

**BOARD OF CORRECTIONS**

**June 6, 2019**

**Columbus, Georgia**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Duke Blackburn  
Mr. Carl Franklin  
Sheriff Roger Garrison  
Mr. Larry Haynie  
Mr. John Mayes  
Mr. Alton Russell-Chairman  
Mr. W. D. Strickland  
Mr. Jerry Willis  
Ms. June Wood

**CONFERENCE CALL:**

Ms. Rose Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Chris Clark  
Mr. Mike Coggins  
Mr. Wayne Dasher  
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard  
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse  
Ms. Andrea Shelton  
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:**

Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Commissioner  
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner  
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner  
Ms. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel  
Mr. Dan Brown, Director of Office of Information Technology  
Ms. Tamala Brown, Warden of Montgomery State Prison  
Mr. Brian Chambers, Warden of Rutledge State Prison  
Mr. Larry Dale, SSPC III, Transitional Services  
Mr. Terry Edge, Director of OPD  
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs  
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Executive Assistant  
Mr. Walter Hudson, Office of Professional Standards  
Ms. Lashanda Jones, Correctional Officer  
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison  
Mr. Mike Long, President, Georgia Prison Warden's Association  
Ms. Kerryann Nagler, Correctional Officers  
Ms. Amy Pataluna, Director of GCI  
Mr. Mike Riley, Office of Professional Standards  
Mr. Chris Tiller, Director of GCI  
Ms. Elizabeth Scott, Correctional Officer  
Mr. Douglas Simmons, Chaplain  
Ms. Donna Tebought, Director Chaplaincy, Risk Reduction & Transitional Services  
Mr. Antonio Watts, Correctional Officer  
Mr. Scott Wilkes, Superintendent, Augusta Transitional Center

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Ms. Amy Bradley, Attorney General's Office

**VISITORS:**

Mr. Brendan Jones, GPWA Scholarship Recipient  
Ms. Jackie Franklin, Wife of Carl Franklin  
Ms. Susan Strickland, Wife of W. D. Strickland

First, 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.

Chairman Alton Russell then asked Mr. Doug Simmons to deliver the invocation. Following such, Chairman Russell led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and then recognized all guests and visitors.

Next, Chairman Russell confirmed Ms. Rose Williams was connected via conference call, and the Board meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed to business.

Chairman Alton Russell presented the June Agenda to the Board for approval. Sheriff Roger Garrison made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Mr. John Mayes. The Agenda was voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

Chairman Alton Russell also presented the May Minutes to the Board for approval. Vice Chairman Larry Haynie made the motion to approve, which was also seconded by Mr. John Mayes. The Minutes were then voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Timothy C. Ward began his report by discussing the dashboard, which is a three-page overview highlighting key areas within the Agency.

Next, Commissioner Ward asked Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner of Facilities Division, to present the "Beyond the Call" employee recognition award. Mr. Myrick stated he would be presenting the award to Sergeant Elizabeth Scott of Montgomery State Prison.

Assistant Commissioner Myrick stated that Sergeant Scott has been instrumental in intercepting contraband at Montgomery State Prison on multiple occasions. Specifically, on several occasions she has intercepted contraband that was dropped near the chicken house or had been thrown into the wood-line at Montgomery State Prison. Sergeant Scott has served the agency for over 12 years. She is known to display exemplary professionalism in her day-to-day responsibilities. Her attention to detail, diligent work ethic and devotion to the team over herself sets her apart as a true asset to the facility, GDC and the State.

A photo was taken of the plaque presentation.

Thereafter, Commissioner Ward asked Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner of Inmate Services Division, to introduce his staff that would present the Inmate Services update on the Master Calendar.

Assistant Commissioner Sanders briefly introduced Ms. Donna Tebought, Director of Chaplaincy, Risk Reduction and Transitional Services, as well as Mr. Larry Dale, Social Services Program Consultant 3 (SSPC III), of Transitional Services.

Both Ms. Tebought and Mr. Dale conducted the presentation highlighting areas such as the deployment of the Master Calendar, which is the electronic display of an institution's activities (counts, mass movements, program activities). In addition, discussed were the scheduler operations, Fiscal Year 2019 Behavioral Program enrollments, Fiscal Year 2019 Behavioral Program completions, Fiscal Year 2019 Career, Technical, and Higher Education (CTHE), Academic Education enrollments and completions, statewide projections for Fiscal Year 2020 and a sustainability process for continuous quality improvement.

To follow, Mr. Michael Long, President of the Georgia Prison Warden's Association and Mr. Scott Wilkes, Superintendent of Augusta Transitional Center, briefly gave a presentation on the 2019 Georgia Prison Warden's Association Conference.

Some of the highlights from the presentation were the history of the association, the purpose of the association, membership information, training, scholarships awarded, and the 2019 Board of Corrections scholarship recipient.

To close the presentation, Mr. Long, Mr. Wilkes and Chairman Russell presented Mr. Brendan Jones, son of Rogers State Prison Correctional Officer LaShanda Jones, with a certificate and the scholarship award.

A photo was taken of the presentation.

Thereafter, Commissioner Ward asked Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs, to show a short Association of State Correctional Administrators video from the Georgia Department of Corrections.

This concluded the Commissioner's Report.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Alton Russell began the "Chairman's Report" by calling upon Board member June Wood. Ms. Wood stated that she was officially resigning from the Board of Corrections. She thanked the Board of Corrections, Commissioner Ward and Governor Brian P. Kemp.

Chairman Russell continued with Old or New Business by discussing the October board meeting and the 2019 board calendar.

First, Chairman Russell advised there were no board meetings for the month of July and August. Second, he reminded the board the September board meeting would be held in Forsyth. In addition, Chairman Russell discussed the October board meeting location and the 2019 board calendar.

Essentially, Chairman Russell advised that he like to change the location of the October board meeting from Jackson to Forsyth. Plus, he stated the location of the November board meeting was still undetermined, so he would like the November board meeting to be held in Jackson.

There was no discussion. Sheriff Roger Garrison made the motion to approve the 2019 board calendar location changes, which was seconded by Mr. Jerry Willis. The 2019 board calendar was voted "approved" by the Board.

To close, Chairman Russell mentioned the following items to the Board:

- He thanked Warden Brian Chambers and his staff at Rutledge State Prison for the hospitality
- Board training will be conducted in October 2019
- The next Board of Corrections meeting is on September 5th, in Forsyth

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Alton Russell, Chairman

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Duke Blackburn, Secretary

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Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison