

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

February 2, 2017

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jerry Willis, Chairman
Mr. Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Christopher Clark
Mr. Mac Collins
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Larry Haynie
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse
Mr. Alton Russell
Ms. Andrea Shelton
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Ms. Rose Williams
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Bruce Hudson

CONFERENCE CALL:

Mr. Mike Coggins

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Commissioner
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Scott Poitevint, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Chief of Staff
Ms. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel
Mr. Dan Brown, Director of Office of Information Technology
Mr. Stan Cooper, Assistant to Commissioner
Mr. Terry Edge, Director of Training
Mr. Hal Gibson, Director of Engineering & Construction Services
Mr. Cliff Hartley, Manager of Field Services
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs
Mr. Brad Hooks, Assistant Executive Director of Operations for Georgia Correctional Industries
Mr. Walter Hudson, Office of Professional Standards
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Tom McElhenney, Manager of Transitional Services
Mr. Clay Nix, Assistant Director of Office of Professional Standards
Ms. Amy Pataluna, Georgia Correctional Industries
Ms. Betsy Thomas, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Steven Turner, Chaplain
Mr. Alan Watson, Deputy Director Admin & Finance Division

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS:

Ms. Jackie Franklin, Wife of Carl Franklin

Ms. Kristen Kinney, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget

Mr. Kevin Kunich, NORESO

Ms. Olivia Duke, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget

Mr. Brian Tukes, Department of Community Supervision

Chairman Jerry Willis called the February meeting of the Board of Corrections to order at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes.

Chairman Willis confirmed that Board Member Mike Coggins was connected via conference call. Chairman Willis asked Chaplain Steven Turner to deliver the invocation.

Chairman Willis 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 Willis presented the February Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Ms. Rose Williams, and the Agenda was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Chairman Willis presented the January Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Ms. Rocio Woody, and the Minutes were voted approved by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier began his report by presenting a brief summary of the Commissioner's dashboard, which is a three-page overview highlighting key areas within the agency.

Next, Chairman Jerry Willis briefly showed the Board members his personal port authority legacy jacket, while stating that the jacket was durable and convenient. Each member was offered an opportunity to order a jacket if they chose to do so. To follow, Commissioner Dozier asked Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs, to introduce the "Beyond the Walls" article and short video on Mr. Jeremy McClure. Mr. McClure was incarcerated for 13 years and was sent to Augusta Transitional Center, wherein he was afforded the opportunity to receive on-the-job training with the company that took a chance on him when he was nearing release. Mr. McClure worked as an electrician with GDC's Mobile Construction unit across the state, and it was through the Department of Corrections Transitional Program, that he was allowed to go back into society, get a job, and reacclimate himself.

Afterwards, Commissioner Dozier introduced Ms. Amy Pataluna, Interim Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries, to present a Georgia Correctional Industries Update. Ms.

Pataluna began by discussing the administrative alignment which included the administrative responsibilities and the goals and benefits for Correctional Industries. In addition, Ms. Pataluna introduced Mr. Alan Watson, Deputy Director, Administration and Finance Division, to discuss the process update priorities for Correctional Industries. Mr. Watson discussed the State Purchasing Card (P-Card) Program, Purchasing Procedures, Asset Management, and Product Analysis. To close, Ms. Pataluna discussed the next steps for training – financial processes, inventory management, staffing analysis, and business process analysis to develop a strategic plan for Correctional Industries.

Thereafter, Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner of Inmate Services Division, presented the “Beyond the Call” employee recognition plaque on behalf of the Board of Corrections and Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier to Mr. Cliff Hartley, Field Services, Transitional Services Unit. A photo was taken of the plaque presentation.

This concluded the Commissioner’s Report.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Jerry Willis began the Chairman’s report by giving an update on the Board of Corrections flower fund and there was a collection for the Georgia Prison Warden’s Association scholarship fund. In addition, Ms. Andrea Shelton reminded the Board members about the Inmate Art Show on February 13th & 14th, in Atlanta.

Next, Chairman Willis continued with Old or New Business. Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier presented gavels to several members that held the position of Chairman, while serving on the Board of Corrections. Members that were presented with gavels were Mr. Wayne Dasher, Mr. John Mayes, Mr. Tommy Rouse, and Ms. Rose Williams. The Executive officers (Chairman Jerry Willis, Vice Chairman Alton Russell, and Secretary Larry Haynie) assisted with the gavel presentations and photos were taken.

Chairman Willis reminded the members that the next Board of Corrections meeting is on March 2nd in Forsyth. There being no further business, Chairman Willis asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Alton Russell made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Ms. Rose Williams, and the meeting was voted adjourned by the Board.

Jerry Willis, Chairman

Larry Haynie, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison