

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

November 5, 2015

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Rose Williams, Chairman
Mr. Lee Anderson
Ms. Sonja R. Allen-Smith
Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Mac Collins
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl L. Franklin
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Larry E. Haynie
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse
Mr. Alton Russell
Ms. Andrea Shelton
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Mr. Jerry Willis
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Bruce Hudson
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Commissioner Homer Bryson
Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Chief of Staff
Mr. Scott Poitevint, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel
Mr. Hal Gibson, Director of Engineering & Construction Services
Mr. Cliff Hogan, Planning and Strategic Management
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Derek McKinney, Office of Professional Standards
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Director of Office of Professional Standards
Mr. Nicholas Spates, Tech Service
Dr. Steven Turner, Chaplain
Mr. Douglas Williams, Warden Smith State Prison
Mr. Norman Wilson, Executive Director of GCI

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Kimberly Daniel, Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS:

Ms. Kathryn Hamoudah, Southern Center for Human Rights
Ms. Kristen McKinney, Policy Analyst, OPB
Mr. Stacey Williams, Director, Cherokee Sheriff's Office

Chairman Rose Williams called the November meeting of the Board of Corrections to order at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes. Chairman Williams asked Chaplain Steven Turner to give the invocation.

Chairman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance, recognized all guests and visitors and the Board meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed to business.

Next, Chairman Williams presented the November Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Sheriff Roger Garrison and the Agenda was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Chairman Williams presented the October Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Alton Russell made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher and the Minutes were voted approved by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Homer Bryson began his report stating the Upcoming Events calendar is located in the back of the booklets. Next, Commissioner Bryson presented a four page overview PowerPoint highlighting keys areas within the agency such as inmate population, inmate security levels, bed utilization, safe and secure facilities, inmate services, fire services and Correctional Industries.

Next, Ms. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel, gave an Energy Performance Contract update on improvements and energy savings for facilities. The presentations covered areas such as facilities impacted, space and inmates impacted, energy conservation measures, procurement, guaranteed savings and benefits.

Immediately following, Assistant Commissioner Timothy C. Ward presented the Facilities Operations Division update. In his presentation, Mr. Ward talked about the opening of the Southeast Regional Office in Reidsville, Georgia on November 1, 2015. The agency will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 10, 2015. The opening of this office will provide a central location for facilities in the Southeast and it will strengthen and improve prison operations across the state. In addition, Mr. Ward briefly spoke about Mr. Antonnio Printup, Director of Special Operations and Mr. Jack Roberts, County Prison Coordinator, who were recently promoted within his division.

Next, Mr. Douglas Williams, Warden of Smith State Prison, presented a facility overview. Warden Williams began his presentation with the general history of Smith State Prison and the mission statement of the facility. Some highlights discussed were staff positions, medical department, education, vocation, OJT, programs and satellite facilities.

Subsequently, Mr. Ricky Myrick presented an Employee Recognition plaque on behalf of the Board of Corrections and Commissioner Homer Bryson to Mr. Derek McKinney, of Office of Professional Standards. The plaque was given to Mr. McKinney for “*Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty.*” A photo was taken of the plaque presentation.

This concluded the Commissioner’s Report.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Rose Williams requested Mr. Wayne Dasher, Chair of the Nominations Committee, to report on the nomination of officers for 2016. Mr. Dasher stated the committee reviewed all nominations and will make the final recommendations at the December board meeting. Thus far, the committee is leaning towards reelecting the present Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for 2016. However, if any member would like to be considered for the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary positions for year 2016, please advise prior to the December 3rd board meeting.

Next, Chairman Williams continued with any Old or New Business. There was none; therefore, Chairman Williams reminded the members the next Committee to present will be the Georgia Correctional Industries/ Food and Farm Committee and the next board meeting will be on December 3rd in Forsyth at State Offices South at Tift College.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Rose Williams, Chairman

Alton Russell, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison