

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

September 6, 2018

Atlanta, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Chris Clark
Mr. Mike Coggins
Mr. Mac Collins
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Larry Haynie
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse
Mr. Alton Russell
Ms. Andrea Shelton
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Ms. Rose Williams
Mr. Jerry Willis, Chairman
Ms. June Wood
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheriff Stacy Jarrard

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Chief of Staff
Mr. Scott Poitevint, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Jay Sanders, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Dan Brown, Director of Office of Information Technology
Mr. Terry Edge, Director of Office of Professional Development
Ms. Tomika Harvey, Office of Professional Standards
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs
Mr. Cliff Hogan, Deputy Director of Human Resources
Mr. David R. Johnson, Lieutenant, Wilcox State Prison
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Mr. Johnny Miller, Office of Professional Standards
Ms. Amy Pataluna, Deputy Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries
Mr. Steven Perkins, Warden of Metro Reentry Facility
Mr. Artis Singleton, Warden, Wilcox State Prison
Mr. David Smith, Director of Engineering & Construction Services
Mr. Chris Tiller, Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries
Ms. Betsy Thomas, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Steven Turner, Chaplain
Mr. Bryan Wilson, Deputy General Counsel

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Ms. Tina Piper, Senior Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS:

Mr. Michael Booth, Citizen
Ms. Alicia Horn-Booth, Citizen
Ms. Cindy Cathy, Citizen
Ms. Jackie Franklin, Wife of Carl Franklin
Dr. Sarah Higinbotham, Oxford College of Emory University

First, Chairman Jerry Willis called to order the September meeting for the Board of Corrections ("the Board") at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes.

Chairman Jerry Willis then asked Dr. Steven Turner to deliver the invocation. Following such, Chairman Willis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and then recognized all guests and visitors, and the Board meeting, being duly convened, proceeded with business.

To begin, Chairman Willis presented the September Agenda to the Board for approval. Sheriff Roger Garrison made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher. The Agenda was voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

Chairman Willis also presented the June Minutes to the Board for approval. Vice Chairman Alton Russell 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 Gregory C. Dozier began his report by explaining that he was proud of launching the Metro Reentry facility and he was glad the board members were able to tour the facility yesterday.

In addition, Commissioner Dozier discussed the train accident that happened in Forsyth wherein five cadets were crossing the railroad tracks and were hit by the train. Commissioner Dozier expressed sympathies and that he was grateful that they all survived.

Plus, Commissioner Dozier mentioned that Officer Matt Cooper of Covington Police Department was wounded in the line of duty and he is currently in the hospital recovering but the City of Covington has decided to dedicate the Annual Fuzz Run to Officer Cooper this year. Commissioner Dozier explained that all the proceeds raised from the Fuzz Run goes to the Police Who Care, Inc. (PWC) Fund. The PWC Fund was created over 30 years ago as a means to help Covington Police Officers with medical bills and other financial difficulties.

Next, Commissioner Dozier stated that he would not go into the Commissioner's dashboard, which is a three-page overview highlighting key areas within the Agency since the fiscal year just began and the trends still remain the same. In addition, Mr. Cliff Hogan, Deputy Director of Human Resources, will have a presentation that will cover the Commissioner's dashboard.

Commissioner Dozier went on to say that Mr. Hogan prepared the dashboard of the Criminal Justice Reform Performance Indicators. Governor Nathan Deal met with other state leaders and the President of the United States, to discuss Criminal Justice Reform and how it has made a difference. The document that was used for Georgia is enclosed in your booklet and is the same document that the Governor used when he presented. Commissioner Dozier expressed how informative this document is and that he believes it explains Criminal Justice Reform.

Afterwards, Commissioner Dozier asked Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Chief of Staff, to present the "Beyond the Call" employee recognition award since Assistant Commissioner Ricky Myrick was attending training. Mr. Ward stated that he would be presenting the award to Mr. David Johnson, Lieutenant at Wilcox State Prison for assisting a local officer apprehend a resisting suspect.

Mr. Ward presented Mr. Johnson with a plaque on behalf of the Board of Corrections and Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier. A photo was taken of the plaque presentation.

Next, Mr. Cliff Hogan, Deputy Director of Human Resources, presented the Criminal Justice Reform Performance Indicators. Mr. Hogan began by discussing the executive summary which highlights Georgia's prison population, sentencing related to drug and non-violent offenses, statewide annual commitments, Georgia's jail backlog, education and programming completions and the recidivism rates. In addition, Mr. Hogan discussed crime rates, commitments and admissions, prison composition and backlog expenditures.

Thereafter, Commissioner Gregory C. Dozier asked Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public Affairs and Board Member Carl Franklin to introduce the Beyond the Walls guest speaker.

Following the guest speaker, Commissioner Dozier asked Dr. Sarah Higinbotham from Oxford College of Emory University, to give the Common Good presentation.

To begin, Dr. Sarah Higinbotham discussed the mission of Common Good Atlanta, the amount of hours that the professors teach, the amount of years the organization has served incarcerated communities and the college courses that are taught. In addition, Dr. Higinbotham discussed the

staff who volunteer, materials and supplies offered, the application process, the curriculum and courses, tuition and funding, accreditation, reentry and graduates.

This concluded the Commissioner's Report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Jerry Willis began the Chairman's Report by moving into Old or New Business to approve a Georgia Correctional Industries employment.

Chairman Willis called upon Ms. Amy Pataluna, Deputy Executive Director, Georgia Correctional Industries, to present the Approval of Employment for a Georgia Correctional Industries employee. Commissioner Dozier began by reminding the Board that as Commissioner, he is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Georgia Correctional Industries (GCI) and the Board members serve dual roles as the Georgia Correctional Industries Board as well as the Board of Corrections.

Commissioner Dozier continued by stating that the Department and GCI are authorized by state law to hire an individual who has a misdemeanor conviction without prior approval of the Board. However, if an individual has a felony conviction, prior approval by the Board is needed. As such, the Board was asked to approve a Georgia Correctional Industries employee.

Ms. Pataluna began by stating that Mr. Otis Pope, who worked for Georgia Correctional Industries while housed at a transitional center displayed a strong work ethic and was rarely absent from work. In addition, he learns quickly and is very capable. Mr. Pope meets the minimum qualifications for this position based on his work experience with GCI working directly with Field Service Operations on panel system installation where 120-volt to 240-volt conversion routinely occurs.

GCI management believes that hiring Mr. Pope into this role not only meets a real need for staffing in the Field Service, but directly aligns with our mission and vision statements. This vacant position has been posted and interview process conducted several times in the last six-months without finding a successful applicant and because Mr. Pope previously worked with GCI, he would be an invaluable asset to the Georgia Correctional Industries, if he were hired.

After that, Chairman Willis asked for a motion to approve Mr. Pope's employment. Sheriff Roger Garrison made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher. The employment was voted "approved" by the Board.

To conclude the meeting, there were several announcements:

- Board member Andrea Shelton invited the Board to an Arts for Justice Symposium on September 28th in East Point.
- The Board members were invited to attend a Seafood Buffet at Tift College on October 4th.
- The next Board meeting will be held on October 4th, at State Offices South at Tift College, in Forsyth.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jerry Willis, Chairman

Larry Haynie, Secretary

Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison