BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
February 6, 2025
Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. J.C. "Spud" Bowen
Ms. Kellie Brownlow
Mr. Rodney Bryant
Mr. Chris Clark
Mr. Thomas Culpepper
Mr. John B. Edwards
Mr. Ester Fleming Jr. – Chairman
Sheriff Gary Gulledge
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Sheriff Donnie Pope
Mr. Rossie Ross
Mr. Alton Russell
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Ms. Rose Williams

CONFERERNCE CALL:
Mr. Luis "Lou" M. Solis Jr.
Mr. Matt Davis - Guidehouse
Mr. Ken Hyle – Moss Group
Ms. Sarah Flesher – Moss Group

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Sheriff Barry H. Babb
Mr. Bruce Carlisle

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:
Ms. Elizabeth Crowder, Attorney General's Office

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:
Mr. Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner
Mr. Alan Watson, Chief of Staff
Mr. Jackson Defore, Assistant Commissioner of Finance and Admin
Mr. Ahmed Holt, Assistant Commissioner, Facilities Division
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner of Inmate Services
Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner of Health Services Division
Ms. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel
Mr. Adam Baswell, Director of Office of Professional Development
Mr. Jamie Clark, Director of Engineering and Construction Services
Ms. Komola Edwards, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Kenneth Ellis, Statewide Chaplain
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Office of Communications
Mr. Cliff Hogan, Director of Data Management and Research
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Executive Assistant
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Henry Rutherford, Director of Office of Information Technology
Mr. Joel Toliver, Office of Information Technology
Mr. Matthew Wolfe, Director of Office of Professional Standards

VISITORS:
Ms. Kate Boccia, CEO of NIA
Ms. Quana Kemp, Admin Assistant
Ms. Lorrie Klein, NIA
Mr. Stan Carm, Citizen

First, Chairman Ester Fleming Jr. 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 Fleming ensured that Board Member Luis "Lou" M. Solis Jr., Mr. Matt Davis – Guidehouse, Mr. Ken Hyle – Moss Group, and Ms. Sarah Flesher – Moss Group were connected via conference call.

Chairman Fleming then asked Chaplain Kenneth Ellis to deliver the invocation. Following such, Chairman Fleming led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Fleming welcomed, swore-in, and read the official oath for the appointment of new Board of Corrections Members Ms. Kellie Brownlow and Mr. Rodney Bryant.

Chairman Fleming also mentioned that Governor Brian P. Kemp reappointed members or moved members around to new districts. Those board members were W. D. Strickland (First District), Sheriff Donnie Pope (Tenth District), Bruce Carlisle (At Large), Rose Williams (At Large), Chris Clark (Seventh District), Lou Solis Jr. (Ninth District), Ester Fleming Jr. (Thirteenth District), Sheriff Barry Babb (At Large), and Sheriff Stacy Jarrard (At Large).

Chairman Fleming welcomed and recognized all guests and visitors and the Board meeting, being duly convened, proceeded with business.

Chairman Fleming presented the Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. W. D. Strickland made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Chris Clark. The Agenda was voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

Chairman Fleming presented the December 5, 2024 Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Thomas Culpepper made a motion to approve the Minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Rossie Ross. The Minutes were voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

To begin the Commissioner's Report, Commissioner Tyrone Oliver discussed briefly the Commissioner's Dashboard, which is a four-page overview highlighting key areas and significant events within the Agency.

Commissioner Oliver mentioned the newly designed artwork on the elevators at Tift Campus and he stated that the designs were by Ms. Jessica Eanes of the Office of Communications.

Commissioner Oliver then asked Mr. Ken Hyle, Moss Group, to give the Guidehouse Report.

Following such, Commissioner Oliver presented a brief Budget Update.

Commissioner Oliver then mentioned that Mr. Rob Thrower, Legislative Liaison, left the agency and took a position with another company. Commissioner Oliver said that Ms. Jennifer Ammons would present the Legislative Update. The following bills below were briefly discussed:

- **HB 56**
- **HB 58**
- **HB 113**
- **HB 117**
- **HB 125**
- **HB 139**
- **HB 162**
- **HB 163**
- **HB 238**
- **HB 128**
- **HB 129**
- **HB 130**
- **SB 11**
- **SB 12**
- **SB 25**
- **SB 27**
- **SB 28**
- **SB 29**
- **SB 30**
- **SB 32**
- **SB 37**
- **SB 39**
- **SB 46**
- **SB 64**

This concluded the Commissioner's Report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Under the Chairman's Report, Chairman Fleming advised the Board that we collected a total of three hundred dollars ($300.00) towards the 2025 Georgia Prison Warden's Association Board of Corrections scholarship fund. The Board will continue to collect for this scholarship until the twenty-five-hundred-dollar ($2,500) goal is met.

The 2025 Committee Assignments were distributed.

Under Old or New Business, Chairman Fleming asked Vice Chairman J. C. "Spud" Bowen to discuss the newly created Board Committee, the Commissioner's Advisory Committee. Mr.

Bowen stated he created the Committee last month at the December board meeting but after giving it some thought, there was no need for the Committee, and therefore advised he wanted to drop, dismantle, and rescind the motion to create this Committee.

There was no discussion, so Mr. Bowen asked the Board for a motion to rescind the original motion. Mr. John B. Edwards made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. W. D. Strickland. The motion were voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

Following such, Chaiman Fleming asked Ms. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel of the Office of Legal Services, to present a property resolution.

Ms. Ammons stated that the resolution was for the Hays State Prison Building Demo. Ms. Ammons stated the State of Georgia owns and holds title to, and the Georgia Department of Corrections is in custody of, property in Chattooga County, Georgia, known as Hays State Prison.

The Georgia Department of Corrections no longer needs the building referred to as the "Annex Building" (BLLIP ID#7317, consisting of approximately 131,261 square feet) and the "Library Building" (BLLIP ID#7213, consisting of approximately 3,360 square feet) which is located on the campus of Hays State Prison.

The Department has determined that the Annex and Library buildings can be demolished without causing harm to the operation of other structures on the Hays State Prison property and the Annex and Library buildings must be demolished to make way for new construction.

Mr. Thomas Culpepper made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Mr. J. C. "Spud" Bowen and Mr. Rossie Ross. The resolution were voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

Last on the agenda, Chaiman Fleming asked to take a vote to go into Executive Session so that the Board may consult with legal counsel pertaining to legal matters. Mr. Rossie Ross made a motion to move into the Executive Session, which was seconded by Mr. W. D. Strickland. The vote for the Board to move into Executive Session were voted "approved" by the Board.

Chairman Fleming asked for a motion to approve moving out of Executive Session. Mr. W. D. Strickland made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams. The vote for the Board to move out of Executive Session were voted "approved" by the Board.

Chairman Fleming asked for a motion to approve moving back into Regular Session. Ms. Rose Williams made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. W.D. Strickland. The vote for the Board to move back into Regular Session were voted "approved" by the Board.

Chairman Fleming reminded the Board that an Official Board photo would be taken at the next board meeting. Chairman Fleming reminded the Board that the next Board of Corrections meeting is on March 6, 2025, at State Offices South at Tift College, in Forsyth, Georgia.

There being no further business, the board meeting was adjourned.

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Ester Fleming Jr., Chairman

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Chris Clark, Secretary

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Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison