, Manager of Fire Services

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS:

Homer Bryson, Georgia Emergency Management Agency
Ms. Lisa Bryson, Wife of Homer Bryson
Ms. Stephanie Dozier, Wife of Gregory C. Dozier
Mr. Joe Smith, Cherokee Sheriff's Office
Ms. Susan Strickland, Wife of W.D. Strickland
Mr. Dave Pratt, Southern Strategy Group

Chairman Rose Williams called the December meeting of the Board of Corrections to order at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes. Chairman Williams asked Chaplain Steven Turner to deliver the invocation.

Chairman Rose Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance and recognized all guests and visitors and the Board meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed to business.

Chairman Williams asked Mr. Gregory C. Dozier to stand and raise his right hand prior to her administering aloud the official oath and loyalty oath of the Commissioner. Once Commissioner Dozier was sworn in, he thanked the Governor, the Board of Corrections, staff, and family.

Afterwards, Chairman Williams and Vice Chairman Jerry Willis presented Mr. Homer Bryson, former Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, with a resolution on behalf of the Board of Corrections.

To follow, Chairman Rose Williams presented the December Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Secretary Alton Russell, and the Agenda was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Chairman Williams presented the November Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Ms. Sonja Allen-Smith, and the Minutes were voted approved by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier began his report by discussing the three-page overview that was in the Board members' booklets, highlighting key areas within the agency. Commissioner Dozier asked Mr. Terry Edge to introduce Mr. Kenny Howard of Special Operations to display the new correctional officer uniform to the Board. Subsequently, Mr. Howard gave the Board an update on the new correctional officer uniform. Some of the items mentioned were:

- How and why this particular uniform was chosen
- What are some of the differences between the old/new uniform
- Uniform convenience and style, color, and fit

Immediately following, Commissioner Dozier introduced Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner, Facilities Operations Division and Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner, Inmate Services Division to the Board. Commissioner Dozier briefly read their individual biographies and advised that Assistant Commissioner Myrick and Assistant Commissioner Sanders would be great additions to the Executive Team.

Assistant Commissioner Myrick introduced Warden Sue Mickens, Pulaski State Prison, to present a facility update. Warden Mickens began by discussing the total staff employed at Pulaski State Prison, which includes security, non-security, and contract personnel. In addition, Warden Mickens discussed the history, mission, and various programs offered at Pulaski State Prison. Warden Mickens continued talking about the type of issues female offenders face, co-dependent relationships, drug use, medical/dental care, and educational/vocational programs. Moreover, Warden Mickens highlighted the Children's Center, a unique initiative existing at Pulaski State Prison, which allows select offenders to reunite with their families for a day of fun and bonding. To close, Warden Mickens discussed reentry efforts to rehabilitate female offenders.

Next, Chief of Staff Timothy C. Ward presented Mr. Frank Kersey, Fire Chief of Georgia State Prison, with an Employee Recognition plaque on behalf of the Board of Corrections and Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier for "*Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty.*" A photo was taken of the plaque presentation.

This concluded the Commissioner's Report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Rose Williams began the Chairman's report by asking Mr. W. D. Strickland, Chair of the Education/Programs & Recidivism Committee, to give an Education presentation. Mr.

Strickland introduced and called upon Mr. Anthony Jenkins, Director of Education, to give an Inmate Services update for the Education Committee. Before Mr. Jenkins began, Ms. Andrea Shelton introduced an offender from Burruss Correctional Training Center, who spoke and gave his personal testimony on how education has changed his life since he has been incarcerated. Afterwards, Mr. Jenkins began his Inmate Services presentation by discussing the Department's overall academic education program, including the GED's earned for the month and the totals for the fiscal year. Mr. Jenkins also discussed the GOAL devices and Chromebooks that offer the Learning Management System to give academic education courses to offenders. In addition, Mr. Jenkins talked about Vocational and OJT Completions, Horticulture, Commercial Truck Driving, and Advanced Welding. To close, Mr. Jenkins discussed some of the new programs that are forthcoming such as the Welding, Diesel Technology, Video and Film Support Technician, Barbering, Recycling, Composting, and Urban Gardening programs at several facilities.

Next, Chairman Williams called upon Sheriff Roger Garrison, Chair of the Nominations Committee, to nominate the Executive Officers for 2017. Sheriff Garrison stated that the Nominations Committee received and reviewed all requests and the Committee would like to nominate Mr. Jerry Willis for Chairman, Mr. Alton Russell as Vice Chairman, and Mr. Larry Haynie as Secretary, for 2017. Sheriff Garrison made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher, and the motion to approve the 2017 Executive Officers, was voted approved by the Board.

To follow, Chairman Williams continued with Old or New Business by presenting an honorary resolution that was drafted in honor of Chaplain Katie Jane Wright, whom the Re-Entry Dorm at Phillips State is being named after, in recognition of her mentoring, dedication, and service to the State of Georgia.

Chairman Williams asked for the motion of approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Ms. Sonja Allen-Smith and the resolution was voted approved by the Board as presented.

To conclude the meeting, Chairman Williams thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve for the past two years. In addition, Chairman Williams thanked Mr. Homer Bryson, Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier, and the staff at the Department of Corrections. Chairman Williams reminded the board members that the next board meeting will be on January 5, 2017 at State Offices South at Tift College in Forsyth, Georgia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Rose Williams, Chairman

Alton Russell, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison