

## **BOARD OF CORRECTIONS**

**June 7, 2018  
Forsyth, Georgia**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Duke Blackburn  
Mr. Chris Clark  
Mr. Mike Coggins  
Mr. Mac Collins  
Mr. Wayne Dasher  
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse  
Mr. Alton Russell  
Ms. Andrea Shelton  
Mr. W. D. Strickland  
Ms. Rose Williams  
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Carl Franklin  
Sheriff Roger Garrison  
Mr. Larry Haynie  
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard  
Mr. John Mayes  
Mr. Jerry Willis, Chairman  
Ms. June Wood

### **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. Ed Bonner, Facility Maintenance Construction Manager  
Mr. Calvin Brown, Health Services Division  
Mr. Dan Brown, Director of Office of Information Technology  
Mr. Linton Deloach, Superintendent, Bacon Probation Detention Center  
Mr. Terry Edge, Director of Office of Professional Development  
Ms. Jana Fitzgibbon, Assistant Director, Director of Engineering & Construction Services  
Ms. Wendy Howell, Manager, Office of Public Affairs  
Mr. Allen Hughes, Volunteer Services Coordinator  
Dr. Javel Jackson, Statewide Mental Health Director  
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison  
Mr. Thomas "Walt" Lariscy, Screven County Correctional Institution  
Mr. Johnny Miller, Office of Professional Standards  
Mr. Clay Nix, Director Office of Professional Standards  
Ms. Amy Peterson, Correctional Officer 2, Hays State Prison  
Mr. Mike Riley, Office of Professional Standards  
Mr. David Smith, Interim Director of Engineering & Construction Services  
Mr. Chris Tiller, Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries  
Dr. Steven Turner, Chaplain  
Mr. Scott, Wilkes, Superintendent, Augusta Transitional Center

### **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Ms. Tina Piper, Senior Assistant Attorney General

### **VISITORS:**

Ms. Kacey Kramer, Paralegal, Southern Center for Human Rights  
Mr. Jacob Peterson, Student  
Ms. Natalie Peterson, Student  
Ms. Sandra Thomas, Department of Community Supervision

First, Vice Chairman Alton Russell called to order the June 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 Dr. Steven Turner to deliver the invocation. Following such, Vice Chairman Russell led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and then recognized all guests and visitors, and the Board meeting, being duly convened, proceeded with business.

To begin, Vice Chairman Russell presented the June 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 May Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was also seconded by Ms. Rose Williams and Ms. Rocio Woody. The Minutes were then voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

### **COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier began his report by explaining that the slideshow being presented on the screen were photos of Employee Appreciation Week and the Fishing Rodeo that were held at Tift College. Next, Commissioner Dozier gave a brief summary of the Commissioner’s dashboard, which is a three-page overview highlighting key areas within the Agency.

Afterwards, Commissioner Dozier asked Mr. David Smith, Interim Director of Engineering & Construction Services, to present the “Beyond the Call” employee recognition award to Mr. Ed Bonner, Facility Maintenance Construction Manager. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Bonner was being honored for his experience and meticulous attention to detail as the resident expert for fencing, recreation areas, sally ports, limiting inmate movement, and perimeter netting needs. In addition, he manages multiple fencing detail crews who complete projects all over the state for GDC, county facilities, and various community needs. Plus, despite traveling all over the state, he makes sure that he meets the needs of his family, friends, and church. He is not only dedicated to his craft; he is wholeheartedly devoted to those around him. He truly goes above and beyond what is asked or expected of him in all aspects of his life.

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

Next, Mr. Calvin Brown, who is with GDC’s Health Services Unit, presented the Specialized Mental Health Treatment Units. Mr. Brown began by discussing the Commissioner’s Strategic Initiatives. In addition, Mr. Brown explained why these programs exist and where the programs are located. Mr. Brown then talked about the clinical approach, four levels and phases, GDC’s implementation project plan, primary activities, the admission criteria and transitions at Augusta State Medical Prison, Phillips State Prison, Valdosta State Prison and Georgia Diagnostic & Classification Prison.

Thereafter, Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier asked Mr. Linton Deloach, President of the Georgia Prison Warden’s Association, to give a brief update on the 2018 Georgia Prison Warden’s Association (GPWA) conference.

To begin, Mr. Deloach gave a brief history of the organization by stating that the Georgia Prison Warden’s Association was founded in 1939 as a not-for-profit organization. In addition, Mr. Deloach stated that the organization was designed to protect the public, improve the administration of the prison system, orient the public to difficulties faced when rehabilitating offenders and deter crime through proper treatment of offenders. Then, Mr. Deloach mentioned key items about GPWA such as membership, conference events and several scholarships that are awarded by GPWA each year.

To close, Mr. Deloach discussed the requirements for scholarship eligibility, the scholarship application process, scholarship award amounts and the Board of Corrections scholarship recipients. Specifically, Mr. Deloach mentioned recipients from 2015 to the current 2018 Board

of Corrections scholar, Mr. Jacob Harley Peterson, who is the son of Hays State Prison correctional officer, Ms. Amy Peterson.

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 Mr. Thomas "Walt" Lariscy, Deputy Warden of Screven County.

Vice Chairman Alton 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 Mr. Lariscy and after reviewing his report, the committee unanimously recommends appointment approval for Mr. Lariscy to the Deputy Warden position at Screven County.

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

Vice Chairman Russell asked if there were any Old or New Business. At that time, Mr. Wayne Dasher made a proposal to change the location of the September Board meeting from State Offices South at Tift College in Forsyth, to Metro Reentry Facility, in Atlanta.

Subsequently, Mr. Wayne Dasher made a motion to approve the location change, which was then seconded by Ms. Andrea Shelton. The location change for the September Board meeting was then voted "approved" by the Board.

Following such, Vice Chairman Russell appointed Mr. Dasher as the designee who can sign the official minutes from the Board of Corrections in the absence of the Board Secretary.

There were no Old or New Business so, Vice Chairman Russell made the following announcements before adjournment:

- The July and August board meetings are canceled
- The next Board meeting will be held on September 6th, at Metro Reentry Facility, in Atlanta

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jerry Willis, Chairman

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Larry Haynie, Secretary

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Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison