

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

November 6, 2025

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sheriff Barry H. Babb
Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. J.C. “Spud” Bowen
Ms. Kellie Brownlow
Mr. Rodney Bryant
Mr. Chris Clark
Mr. Thomas Culpepper
Mr. Ester Fleming Jr. – Chairman
Sheriff Gary Gullledge
Sheriff Donnie Pope
Mr. Alton Russell
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Ms. Rose Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Bruce Carlisle
Mr. John B. Edwards
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Mr. Rossie Ross
Mr. Luis “Lou” M. Solis Jr.

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE:

Ms. Elizabeth Crowder, Attorney General’s Office

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner
Mr. Alan Watson, Chief of Staff
Ms. Latera M. Davis, Assistant Commissioner of Inmate Services
Mr. Jackson Defore, Assistant Commissioner of Finance and Admin
Mr. Ahmed Holt, Assistant Commissioner, Facilities Division
Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner of Health Services Division
Mr. Louis DeBroux, Assistant Commissioner, Research, Strategic Planning, Government Affairs
Ms. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel
Mr. Mark Agbaosi, Warden
Mr. Adam Baswell, Director of Office of Professional Development
Mr. Jacob Beasley, Warden
Mr. Ryan Beland, Warden
Ms. Lori Benoit, Office of Communications
Ms. Letitia Burks, Warden
Mr. Curtis Carter, Warden
Ms. Jennifer Clark, Warden
Mr. Eric Cox, Warden
Mr. Allen Dills, Warden
Ms. Carmon Edwards, Warden
Ms. Komola Edwards, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Kenneth Ellis, Statewide Chaplain
Mr. Benjamin Ford, Facilities Director
Mr. Phillip Glenn, Warden
Mr. Michael Graham, Warden
Ms. Shaina Head, Human Resources
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Office of Communications
Mr. Cliff Hogan, Director of Data Management and Research
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Executive Assistant
Mr. George Ivey, Warden
Mr. Kendrick Jackson, Warden
Ms. Wendy Jackson, Warden
Ms. Teketa Jester, Warden
Mr. David Jones, Warden
Mr. Deshawn Jones, Warden
Mr. Joshua Jones, Warden

Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Ms. Quana Kemp, Admin Assistant
Ms. Jeannie Kasper, Warden
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Statewide County Coordinator
Ms. Andrew McFarland, Warden
Ms. Meosha McMillian, Warden
Mr. Charles Mims, Warden
Ms. Dawn Mock, Office of Information Technology
Ms. Myra Orsborn, Warden
Ms. Tracy Page, Warden
Ms. Jessica Perdue, Office of Communications
Mr. Aaron Pinerio, Warden
Mr. Gregory Sampson, Warden
Mr. James Spann, Warden
Ms. Veronica Stewart, Warden
Mr. David Stokes, Warden
Mr. Shawn Sikes, Assistant Regional Director
Mr. Michael Thomas, Warden
Mr. Joel Tolliver, Office of Information Technology
Ms. Kochelle Watson, Warden
Ms. Sandi West, Warden
Ms. Pamala Wiggins, Women Services Director
Ms. Jessie Williams, Warden
Mr. Joe Williams, Warden
Mr. Matthew Wolfe, Director of Office of Professional Standards
Mr. Jody Yancey, Warden

VISITORS:

Ms. Angela Crosby, Citizen
Vanessa O'Donnell, DOC Retiree
Nikki Renfroe, Ms. Rose Williams Daughter

First, Chairman Ester Fleming Jr. called to order the November 6, 2025, meeting for the Board of Corrections ("the Board") at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes.

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 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. Duke Blackburn made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Mr. W. D. Strickland. The Agenda was voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

Chairman Fleming presented the October 2, 2025, Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. W. D. Strickland made a motion to approve the Minutes, which was seconded by Sheriff Barry Babb. The Minutes were voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

To begin the Commissioner's Report, Commissioner Tyrone Oliver presented a Special Presentation to honor Board Member Rose Williams, for a lifetime of service dedicated to the Georgia Department of Corrections.

Ms. Williams was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award and a wooden framed Department of Corrections badge. In addition, Ms. Williams was honored with 35 long-stemmed roses that were presented by the Georgia Department of Corrections 35 wardens from around the State. Ms. Williams is currently the longest serving board member on the Board, serving for over

18 years. She has dedicated a lifetime of service to the Georgia Department of Corrections in various capacities to include being a representative of the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation.

Following such, Commissioner Oliver gave a brief update on several items to include Guidehouse/Moss Group, the upcoming memorial service for Office of Professional Standards Canine “Sissy” who passed away, the new facility (Washington State Prison) being ready in 2029, and the introduction of the Georgia Correctional Industries new Executive Director, Janine Robinson.

Next Commissioner Oliver briefly discussed the Commissioner’s Dashboard, which is a four-page overview highlighting key areas and significant events within the Agency.

Commissioner Oliver then asked Ms. Pamala Wiggins, Director of Women’s Services, to do a Women’s Services Update.

Ms. Wiggins began by discussing the mission and vision for Women’s Services. Some of the highlights from the presentation were the 6 state prison units (Lee Arrendale State Prison, Pulaski State Prison, Emanuel Women’s Facility, Whitworth Women’s Facility, Helms Facility, and McRae Women’s Facility), four of which are designated for women. Ms. Wiggins also discussed security classifications, programs and services, transitional and detention centers (Bleckley Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility, Women’s Probation Detention Center, Lee Arrendale Transitional Center, Metro Transitional Center, and West Central Integrated Treatment Facility).

Ms. Wiggins closed by discussing Women’s Services population demographics, gender responsive training, Braille program, Emanuel Women’s Facility, NOBTS Program, Whitworth Women’s Facility, and the development of a robust training program for staff on gender responsive – trauma, research and development of resources supporting pre-and-postpartum care for offenders. Ms. Wiggins also discussed policy review and development of all policies specific to the management of female offenders within the Georgia Department of Corrections, implementing our culture alignments to each facility’s mission, and completion of the 3-year strategic plan for Woman’s Services.

This concluded the report for Ms. Wiggins and the Commissioner’s Report.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Under the Chairman’s Report, Chairman Fleming asked Mr. W. D. Strickland to give the Nominations Committee formal recommendation choices for the 2026 Executive Officers of the Board.

Mr. Strickland advised that Mr. John B. Edwards was absent from the meeting and therefore he would assume the role as Chair of the Nominations Committee, at Mr. John Edwards’ request.

Mr. Strickland stated that the Nominations Committee met and agreed to renominate Mr. Ester Fleming Jr. as the Chairman, Mr. J. C. “Spud” Bowen as Vice Chairman, and Mr. Chris Clark as the Secretary for the 2026 Nomination of Officers.

Chairman Fleming asked for a motion to approve the nominations. Mr. W. D. Strickland made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams. The nominations were voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Chairman Fleming then thanked the Board for the upcoming opportunity to continue serving as the Board Chairman.

Lastly, Mr. Gary Gulledge advised that he would be resigning from the Board after the December board meeting. Mr. Gulledge thanked the Board, the Governor, and the Department of Corrections.

There were no Old or New Business.

Chairman Fleming reminded the Board that the next Board of Corrections meeting is on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at State Offices South at Tift College, in Forsyth, Georgia.

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

Ester Fleming Jr., Chairman

Chris Clark, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison