

**BOARD OF CORRECTIONS**

**February 2, 2023**

**Forsyth, Georgia**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sheriff Barry H. Babb  
Mr. Duke Blackburn  
Mr. Chris Clark  
Mr. Thomas Culpepper  
Mr. Wayne Dasher  
Mr. Guy A. Daughtrey  
Mr. Ester Fleming Jr.  
Mr. Gary Gullede  
Mr. Larry Haynie – Chairman  
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard  
Sheriff Donnie Pope  
Mr. Rossie Ross  
Mr. Alton Russell  
Ms. Andrea Shelton  
Mr. W. D. Strickland  
Ms. Rose Williams

**CONFERENCE CALLS:**

Mr. J.C. “Spud” Bowen  
Ms. Janelle King  
Mr. Luis “Lou” M. Solis Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Guy A. Daughtrey

**ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE:**

Ms. Tina Piper, Attorney General’s Office  
Ms. Stephanie Jackson, Attorney General’s Office

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:**

Mr. Tyrone Oliver, 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  
Mr. Jamie Clark, Director of Engineering and Construction Services  
Mr. Terry Edge, Director of OPD  
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs  
Mr. Cliff Hogan, Director, Data Unit  
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Executive Assistant  
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison  
Ms. Lauren McClung, Deputy Warden of Terrell County Prison (Conference Call)  
Ms. Dawn Mock, OIT  
Mr. Antonnio Printup, Director of Special Operations  
Mr. John Richey, Deputy Director, Office of Professional Standards  
Mr. Henry Rutherford III, Director of OIT  
Mr. Chris Tiller, Director of GCI  
Ms. Betsy Thomas, Director of Human Resources  
Mr. Rob Thrower, Legislative Liaison  
Dr. Steven Turner, Chaplain  
Mr. Cody Williamson, Office of Professional Standards  
Mr. Matthew Wolfe, Director, Office of Professional Standards

**VISITORS:**

Ms. Page Dukes, Southern Center for Human Rights  
Mr. Spencer Shelton, HeartBound Ministries  
Ms. Kate Boccia, NIA  
Ms. Luci Harrell, Southern Center for Human Rights  
Mr. Chris Intile, NIA  
Ms. Ledora "Jill" Pickett, NIA

First, Chairman Larry Haynie called to order the February meeting for the Board of Corrections (“the Board”) at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes. Chairman Haynie then asked Chaplain Steven Turner to deliver the invocation. Following such, Chairman Haynie led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Haynie welcomed and swore in new members Thomas Culpepper, District 11, Gary Gullledge, District 14, and Rossie Ross, District 2, to the Board. Then Chairman Haynie recognized all guests and visitors, and the Board meeting, being duly convened, proceeded with business.

Chairman Haynie then confirmed the following individuals were present via conference call: Board Members J.C. “Spud” Bowen, Janelle King, Mr. Luis “Lou” M. Solis Jr., and Deputy Warden Lauren McClung.

Chairman Haynie presented the February 2, 2023 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 were voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Chairman Haynie presented the January 5, 2023 Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made a motion to approve the Minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Ester Fleming Jr. and Mr. Alton Russell. The Minutes were voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

### **COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

To begin the Commissioner’s Report, Commissioner Tyrone Oliver briefly discussed the Commissioner’s Dashboard, which is a four-page overview highlighting key areas and significant events within the Agency. He then introduced Mr. Matthew Wolfe, the new Director of the Office of Professional Standards. Mr. Wolfe thanked the Commissioner for the opportunity.

In addition, Commissioner Oliver thanked Mr. John Richey for his assistance with the Office of Professional Standards during the interim. Commissioner Oliver mentioned facilities that received their national certification for ACA accreditation: Bacon and Patton PDC. Also mentioned were reaccreditations at Hancock, Wilcox, Pulaski, Phillips, Whitworth, Lee, and Washington facilities. Commissioner Oliver thanked the staff for a job well done on attaining accreditation.

The Commissioner mentioned Jay Sanders being elected and sworn-in from ACA in Orlando on the delegate assembly representing adult institutions, and Commissioner Oliver mentioned that he himself was also elected and sworn-in as Vice President of ACA.

Commissioner Oliver then asked Mr. Peter Adams, Assistant Commissioner, Administration and Finance Division, to give a brief Budget Update.

Mr. Adams began his report by giving a brief overview of the Annual Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 Governor’s Recommendation.

In his presentation, Mr. Adams discussed the following Governor’s Recommendations:

For Annual Fiscal Year 2023, providing funds for an increase to health care contracts in the amount of \$12,285,433, decrease funds for the closure of Georgia State Prison (\$20,878,439), providing funds for an increase to capital maintenance and repairs to fund thirty-three additional projects state-wide \$51,495,000 and a total annual Fiscal Year 2023 recommendations of \$42,901,994.

Mr. Adams discussed the Amended Fiscal Year 2023 budget summary. Some of the areas he discussed were the Jail Subsidy, Admin, Detention Centers, Food and Farm, Health, Offender Management, Private Prisons, State Prisons, Transitional Centers, and the total Annual Fiscal Year 2023 Recommendation Changes, and the total Annual Fiscal Year 2023 Recommendations Budget.

Mr. Adams discussed the following Fiscal Year 2024 - State-Wide Recommendations:

The \$2,000 cost of living adjustment - statewide, the increase in DOAS insurance program – statewide, the increase in Teamworks billing – statewide, and the total statewide recommendations.

Mr. Adams continued with the Governor's Program Transfer Recommendations. Some of the highlights were discussing the Fiscal Year 2024 Workforce Recommendations, the transfer of funds and associated positions to Engineering and Construction Services, the transfer of funds and associated positions to Rehabilitation and Risk Reduction, the transfer of funds and associated positions to Investigations and Interdiction, the transfer of funds and associated positions from state prisons to align program budgets with agency operations – transportation hubs, the transfer of funds and associated positions to Food & Farm, the transfer of funds and associated positions from the state prisons program to maintain Lee Arrendale Transitional Center, the transfer of funds and associated positions from state prisons, The Department of Administration, detention centers, and transition centers, and the total workforce transfer recommendations.

Mr. Adams also discussed the Governor's Recommendations on Infrastructure.

Some of the highlights discussed were the Fiscal Year 2024 increasing of funds for the physical health and pharmacy services contracts, reducing funds to reflect the closure of Lee Arrendale State Prison, reducing funds to reflect the closure of Georgia State Prison, the increasing of funds to reflect the opening of McRae State Prison, the increasing of funds to continue investing in technology projects to improve safety, and the total infrastructure recommendations.

Mr. Adams discussed the bond funds, the emergency repairs, sustainment, and equipment statewide, the replace of GDC vehicles statewide, the total bond recommendations, the Governor's Recommendations processes, the county correctional institutions, the establishment of a new budget program and transfer of funds from Offender Management, the total county correctional institutions recommendation, the private prisons, provide funds for a \$2,000 cost-of-living increase to maintain parity, the total private prison recommendation, the total Fiscal Year 2024 recommendation changes and recommended budget.

This concluded the report of Mr. Adams.

Next, Commissioner Oliver asked Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Health Services, to give an Office of Health Services Update. Mr. Sauls began his presentation by discussing dental health, Dental Screening, Dental Examination, Intake, and Examination. Some of the highlights were discussing offenders with a dental profile of 2 (moderate disease) or higher will be assigned to a facility that has a staff dentist, offenders requiring immediate attention will be referred for an evaluation, offenders will receive instruction in oral hygiene and how to access dental care, and offenders have the right to refuse treatment that has been recommended and will be required to sign a Refusal of Treatment Against Medical Advise Form.

Mr. Sauls continued with Classification levels 1 through 5, surgical unit at ASMP, Dental Metrix, sick call, extractions, surgical extractions, scheduled visits, and dentures delivered. Mr. Sauls closed with discussing the Dental Staffing Matrix, 72 Total Dental Staff, 29 Dentist, 25 Dental Assistants, and 18 Dental Hygienists.

This concluded Mr. Sauls' report.

Next, Commissioner Oliver asked Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner, Inmate Services Division, to give an Inmate Services Division Update. Mr. Sanders then introduced Dr. Jennifer Irvin, Director, Academic Education, to do a presentation on Special Education and Federal Compliance.

Dr. Irvin began with discussing the Federal Laws, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Federal Programs, the IDEA 611 – SPED Flowthrough, the Rule 10 Special Education Grant, the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) – Cycles 1 and 3, and the Qualifying Factors for 17 – 21 years of age, previously diagnosed and actively participating.

To continue, Dr. Irving discussed current numbers, enrollment, 84 active individuals, Refusals, Disabilities served, Autism, Emotional Behavioral Disorder, Mild Intellectual Disorder, Other Health Impairment, Specific Learning Disability, Traumatic Brain Injury, Grant Funding, Special Education Teacher Salaries, teachers, Training and Supplies and Technology.

To close, Dr. Irvin discussed Approved Procedures, Diagnostics, Georgia Unique Identifier for Education (GUIDE), Child Find / Record Retrieval, Discussion with Candidate, Refusals, Special Education Hub, Individual Education Plans (IEP), Psychological Evaluations, Data Entry, Permanent Facilities, Designated Facilities, Certified Special Education Teacher, Instruction, Quarterly Progress Reports, and special Placement. Dr. Irvin then discussed Funded Initiatives, Aspen, Georgia Online IEP (GO-IEP), GoalBook Database, and School Psychologist.

Commissioner Oliver asked Mr. Ahmed Holt, Assistant Commissioner, Facilities Division, to give a Facilities Division update. Mr. Holt then introduced Mr. Antonnio Printup, Director of Special Operations, to give an Overview.

Mr. Printup began his presentation by discussing the Special Operations organizational chart, Fire Services and Life Safety establishment, providing fire protection to state property and surrounding counties and cities, certification through Georgia Firefighters' Standards and Training, their Significant Community Impact, Fire Services and Life Safety Inspectors, Inmate Fire Stations, GDC Fire Services Facility Station Callout by Month Fiscal Year 2022, Central Transportation Unit, Centralized Transport Unit (CTU) Missions, and 3 Types of Transports: Non-Security, Security, and Hospital.

Mr. Printup closed with discussing CTU Statistics, Correctional Emergency Response Team, Tactical Squad, and a brief Profiles in Corrections video on the Interdiction Response Team.

This concluded Mr. Holt and Mr. Printup's report.

Next, Commissioner Oliver asked Mr. John Richey, Deputy Director of the Office of Professional Standards, to discuss the Employee Recognition of Mr. Cody Williamson. Mr. Richey explained that Mr. Williamson has been with the agency for eleven years and he has taken Basic Mandating for Policing, the Basic Agent class, the Crime Scene Technician classes, and he just graduated from the 10-week course of National Forensics Academy in Knoxville, Tennessee. A photo was taken of the recognition.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Haynie began the Chairman's Report by moving into Regular Session to approve a County Deputy Warden's appointment.

The candidate was Ms. Lauren McClung of Terrell County Correctional Facility.

Chairman Haynie called upon Ms. Rose Williams, Chair of the Board Facilities Committee, to give the Board the Committee's recommendation on Ms. McClung.

Ms. Williams stated that the Committee received the report on Ms. McClung and the Committee would like to make a motion to approve Ms. McClung's appointment as the Deputy Warden of Terrell County Correctional Facility.

Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve the appointment, which was seconded by Mr. Alton Russell. The motion was voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

Chairman Haynie congratulated Ms. McClung, and Ms. McClung thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Chairman Haynie continued the Chairman's Report by presenting a gavel to the former Chairman, Duke Blackburn. Photos were taken of the gavel presentation.

Chairman Haynie gave an update on the Board of Corrections scholarship fund.

The 2023 Committee Assignments were distributed.

Vice Chairman Wayne Dasher gave a brief update on the April board meeting in Glennville.

Under Old or New Business, Chairman Haynie asked for a motion to approve two resolutions. The first resolution was for Mr. John Mayes, Board of Corrections member. The second resolution

was to honor former Commissioner Timothy C. Ward on his 30 years of dedicated service to the Department of Corrections.

Mr. Wayne Dasher made a motion to approve the resolutions, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams. The resolutions were voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Last of all, Chairman Haynie asked Chief of Staff, Alan Watson, to present a property resolution on a Revocable Lease Agreement for the City of Perry.

Mr. Watson stated that The State of Georgia owns and holds title to, and the Georgia Department of Corrections is in custody of, property in Houston County, Georgia, known as the Virgil McEver Probation Detention Center. Coggins Construction Company, LLC, has a need for a revocable lease agreement and permanent non-exclusive easement to access the City of Perry Sewer Easement and to use it for a temporary lay down area. The Georgia Department of Corrections has determined that it can accommodate the Revocable Lease Agreement request without causing harm to the operations of the Virgil McEver Probation Detention Center.

The Georgia Department of Corrections, as custodian of the aforementioned property, is willing to grant the request of the Coggins Construction Company, LLC for a revocable lease agreement and permanent utility easement.

Chairman Haynie asked for a motion to approve the property resolution. Mr. Wayne Dasher made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Alton Russell. The resolution was voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

To close the meeting, Ms. Rose Williams asked to move the May 2023 board meeting from Forsyth, Georgia to Helena, Georgia. All board members were in agreement.

There being no further business, Chairman Haynie reminded the Board that the next Board of Corrections meeting is on March 2, 2023, at State Offices South at Tift College, in Forsyth, Georgia.

The board meeting was adjourned.

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Larry Haynie, Chairman

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Ester Fleming Jr., Secretary

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Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison