

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
December 22, 2022
Emergency Virtual Board Meeting

CONFERENCE CALL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sheriff Barry H. Babb
Mr. Duke Blackburn – Chairman
Mr. J.C. “Spud” Bowen
Mr. Chris Clark
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Guy A. Daughtrey
Mr. Ester Fleming Jr.
Mr. Larry Haynie
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Ms. Janelle King
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Alton Russell
Ms. Andrea Shelton
Mr. Luis “Lou” M. Solis Jr.
Ms. Rose Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheriff Donnie Pope
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Mr. Bill White

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE PRESENT:

Ms. Tina Piper, Attorney General’s Office

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Commissioner
Mr. Alan Watson, Chief of Staff
Mr. Peter Adams, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Ahmed Holt, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Executive Assistant
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison

VISITORS:

Mr. Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner

First, Chairman Duke Blackburn called to order the December Emergency Virtual meeting for the Board of Corrections (“the Board”) at 11:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes. Chairman Blackburn then delivered the invocation. Following such, Chairman Blackburn welcomed all members and visitors who were on the conference call, and the Board meeting, being duly convened, proceeded with business.

Chairman Blackburn asked Board Liaison Simone Juhmi to conduct a roll call of all members to confirm a quorum. Following such, Chairman Blackburn asked if there were any additional items to discuss other than the one item on the agenda. Board Liaison Juhmi advised no, so Chairman Blackburn proceeded to ask for a motion to approve to go into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment of the Georgia Department of Corrections Commissioner.

Mr. J. C. “Spud” Bowen made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher and Mr. Rose Williams. The vote to go into Executive Session was voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Upon the conclusion of Executive Session, Chairman Duke Blackburn ask for a motion to approve moving back into Regular Session to approve the Appointment of the Georgia Department of Corrections Commissioner.

Ms. Rose Williams made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Chris Clark. The vote to move back into Regular Session was voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Following such, Chairman Blackburn began the Regular Session by asking for an approval of the Appointment of the Georgia Department of Corrections Commissioner, Mr. Tyrone Oliver.

Mr. Ester Fleming, Jr. made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher and Ms. Rose Williams. The appointment of the Georgia Department of Corrections Commissioner, Mr. Tyrone Oliver, was voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Upon conclusion, Commissioner Tyrone Oliver thanked the Board for the appointment approval and the opportunity to serve as the new Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Corrections. In addition, former Commissioner Timothy C. Ward thanked the Board, the Department of Corrections, and its staff for the opportunity he had to serve as the former Commissioner.

To close, Chairman Blackburn reminded all board members that the next Board of Corrections meeting is on January 5, 2023, at State Offices South at Tift College in Forsyth, Georgia.

There being no further business, Chairman Blackburn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Mr. Wayne Dasher made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Janelle King. The adjournment of the meeting was voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

The board meeting was adjourned.

Duke Blackburn, Chairman

Andrea Shelton, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison