

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

**March 7, 2019
Forsyth, Georgia**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Chris Clark
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Larry Haynie
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse
Mr. Alton Russell-Chairman
Ms. Andrea Shelton
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Ms. Rose Williams
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Mike Coggins
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Jerry Willis
Ms. June Wood

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Commissioner
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Alan Watson, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Peter Adams, Deputy Director, Administration and Finance
Mr. Dan Brown, Director of Office of Information Technology
Mr. Terry Edge, Director of Office of Professional Development
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Executive Assistant
Mr. Walter Hudson, Office of Professional Standards
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Clay Nix, Director of Office of Professional Standards
Ms. Amy Pataluna, Deputy Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries
Mr. David Smith, Director of Engineering & Construction Services
Mr. Mike Riley, Office of Professional Standards
Mr. Chris Tiller, Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries
Ms. Betsy Thomas, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Steven Turner, Chaplain

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Ms. Tina Piper, Senior Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS:

Ms. Jackie Franklin, Wife of Carl Franklin

First, Chairman Alton Russell called to order the March 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 Dr. Steven Turner to deliver the invocation. Following such, 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.

Chairman Russell stated that it is an honor for the Board to be able to approve Governor Brian P. Kemp's appointment of Chief of Staff, Timothy C. Ward, to the position of Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Corrections. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Andrea Shelton, and the motion to approve Chief of Staff, Timothy C. Ward, to the position of Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Corrections was voted "approved" by the Board.

Afterwards, Chairman Russell congratulated Commissioner Ward. Thereafter, Commissioner Ward was sworn-in at the board meeting and he thanked Governor Kemp, the board members, and several staff members.

Then, Chairman Russell presented the March 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.

Chairman Russell also presented the February Minutes to the Board for approval. Sheriff Roger Garrison made the motion to approve, which was also seconded by Ms. Rose Williams. The Minutes were then voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner, Timothy C. Ward, began his report by stating that the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing would be held in Atlanta on March 12th. Next, Commissioner Ward discussed the Commissioner's dashboard, which is a three-page overview highlighting key areas within the Agency.

To follow, Commissioner Ward asked Ms. Sharon Shaver, Director of Compliance, Office of Professional Standards, to present an American Correctional Association (ACA) Accreditation Update.

Ms. Shaver began by discussing the history of ACA, which was founded in 1870. In addition, she discussed ACA being the oldest association developed specifically for practitioners in the correctional profession, that ACA provides a professional organization for all individuals and groups, both public and private which shares a common goal of improving the justice system, and operational standards designed to enhance correctional practices.

Furthermore, Ms. Shaver discussed that accreditation means reducing litigation, increasing professionalism, enhancing training opportunities, providing for higher level and more consistent services, and higher level of service programming for the Georgia Department of Corrections.

Moreover, she discussed ACA standards including delivery & assessment, standards topics, the ACA accreditation process, 3 Year accreditation cycle, accreditation audits, upcoming audits, and initial accreditation audits per year. Ms. Shaver ended her presentation on how accreditation is achieved.

This concluded Ms. Shaver's report.

Next, Commissioner Ward asked Mr. Ricky Myrick, Assistant Commissioner of Facilities Division, to present the "Beyond the Call" employee recognition awards. Mr. Myrick stated he would be presenting the awards to Facility Compliance Specialist Missy Pulliam of Baldwin State Prison and Business Support Analyst Anquanetta Scott of Johnson State Prison for securing American Correctional Association (ACA) Accreditation. Due to their willingness to excel, each facility received outstanding performance reviews.

Both Pulliam and Scott worked tirelessly to ensure all documentation was accurate and that all areas met strict deadlines. Through their diligent efforts, the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) succeeded in garnering ACA Accreditation.

Mr. Myrick presented Ms. Anquanetta Scott with a plaque on behalf of the Board of Corrections and Commissioner Timothy C. Ward. Ms. Missy Pulliam was unable to attend the board meeting, so the Warden of Baldwin State Prison, Trevonza Bobbitt, accepted the plaque in her absence. A photo was taken of both plaque presentations.

Thereafter, Commissioner Ward asked Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs, to introduce and present the "Beyond the Walls" article and short video on Mr. Bob Crumbley. Ms. Heath briefly discussed Mr. Crumbley's participation in the Faith and Character Based Program during his incarceration.

Thereafter, Ms. Heath showed the short video on Mr. Crumbley.

This concluded the Commissioner's Report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Alton Russell began the Chairman's Report by letting the Board members know this will be the final collection for the Georgia Prison Warden's Association scholarship fund and the Board of Corrections flower fund. Chairman Russell asked Mr. Wayne Dasher to briefly give an update on the April Board meeting in Glennville.

Last of all, Chairman Russell continued with Old or New Business by asking the Board members for a motion to approve the following resolutions:

Correctional Officers' Week: Recognizing the week of May 5 - 11, 2019, for the faithful and dedicated service performed by correctional officers each day.

National Nurses' Week: Recognizing the week of May 6 - 12, 2019, for the vital role nurses play in the health care industry, and for their commitment in providing healthcare to each individual.

Mr. Wayne Dasher made a motion to approve both resolutions, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams and Sheriff Roger Garrison. Both resolutions were voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

To close, Chairman Russell reminded the Board that the next Board of Corrections meeting is on April 18th, in Glennville.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Alton Russell, Chairman

Duke Blackburn, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison