

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

December 7, 2017

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Chris Clark
Mr. Mac Collins
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Mr. Larry Haynie
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse
Mr. Alton Russell
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Ms. Rose Williams
Ms. June Wood
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Mike Coggins
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Ms. Andrea Shelton
Mr. Jerry Willis, Chairman

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
Ms. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel
Mr. Dan Brown, Director of Office of Information Technology
Ms. Marie Boulton, DWA of Richmond County
Mr. Evan Joseph, Warden of Richmond County
Mr. Nathan Klein, Project Engineer
Mr. Terry Edge, Director of Office of Professional Development
Mr. Hal Gibson, Director of Engineering & Construction Services
Mr. Warren Haynes, Correctional Officer
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Manager, Office of Public Affairs
Mr. Walter Hudson, Office of Professional Standards
Mr. James Deal, Warden of Ware State Prison
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Ms. Amy Pataluna, Deputy Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries
Mr. Mike Riley, Office of Professional Standards
Mr. Bill Sanders, Assistant Director - Design & Development
Ms. Donna Tebought, Director, Risk Reduction Services
Ms. Betsy Thomas, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Chris Tiller, Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries
Dr. Steven Turner, Chaplain

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Ms. Tina Piper, Senior Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS:

Ms. Lynn Blackburn, Wife of Duke Blackburn
Ms. Stephanie Dozier, Wife of Gregory C. Dozier
Ms. Jackie Franklin, Wife of Carl Franklin
Mr. Wayne Graham, Southern Center for Human Rights
Mr. Jim Ormes, Contractor
Mr. David Pratt, Southern Strategy Group
Ms. Vonnie Stewart, Teachers Retirement System of Georgia
Ms. Susan Strickland, Wife of W.D. Strickland

First, Vice Chairman Alton Russell called to order the December meeting for the Board of Corrections (“the Board”) at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes.

Vice Chairman Russell then asked Chaplain Steven Turner to deliver the invocation. Following such, Vice Chairman Russell led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance before welcoming Ms. June Wood, Board Member, District 13, to the Board meeting. Vice Chairman Russell then recognized all guests and visitors, and the Board meeting, being duly convened, proceeded with business.

To begin, Vice Chairman Russell presented the December Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams. The Agenda was voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Vice Chairman Russell also presented the November Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. W. D. Strickland 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 Gregory C. Dozier began his report with 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 present the “Beyond the Call” employee recognition award to Mr. Warren Haynes, Correctional Officer at Ware State Prison.

Assistant Commissioner Myrick stated that Warren Haynes is being recognized because he goes the extra mile in his every day duties. He has served at Ware State Prison as the Welding and Fabrication Instructor for the past 15 years and he has assisted in the reentry preparation of offenders by providing valuable skills that many have used to obtain employment upon their release. In addition, he has been a pioneer in designing new security innovations inside the fabrication shop that are used in many facilities around the state. Most recently, Officer Haynes assisted the agency during Hurricane Irma when he remained on site at the facility throughout the night in order to cover staff shortages. It is because of this type of hard work and dedication that we want to recognize Officer Haynes. He is truly the model employee.

Assistant Commissioner Myrick presented Mr. Haynes with a plaque on behalf of the Board of Corrections and Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier. A photo was taken of the plaque presentation.

To follow, Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier asked Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner of Facilities Division, to introduce Mr. Terry Edge, Director of Office of Professional Development, to present the Field Training Officer Program update. Mr. Edge began his overview by explaining how the Field Training Officer Program works in regards to the certification process, the courses, requirements, restrictions, statewide completion rates and the program staff that oversees the program. In addition, Mr. Edge discussed typical duties for the officers, the trainee cadet/new officer requirements, the operating policy for the Field Training Program, the training schedule and standardized evaluation guidelines.

Thereafter, Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Manager of the Office of Public Affairs, introduced the December “Beyond the Walls” article that features, Ms. Sandra Anderson, who, after incarceration obtained a theological degree. She had a great and overwhelming desire to be a prison chaplain because her life was impacted by a passionate chaplain that cared about her future. Eventually, she was hired by Heartbound Ministries to serve as the Chaplain at Metro Transitional Center. Today, when working with the women, she often tells them to enroll in every program that is offered, and that the time they spend incarcerated is not wasted time when you take advantage of every opportunity that is provided.

Next, Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner of Inmate Services Division, asked Dr. Steven Turner, Statewide Chaplain for Chaplaincy Services, to present the Volunteer Rebranding Overview. To begin, Dr. Turner briefly discussed the total amount for the different monthly services that are held, the monthly attendance for those services and the total number of

volunteers that each facility has. Plus, Dr. Turner mentioned the step-by-step process of on how individuals can conduct the volunteer training process online. Some of the highlights mentioned were the application vetting process, regional training, the online in-service training and the facility orientation which are all a part of Phase I. In addition, some of the items mentioned in the Phase II process were the Monthly Roll-up Reports, feedback, annual volunteer evaluation, volunteer activities linked to master calendar, ID scan to verify attendance and the volunteer levels.

To close, Dr. Turner discussed the benefits of having a GDC website for the Volunteer Services process.

Immediately following, Mr. Hal Gibson, Director of Engineering and Construction Services, presented the Performance Energy Contracting Overview. To begin, Mr. Gibson briefly discussed the performance contracting in state prisons. Some of the highlights that were mentioned were the Phase I savings projected and actual savings for Phillips State Prison, the Phase II projected and actual savings for the five sites (Arrendale, Wilcox, Hays, GDCP and GSP), infrastructure upgrades, maintenance costs, energy costs before and after improvements, utility savings and additional benefits.

This concluded the Commissioner's Report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chairman Alton Russell began the 'Chairman's Report' by moving into Regular Session to approve the appointment of Ms. Marie Boulton - Deputy Warden of Administration for Richmond County.

Vice Chairman Russell called upon Mr. Duke Blackburn, Chairman of the Facilities Committee, to give the Board the Committee's recommendation of the appointment.

Mr. Blackburn stated that the Facilities Committee received the board packet for Ms. Boulton and after reviewing her report, the committee unanimously recommends appointment approval for Ms. Boulton to the Deputy Warden of Administration position at Richmond County.

Mr. Duke Blackburn made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher, and the motion was voted approved by the Board as presented. Vice Chairman Russell congratulated Ms. Boulton and she thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Next, Vice Chairman Russell asked a few Board members to briefly discuss any prison or graduations they may have visited.

To continue Vice Chairman Russell stated that he had received the nominations for the 2018 Executive Officer positions from Sheriff Roger Garrison, Chair of the Nominations Committee. Vice Chairman Russell stated that the Nominations Committee met and is in agreement to re-nominate Mr. Jerry Willis as the Chairman, (himself) Mr. Alton Russell as Vice Chairman and Mr. Larry Haynie as the Secretary for the 2018 Nominations of Officers.

Vice Chairman Russell asked for a motion to approve the nominations. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams and Mr. Duke Blackburn, and the motion was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Next, Vice Chairman Russell asked if there was any Old or New Business. Mr. Wayne Dasher stated that he would like the Board to present honorary resolutions to former Board Member Bruce Hudson and Ms. Vonnie Stewart, former Executive Assistant to Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier.

Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Tommy Rouse, and the motion was voted approved by the Board as presented.

In addition, Mr. Dasher expressed that he would like to change the April Board meeting date to April 12th with the location being Glennville, so that the Board of Corrections could have their Board meeting on the same day as the Board of Public Safety. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the

motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Tommy Rouse, and the motion was voted approved by the Board as presented.

To conclude the meeting, Vice Chairman Russell reminded the board members that the next Board meeting will be on January 4, 2018 at State Offices South at Tift College in Forsyth, Georgia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jerry Willis, Chairman

Larry Haynie, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison