

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

Special Called Meeting

October 24, 2024

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sheriff Barry H. Babb
Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. J.C. “Spud” Bowen
Mr. Thomas Culpepper
Mr. John B. Edwards
Sheriff Gary Gullede
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Sheriff Donnie Pope
Mr. Rossie Ross
Mr. Alton Russell
Mr. Luis “Lou” M. Solis Jr.
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Ms. Rose Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Bruce Carlisle
Mr. Chris Clark
Mr. Ester Fleming Jr. – Vice Chairman
Ms. Janelle King

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE:

Ms. Elizabeth Crowder, Attorney General’s Office

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner
Ms. Jennifer Ammons, General Counsel
Dr. Kenneth Ellis, Statewide Chaplain
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Executive Assistant
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison

VISITORS:

Maggie Alellano, Legal Counsel
Bill Lunsford, Legal Counsel

First, Secretary J. C. “Spud” Bowen stated that Vice Chairman Ester Fleming Jr. was absent, so therefore he called to order the October Special Called meeting for the Board of Corrections (“the Board”) at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes.

Secretary Bowen then asked Chaplain Kenneth Ellis to deliver the invocation. Following such, Secretary Bowen led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Bowen welcomed and recognized all guests and visitors.

Secretary Bowen presented the October 24, 2024 Special Called Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. Rossie Ross made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Thomas Culpepper. The Agenda was voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Secretary Bowen asked to take a vote to go into Executive Session so that the Board may consult with legal counsel pertaining to legal matters. Mr. Rossie Ross made a motion to move into Executive Session, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams. The vote for the Board to move into Executive Session were voted “approved” by the Board.

Secretary Bowen asked for a motion to approve moving out of Executive Session. Mr. Rossie Ross made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Rose Williams. The vote for the Board to move out of Executive Session were voted “approved” by the Board.

Secretary Bowen asked for a motion to approve moving back into Regular Session. Ms. Rose Williams made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. W.D. Strickland and Mr. Alton Russell. The vote for the Board to move back into Regular Session were voted “approved” by the Board.

Secretary Bowen adjourned the board meeting by reminding the Board that the next Board of Corrections meeting is on November 7, 2024, at State Offices South at Tift College, in Forsyth, Georgia.

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

Ester Fleming Jr., Vice Chairman

J.C. "Spud" Bowen, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison