

**Board of Juvenile Justice  
Thursday, August 23, 2007  
11:00 a.m.**

**Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
Board Room  
1000 Indian Springs Drive  
Forsyth, Georgia 31029**

**Opening Remarks**

J. Daniel Shuman, Chair

Mr. Shuman called to order the August 23, 2007 meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and DJJ Board of Education. He noted the time as 11:00 a.m. He asked that all attendees stand and state their name and organization affiliation.

**DJJ Staff Present:** Albert Murray, Commissioner; Spiro Amburn; Dee Bell; Diane Bell; Neil Cannon; Thomas Coleman; Edward Cook; Joycelyn Evans; James Frazier; Steve Hayes; Amy Howell; Jeff Minor; Dr. Tom O'Rourke; Rob Rosenbloom; Fabienne Tate; Lena Wilson

**Others:** Todd White, Attorney General's Office; Eva Lou Shuman

After introductions, Mr. Shuman asked those present to please stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation. Following the invocation, Mr. Shuman announced that there were two reappointments to the board. Mr. Daniel Menefee and Ms. Elizabeth Lindsey were reappointed by Governor Perdue to continue to serve. He added that Mr. William McQueen's term had expired and he was not reappointed. He then asked for the roll to be called.

**Roll Call**

Lena Wilson then called the roll.

**Board Members Present:** Larry Barnes; Bruce Garraway; Van Herrin; James Kelly; Elizabeth Lindsey; Daniel Menefee; Dr. Ed Risler; Pastor Dexter Rowland; J. Daniel Shuman; Sandra Taylor

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Judge Quintress Gilbert; Judge Steven C. Teske

After Ms. Wilson announced the presence of a quorum of the Board, Mr. Shuman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2007 meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and the DJJ Board of Education. Van Herrin made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2007 Board of Juvenile Justice and DJJ Board of Education. The motion was seconded by James Kelly and, hearing no questions or comments, the motion was carried.

Chairman Shuman then called for the Commissioner's Report.

### **Commissioner's Comments**

Albert Murray, Commissioner

Commissioner Murray welcomed everyone and thanked them for making the effort to attend the final off site board meeting of the year; at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. He stated that we have a good turnout of members and that Judge Teske would be arriving shortly. The Georgia Public Safety Training Center is the training facility for all Georgia Law Enforcement Academies operating under the direction of Dale Mann. The DJJ Academy is located on the GPSTC grounds in a separate building but follows all of the rules and regulations of the main training center. He expressed his hope that members would get an opportunity to visit our academy if they had not already done so. The DJJ Academy functions as one of six units of the Office of Training under the leadership of Fabienne Tate. He added that if they are not familiar with the academy, they can spend a few minutes after lunch to take a tour. Neil Cannon, the Director of the DJJ Training Academy will speak briefly a bit later on the agenda about training services provided at the facility. Commissioner Murray stated that he hoped all of these off site meetings have been beneficial to the board and thinks that it is an opportunity for both new and veteran members to see some facility operations first hand.

Following on comments made earlier by Chairman Shuman, Commissioner Murray stated that we have experienced considerable change regarding our Board membership this year. He reiterated the announcement of re-appointments to the Board made by Governor Perdue. Elizabeth Lindsey and Dan Menefee are being re-appointed. Elizabeth will continue to represent the 5th Congressional District and Dan will serve as an at-large member from the 3rd Congressional District according to the Governor's Office of Executive Appointments. He stated that it is with sadness that Bill McQueen will no longer serve on the board as he has been a very loyal member. Congressional redistricting in 2006 caused us to have 3 members from the same district which is not permissible. Only two board members can be from any one congressional district. He stated that an upcoming board meeting, we want to do something to express our gratitude for the service he provided to the board, to the agency, and to the children of Georgia. Bill has been, without a doubt, a good board member and richly deserves special recognition. Commissioner Murray explained that Sandra Taylor, whose term has not expired, is now designated to represent the 3<sup>rd</sup> district.

There has also been some activity regarding the appointment of additional board members including a replacement for Judge Rawlings on the Judicial Advisory Council. The Governor's Office is working in that regard and, as yet, do not have any information to share.

## **Operations Division**

Continuing, Commissioner Murray noted that on the agenda, from the Operations Division, Deputy Commissioner Rob Rosenbloom and Program Coordinator Dee Bell will do a follow up presentation on Victim Services within our Department. He stated that he is proud to announce the appointment of the agency's first Victim Advocate, Ms. Joycelyn Evans. Ms. Evans (who introduced herself at the beginning of the meeting) comes to us from Maryland where she worked for the Public Safety Department, heading up their victim services unit. She will work within the Operations Division to help establish DJJ as a premier agency in meeting victim needs within the juvenile justice community.

School is back in session so we expect detention population to increase. This increase will be managed through the use of detention alternatives and balancing center population among all centers throughout the state.

Our staff recently has been very busy attending training and also serving as presenters at several major conferences. The 38th Annual Georgia Juvenile Services Association (GJSA) Conference commenced on August 21st, Tuesday of this week, and is currently in progress at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel. Many DJJ staff is in attendance at this conference and it is primarily made up of DJJ employees. The conference ends today.

The conference focused on training opportunities for DJJ line staff in both facilities and in the community. At this conference DJJ staff also presented parts of the training material. Amy Howell presented to DJJ staff on "Confidentiality" issues to inform staff of what information can be shared; and Yvonne Saunders-Brown, DJJ assistant training director presented on PREA, the Prison Rape Elimination Act which covers both adult prisons and juvenile facilities. Other DJJ speakers at the GJSA conference this week included Janice Mann, Mary Ellen Thrift, and Max Silman. Commissioner Murray served as keynote speaker during the opening session of the conference. It was a very successful conference and well attended.

Spiro Amburn and Amy Howell attended the National Conference of State Legislators in Boston during the first week of August. Commissioner Murray stated that, given the issues we face, it was a good idea to have DJJ staff to attend this conference. The theme for this year's conference was "Strong States, Strong Nation." The conference focused on legislative and policy trends on a wide range of issues including juvenile justice. A large delegation from Georgia attended the conference including House and Senate

leadership, the Governor's office staff, and agency staff. As we begin to prepare our legislative packet for the upcoming session, this was a good opportunity for Spiro and Amy to represent DJJ and visit with key legislators on agency issues. Some good contacts were made and good dialogue exchanged that will benefit the agency as we work to develop our legislative packet. DJJ will begin very soon to pull together our legislative packet to be submitted to the Governor's Office for consideration for the upcoming session. As a part of this we will review legislative proposals considered last year and include any new proposals that we believe will result in good public policy and will be relevant for the DJJ operation. All state agencies are required to present their legislative proposals to the Governor's office by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fifteen (15) DJJ staff, Chairman Daniel Shuman and his wife was in attendance at the 137th American Correctional Association's Annual Congress on Corrections, held in Kansas City, Missouri, August 10-15, 2007. Our staff participated as attendees for training purposes but also as presenters at this conference. For the benefit of new board members, Commissioner Murray noted that ACA is the largest and the premiere conference for all correctional workers, juvenile and adult, and has about 25,000 members nationwide. The conference meets twice a year, in August and in January. He stated that it is to our advantage, as an agency, to have a high profile in ACA as it is the organization that accredits juvenile facilities and sets the standards for operations nationwide.

### **Program Services Division**

OBHS Director Rick Harrison and Regional Administrator Christine Doyle presented at the ACA conference. The focus of their presentation was "Mental Health in Juvenile Justice: Beyond Screening." The presentation included a review of the DJJ mental health system and focused on the model that OBHS has developed to help guide and manage the treatment of juveniles with mental health issues. Rick Harrison and Christine Doyle did an excellent job with their presentation.

DJJ Medical Director Dr. Michelle Staples-Horne was another staff member who delivered a presentation at ACA along with Dr. Cassandra Newkirk (formerly of GA DOC) on "Health Needs of Incarcerated Women and Girls." This workshop was also well received and attended, and generated much discussion on the health needs of these specific populations.

In addition to those workshops, Rob Rosenbloom serves on the Board of Governors, which meets each time ACA meets; Dr. Tom O'Rourke serves on the Delegate Assembly which also meets each time. Commissioner Murray stated that he serves on the ACA Commission on Accreditation that also meets during these periods.

## **Office of Training**

The Office of Training completed two, one-day training sessions on the use of OC (Oleoresin Capsicum) spray for the Eastman YDC shift supervisors, lead medical staff, and DJJ investigators, on August 6 & 7 on the Eastman Campus. This training was in response to the policy modification for Eastman YDC, effective May 16, 2007.

The current BJCOT class, class number 124, has 65 candidates for graduation on Friday, September 7, 2007. The graduation will be held at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center at 1:30 p.m. and the guest speaker will be DJJ Board Member, Daniel Menefee. Commissioner Murray thanked Mr. Menefee and other board members for volunteering to serve as speakers. He also thanked Ms. Sandra Taylor for her congratulatory remarks at the 123rd BJCOT graduation ceremony on August 3, 2007 and stated that she did an excellent job; he encouraged board members to serve as presenters and commencement speakers.

Commissioner Murray noted that the following dates for BJCOT graduation speakers are available: October 12, November 16, and December 21, 2007. He asked that if any members are available for those dates to please notify Steve Hayes in the Office of Public Affairs or Fabienne Tate in the Office of Training.

The 8th Annual Child Placement Conference will be held in Augusta, Georgia, October 29-31, 2007 at the Marriott Hotel and Suites. The conference will begin at 1:00 p.m. on October 29th and end at noon on October 31st. Two DJJ staff will be presenting this year: Coy Satterfield, on the "Think Exit at Entry" transition program, and Yvonne Saunders-Brown, on "PREA" (Prison Rape Elimination Act). Commissioner Murray will co-present with DHR Commissioner B.J. Walker on October 29<sup>th</sup>. He asked that members wishing to attend to please contact Lena Wilson in OPA.

DJJ is currently in the production phase of an Orientation Video for new employees. We have had an orientation video for youth for a number of years but realized that we need to develop a good orientation video for new employees. Production is on schedule to meet the expected completion date of October 1, 2007. This will be a detailed training video about the department, literally from A – Z and will provide new employees with lots of good information that we think will be very beneficial to them as they start their careers with DJJ.

Commissioner Murray informed the board that on Monday, Amy Howell and Sonia Norman-Johnson presented on Legal Liabilities at the "Lieutenant and Captains Specialized Training" held here at the Academy.

He noted to Chairman Shuman and the Board that our DJJ Customer Service initiative, which is ongoing, includes several activities planned in the near future to train our staff and emphasize our commitment to providing quality customer service to our internal and external customers. We are currently working on nominating several of our staff for

recognition from the Governor's Office of Customer Service, and we continue to work on our own DJJ Customer Service Recognition Program to show appreciation for our employees who provide good customer service and to serve as a reminder to them to provide quality customer services as they go about their daily responsibilities. Events are in the planning stages that will help bring all this about. Commissioner Murray stated that we'll be sharing those details with the board as they develop. As a part of that initiative we wanted to share with the board customer service items that we will be providing to our employees in the near future as a means of keeping customer service in focus as they do their jobs. Customer service items (mouse pads and pens) were distributed by Steve Hayes and Lena Wilson.

Commissioner Murray then recognized the retirement of Regional Administrator Natilyne Young, RA – Region IV. She is retiring at the end of August after 34 years of service. She has had a tremendous career and was given a wonderful retirement reception last week in Macon. He stated that she will be hard to replace and we wish her well in her retirement.

Commissioner Murray concluded his report and opened the floor for questions or comments from the Board.

Judge Quintress Gilbert asked if there was any facility other than Eastman YDC that is being allowed to use the OC spray. Commissioner Murray responded that Eastman was the only facility to utilize the spray. Judge Gilbert stated that she thought there were kids of the same type at the Milledgeville facility. Commissioner stated that Bill Ireland does have a difficult population and if it was ever considered to authorize a second facility, it would likely be Bill Ireland, but we want to be careful with the OC spray issue as we have not used it in Georgia facilities for some time and he wants the Eastman facility to become acclimated to using it, which he hopes to be very seldom. But for those juveniles who are extremely violent we need to ensure that we can protect them from themselves and from other juveniles who are there. After it has been evaluated how it is being used at Eastman, and if we are pleased with what we see and we see a need to expand it, we will do that.

Dr. Thomas Coleman, Deputy Commissioner of Programs, injected that he wants to point out that the use of OC spray is not for the entire campus, it is only used by selected personnel in the closed unit for the special students that are there, the unruly and aggressive students. He stated that the spray is not carried by these selected staff persons; instead, it is locked away at all times.

### **Board Officer Elections**

J. Daniel Shuman, Board Chairman

Mr. Shuman referenced the board bylaws, stating that every two years officers of the board will be elected in July, but they were unable to do that because some members

were up for reappointment and other changes on the board; so a vote was taken to delay the election until the August meeting. He reminded them of the slate that was presented at the July meeting. The nominating committee report shows that J. Daniel Shuman was nominated for Chairman, Daniel A. Menefee was nominated for Vice Chair, and Dr. Ed Risler was nominated for Secretary. He stated that the bylaws allow for further nominations from the board as they are called. He called on Amy Howell, DJJ Legal Services Director, for input. Ms. Howell stated that on the ballots, which are being distributed, a vote can be cast for the persons listed who were selected by the nominating committee, but there is also the opportunity to write-in candidates for further nominations.

Elizabeth Lindsey asked if there are additional nominations for additional positions, do they nominate them from the floor. Mr. Shuman responded in the affirmative to which Ms. Lindsey asked if the current vote was for Chairman of the Board. Ms. Howell stated that because of the way the ballot is structured, a separate vote will have to be cast for each office.

Judge Steven Teske called for point of order. He stated that he cannot vote or move on any issue since he serves in an advisory capacity, but if there is no one here that intends to nominate anyone else, someone can move to close the nominations to make the process go quicker. Amy Howell asked if there were further nominations at this time. Chairman Shuman noted that the nominations were for all positions: Board Chairman, Board Vice Chairman, and Board Secretary. Elizabeth Lindsey nominated Dr. Ed Risler for Vice Chair. Hearing no other nominations, Chairman Shuman called for a vote, but Ms. Lindsey asked if she could make a statement in support of her nomination. She stated that Dr. Risler has been a member of the board for many years and has a broad depth of experience historically, as well as academically and policy-wise. He has brought a lot of insight and she believes the board will be well served to have him in this position. She explained that her nomination is not a negative for anyone else. Chairman Shuman stated that the vote will be by secret ballot where there is a contested position and asked if there were other comments or nominations.

Bruce Garraway stated that he has a question based on the board's bylaws and that maybe legal counsel could help with his inquiry. He asked since Dr. Ed Risler is in a contested race for vice chair and if he is selected for that position, then where do we (the Board) end up with the position of Secretary. Chairman Shuman responded that there would be another nomination and Amy Howell concurred. Mr. Garraway asked if that would have to happen at the current meeting. Ms. Howell explained that the results would be calculated while the board is in the executive session and would determine if another vote is necessary. Dr. Risler asked if he could remove his name from the nomination of Secretary. Ms. Howell stated that if that is his wish to remove his name from the election of Secretary then that could be done. Ms. Sandra Taylor asked if additional copies of the ballot could be printed so that a separate vote for each office could be conducted.

At this point Judge Gilbert excused herself as did Judge Teske as they are non-voting members.

Ms. Lindsey then called for point of order. She stated that if there are no other nominations from the floor for Chairman, she moves to close out the nominations and go to the next office. Van Herrin moved to elect J. Daniel Shuman as Chairman of the Board of Juvenile Justice. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Lindsey and carried.

After Mr. Shuman called for a vote for Vice Chairman, member Bruce Garraway stated that since this was a contested race and he is new and not familiar with either candidate, he asked if they could speak before he cast his vote.

Mr. Daniel A. Menefee introduced himself for those who did not know him and stated that he has just been reappointed to the board and he believes that based on his experience, on the outside he is not as technical or astute about what juvenile justice is about as Dr. Risler is, but he believes that the board needs people that are not grounded in juvenile justice, people who sets models for kids to be productive as our goal is rehabilitation. He serves in various capacities in his community. He also served as the statewide chairperson for Operation Drug Free Georgia, the largest committee under the late Paul Coverdell; locally he was past chairman of the Chattahoochee Valley Boys and Girls Club; he has won numerous awards for child related activities. He stated that it's not just the people from the inside with inside knowledge, even though he respects Dr. Risler and what he has attained, he believes that leadership needs a new spin as far as what is going to be done with these kids once they are released back into their communities. He stated that he thinks he can be instrumental in that regard instead of duplicating what the Chairman's perspective is. He supports the people who nominated him and for them he stands by their nomination and their belief in him for vice chairman. If they did not nominate him it would be a moot point and he would not run for that position but he believes that he is what the board needs.

Mr. Garraway then asked Mr. Menefee how long he has served on the board to which Mr. Menefee responded that it has been about four (4) years.

Mr. Shuman then asked if members would cast their vote for the office of board Vice Chairman and to close their ballot form when finished as the vote is being cast by secret ballot. After voting the ballots were collected to be counted.

Mr. Shuman called for a ten minute break to tabulate the votes.

Upon resuming the meeting, Chairman Shuman announced that the ballots had been tabulated and Dr. Ed Risler has been elected Vice Chairman. He then stated that the position of Secretary would need to be handled. He asked if there was a nomination for Secretary of the Board. Dr. Ed Risler nominated Dan Menefee for Secretary; the motion was seconded by Elizabeth Lindsey and carried. Mr. Shuman acknowledged Dr. Risler's request to speak. Dr. Risler stated that he wanted to make sure Mr. Menefee was ok with

his nomination, and subsequently, his election to the position of Board Secretary. Mr. Menefee responded that he is ok with anything. He stated that he did not put himself in the running; someone else did. He added that he just wants everything to be fair and legitimate and as long as that happens he has nothing personal against anyone; he's a straight shooter, he does what he do and he is who he is and he will continue to be that way. He stated that he does not like this process at all; he did not like the way this thing spun, but if that is the way they (board members) feel, then he accepts it and will be happy to serve in whatever capacity they want him to serve in. Chairman Shuman stated that he will have a committee work on the process before the next two years are up.

Hearing no other nominations, a motion to close the nominations was made by Van Herrin, seconded by Sandra Taylor and, hearing no other nominations, the motion was carried.

Chairman Shuman then asked for a motion to elect Daniel A. Menefee as Secretary of the Board of Juvenile Justice. Sandra Taylor moved to elect Daniel A. Menefee as Secretary of the Board of Juvenile Justice. Elizabeth Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

The election results are as follows:

- ❖ Board Chairman – J. Daniel Shuman
- ❖ Board Vice-Chair – Dr. Edwin A. Risler
- ❖ Board Secretary – Daniel A. Menefee

### **Academy Overview**

Neal Cannon, DJJ Academy Director

Mr. Cannon welcomed the Board and other attendees to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and stated that we are very fortunate to have our academy located on the campus. He stated that the academy is accredited by the Peace Officers Standards Association. Before the academy was built in 1997, they were located in the main building of the center and moved to the academy in May 2000. They have graduated over 25,000 DJJ employees from the academy in ten (10) years. Eighteen (18) programs are offered at the academy, the biggest of which is the Basic Juvenile Correctional Officer Training (BJCOT) class that is a 160 hour program. Once a student successfully completes this class they are certified by the POST Council as juvenile correctional officer for the state of Georgia. Departmental policy states that six months from the initial hire date they must successfully complete that course. There are two separate basic classes. One is for operations, Juvenile Parole and Parole Specialists and one for facility personnel. These are the Basic I & II classes that are combined as an 80 hour class. Anyone instrumental in developing service plans or implementing service plans are required to attend the Basic III training program. Management Development I & II is for new supervisors and is a 40 hour class. He stated that he is proud to say that we are one

of the few academies in the state of Georgia that the POST Council has authorized to have instructor training programs that are run out of our academy. Instructor training is the POST requirement to become an instructor and is one of the most difficult classes a person can ever take. The classes are so stressful that one cannot take the class two weeks back-to-back. The first week is academics and if you pass the test then you are allowed to come back for the second week and will have to complete a 50 minute lesson plan that if done by someone who is not a trainer, it typically takes 120 hours to write. If they pass the lesson plan, this is followed by a 50 minute presentation and if passed, they will only receive a certificate stating that have attended the academy. They will have to return at a later date to do the 50 minute presentation in front of a senior instructor and if they pass that evaluation, they are then eligible to make application to the POST Council as an instructor.

Under the leadership of Commissioner Murray and Fabinenne Tate, we are now nationally recognized as being the leader in training in the United States. The states of Nevada, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and North Carolina have all begun academies and have modeled their academies after ours in Georgia. He stated that when the director of the Nevada academy called, he says that every time they wanted information on training we kept hearing the words “the state of Georgia.” Mr. Cannon gave a salute to Ms. Tate and Commissioner Murray for a job well done and stated that they really appreciate them being a support for them at the academy and allowing them to do a good job there.

Mr. Cannon stated that after the break there is an opportunity for board members to take advantage of a tour of the facility and grounds and will be able to observe students going through their practical exercises.

### **Victim Advisory Committee Resolution**

Rob Rosenbloom, Deputy Commissioner  
Division of Operations

After greeting everyone, Mr. Rosenbloom stated that at last month’s meeting he made a presentation about our desire to have more participation in the victim advisory committee process. After that presentation, which was general in nature, the board requested more information about how that process might work and some performance measures that would be used to show whether we are winning or losing in the process of providing victim services. He stated that his presentation today will address those concerns.

Mr. Rosenbloom stated that Dee Bell would be conducting the bulk of the presentation but before she presented her portion, he wanted to inform the board that the strategic plan talks about moving forward and providing restorative justice services, including victim services. This is an effort for us as a department to move forward and, as Commissioner Murray stated, become a premiere juvenile justice agency. He shared that his home was broken into and therefore, he is intimately aware of the feelings associated with being a victim of a crime; the feeling of being violated and that it is hard to recover from. He

stated that he recognizes the need for us to do a better job as an agency in addressing those same feelings that victims have with juvenile crime. He stated that it would do a lot for our agency to be seen as 'victim friendly'. He then introduced Dee Bell of the Division of Operations, who is a national expert on restorative justice.

Ms. Bell reintroduced herself and stated that if there was something she thought we should do as an agency, if we are to reach our mission of balanced and restorative justice. In order to do that, we have to look at all our stakeholders. When we talk about customer service in juvenile justice, probably the customer we ought to focus on is the victim of juvenile crime. She stated that many of the youth we serve, that come to us as offenders, have also been victims of crimes; they have been harmed in ways we may or may not know. The victim role crosses over our customer base. We do a great job working with kids in this agency and we have done a really good job working in the community. Now we need to focus on victims to complete our mission. This is the sort of thing that the victim advisory committee is designed to do.

Ms. Bell shared some information that was shared at a previous meeting as a reminder that the purpose of the committee is to advise the Department of Juvenile Justice and the DJJ Board on victim rights and services and to interact in a coordinated way to ensure victim input into agency policies, practices and procedures. She stated that although it is the decision of the Board, the staff recommendation is that the victim advisory committee be made up of nine (9) members: four (4) board members and five (5) members that they would appoint or select from each of the five DJJ regions (one representative from each region).

Ms. Bell highlighted areas of the first phase of this initiative, to include member qualifications, member job description, and the role of the victim advisory committee. She stated that if we work through the first stage, there might be a second stage – committee development. Under this component local regional sub-committees will be set up to work in the community with DJJ offices, facilities and other victim advocacy organizations and services. In the future (as this is not currently in place) it may be that the regional sub committees could nominate to the board members, a representative to join the statewide victim committee.

She stated that she is very grateful to have Ms. Evans as DJJ's new Victim Advocate and one of the things that she, Ms. Evans and the BARJ coordinators will be working on is the outreach for victims of juvenile crime. This falls under Victim Advocacy and Services, another component of the initiative.

Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) – BARJ is a justice philosophy that is concerned with repairing the harms caused by a crime and reducing the frequency and severity of future offenses. BARJ focuses equal attention on:

- ❖ Holding offenders accountable to victims and communities for the harm their actions have caused
- ❖ Helping victims heal, and

- ❖ Improving community safety.

One BARJ Coordinator will be located in each of the five (5) DJJ Regions. These coordinators will:

- ❖ Assist with BARJ activities such as Restorative Group Conferencing, establishing restorative community service sites, promotion of restitution projects, etc.
- ❖ Provide local services to victims of juvenile crime and establish collaborative efforts with local victim advocates.
- ❖ Serve as the point of contact for the Regional Victim Sub-committees.

One of the things that they are involved with is speaking about intermediate outcome measures for what we do. She was part of a project called the Juvenile Justice Performance Measures Project. One of the measures is about victim satisfaction. She shared a copy of the national survey form that is being used which is actually a post card and is used to determine if the victim was satisfied with the services they received through victim advocacy. Initially there was a longer version of the survey and they were receiving about a 2% response. Because the survey is shorter and anonymous, the percentage of responses received has increased to about 22%. The survey responses will also be monitored through our data bases. The Intermediate Outcome Measures include:

- ❖ Number of victims served
- ❖ Number of referrals to services made for victims
- ❖ Level of victim satisfaction as determined by the survey
- ❖ Percentage of ordered restitution paid
- ❖ Number of community service hours completed
- ❖ Number of restorative group conference held and agreements completed
- ❖ Number of victim impact classes/panels held and number of attendees.

Ms. Bell concluded her presentation and asked for questions.

Mr. Kelly inquired why it is necessary to create this as a committee of the board rather than a program within the department. Ms. Bell responded that she thinks it could happen either way but the board is our advisory function. If we do it within, without the advisory piece, then what would happen is you would get input from inside and not input from the board or the end user. Mr. Rosenbloom injected that the question is valid. Whether the board decides to use this as a community process and be involved in that way or whether it is done as a stand alone advisory board, it would be valid. We could potentially create a separate board made up of victims out of the community and do it as a separate entity. It is not necessary for it to be a part of the board function it is just one way to do it. Mr. Kelly then stated that we could still have board members represented on the advisory committee. He added that his concern is that as a formal part of the board as a subcommittee, there are certain responsibilities that the parameters of which, as a new board member, he is not certain of; he does not know how many committees there are or how they operate. He stated that it is such an important function reaching out to the victims in the community and it is such an undertaking of great breath all around

the state, and he is not certain if it is done in other states, but at this early stage, he as a board member, would be very cautious about making it part of something for which they are responsible without really knowing the direction in which it is going. He stated that perhaps he would like to hear from some other Commissioners about where the proper location for this is and what our exact responsibilities would be for it.

Chairman Shuman asked if there were any comments to which Dr. Risler responded. He stated that he understands Mr. Kelly's concerns but as a board member, sometimes board members struggle with ways they can get involved and be productive at their efforts. He sees it as simply another venue for board members to dedicate some time into their activities and efforts to advise the department. He does not necessarily agree with the word 'responsibility,' it is a matter of advising. Mr. Larry Barnes injected that to him it is more of a grass roots type thing where you can actually come in contact with people and not have a gap there and that it would really be beneficial to the board member as well as the victims.

Mr. Kelly then stated that at the end of the day this board would be responsible for the success or failure of this effort, and asked if this is something as part time board members this committee would be responsible for. Dr. Risler stated that he doesn't think it is a matter of success or failure as much as it would be for them to bring back concerns; it would be a conduit for the victim, a way for them to express concerns that might arise and not necessarily be responsible for the success or failure. Mr. Kelly reiterated that at the end of the day they are going to measure the success or failure of the program. Dr. Risler stated that the board might look at it. Mr. Kelly stated they have to look at it because it is our subcommittee. He stated that it is just a formality and accountability function of board members; that they need to understand what they are undertaking; it's not a question of whether it is going to be done or not, it is a question of where is the proper venue for it. We, as a board, with a subcommittee we are responsible for, have the responsibility for making sure that this works. Members who elect to serve on the subcommittee better be ready to get deep into the process to make sure that the victims who are seeing the board as the ones who are running this subcommittee hold up their end of the bargain; it's a pretty important undertaking as is all our board work.

Mr. Kelly then asked how many other subcommittees we have. Chairman Shuman responded that as a parallel to that Mr. Kelly will probably be contacted soon to be on an advisory board of an RYDC, and asked if that had already taken place. Mr. Kelly responded in the negative. Chairman Shuman stated that it will probably happen soon and that there will be meetings where he just listens and report back to the board.

Ms. Sandra Taylor stated that she researched this legally because she wondered where we (the board) fall in all of this and after we met the structure of the board legislatively, we are defined as a 'policy making' board. She stated that she believes Mr. Kelly's concern is that the board does not get involved into the minutia of running the agency, to leave it for the Commissioner and his staff, and stay in the position of policy making. She continued that the discussion here is whether as a part of policy making do we want to

attend these meetings to see what is going on and come back to the board as a whole and determine the policy determining which route to take as policy makers. She stated that to answer the structure question, she is not sure which way to go on the committee as she has some of his concerns, as well. She added that the board will need to consider, as policy makers, that this is a major effort of the Governor; to bring the victims into the process. As far as setting policy for the agency, she does not believe that the board is doing it; just sitting in their offices doing their thing and not really seeing what's going on, on the ground level and this is an opportunity to do that, but she is not certain of how to go about structuring it.

Judge Teske injected that, first of all, it is required by law that the victims be brought in. Under O.C.G.A. 15-11-64.2, it states that in all delinquency proceedings the victim impact statement shall be mailed to victims and we must receive information. He stated that the problem is that he's not sure if that law is being implemented in every jurisdiction. He stated that there is a great opportunity here, as a matter of policy making, as long as this advisory committee is developing policy and serving in an advisory capacity, the board will be ok in their role. But, this is a great opportunity for the department because of its statewide perspective, to bring through collaborative means, the implementation of this law, which is so important and, not mention it will make the department and the Governor to look good. But the question brought up is the mechanics of it.

Mr. Kelly stated that it's very important to look good and if he was serving on that committee, and he's not sure if he wants to because he is not an expert in the field of victim advocacy, you've moved from something that you are receiving reports on and giving advice about and overseeing policy, to becoming responsible as a committee of this board for making sure that the Governor's desires for an effective victim advocacy program are fulfilled. That means if he was on that committee, he would be calling the victim advocacy office asking what's going on. He stated that he is not sure if that is really where they want us to be or where we want to be in terms of that minutia. This is an important responsibility and he has always thought that this board was more receiving reports of how it's going and he is not sure how certain members can still serve in an advisory capacity on this committee. Once we sign on as a subcommittee we're the ones who are responsible for effectively implementing it and that is a little beyond a more supervisory policy venture.

Judge Teske stated that even if we do it within the department and there are board members that are serving in that capacity, what is the difference? Those who want to volunteer are expecting they will get involved. To cut this off now is denying those board members an opportunity to go ahead and do that just because we are anticipating that there is not going to be any. Are there board members interested in this? If the answer is yes, then why deny that opportunity to this board? No matter what, ultimately this board is responsible no matter where it is; we set the policy. If something goes wrong, whether in institutions or programs, it will come back to the board. He advised the board to bite the bullet. He stated that as a judge, his court is a BARJ court and they

send out victim impact statements and they have a victim assistant person in his court. And, although he is a judge, he was in the victim assistance office the previous day and spent two hours talking with a victim of a crime. Judge Quintress Gilbert concurred with Judge Teske's assessment. She stated that she also has a BARJ court and believes it is the department's way of including the board, if the board wants that inclusion, from the top. Instead of looking at it in retrospect, not only is it good for juvenile justice, but other systems will eventually pick up the same type of programs for other types of courts in restoring victims back to where they need to be. She stated that Mr. Rosenbloom hit the nail on the head about inviting the board to volunteer with this effort instead of getting all of the members of the committee from the outside. She stated that she thinks it is a great program and she cannot say enough about it.

Chairman Shuman stated that this board has turned over 70% in the last year or two and it has been very difficult to do committee work but it is something he will be looking at very thoroughly in the next month since we are getting re-staffed. He then asked to move on to the next agenda item. However Pastor Rowland wanted to comment. He stated that the only question he had to the query about "what is the difference and where is its place," is that he believes the difference is that precedents will be set in terms of how this board operates. The next important issue that comes before the board or the next important program, are we going to have to develop another subcommittee for that program or programs that are in trouble and need special attention? Once you start in that structure that we are going to have subcommittees to focus on what needs attention, and that is the way we want to go, then that's the difference. We will be setting precedence as we move forward by setting the subcommittee up that way. Mr. Kelly added that, even along those lines, look at the structure of the victim advisory committee, which standing on its own he does not have a problem with. The committee will include five members, each representing one DJJ Region and four board members. He stated that the committee should have a majority of board members since they are ultimately responsible for decisions coming out of any advisory committees. He inquired about the number of committees of this nature we already have and how many more we want to create with respect to the MOA. He stated that it could be a slippery slope and he cautioned them on that. Commissioner Murray responded that the agency would welcome the establishment of the committee or, as Mr. Rosenbloom indicated, we have a plan to do this within the agency. He indicated that he doesn't know if we have a strong preference one way or the other, and stated that it came up at the previous board meeting and we wanted the board to at least have the opportunity to establish a subcommittee. He added that we are fine if that does not take place and that is why we have Ms. Evans, to move forward with a strong victims advocate program internally and possibly with the victim subcommittee.

Ms. Taylor asked if the discussion could be tabled for now and as they go into the committee structure, to consider the entire committee structure in looking at what they are going to do with it within the frame of the bylaws. Ms. Howell responded that as a point of clarification in terms of the committee for the bylaws, there are only two committees that are required by the bylaws and they are the executive committee and the education committee. Any other additional committees will be decided by the executive

committee of the board. Dr. Risler stated that they had decided on a few others that included the finance committee, institutional programs committee and others. Judge Teske stated that as a matter of advice if the discussion is tabled, Mr. Rosenbloom, Ms. Bell and Ms. Evans, while looking at it should take into consideration the thoughts expressed here today especially the one regarding the configuration of this advisory committee. If the recommendation comes back to do it as a subcommittee, that there be consideration to the reconfiguration of the number of members or adding board members. He agreed that the board members need to have a deciding vote if it is going to be a policy making board. Mr. Garraway also added his support of Mr. Kelly's assessment of the committee configuration.

At this point, Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to table the discussion. Ms. Taylor moved to table the discussion for a date to be determined. The motion was seconded by Van Herrin and, hearing no other comments or discussion, the motion was carried.

### **SFY08 Amended Budget & SFY09 Budget Request**

Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner  
Fiscal and Administrative Services

After greeting everyone, Mr. Minor stated that a pre-meeting was held on the budget. He stated that there was good dialogue about the budget, questions were answered and a lot more questions were raised. He referenced the handout and stated that he would go over the summary document. Chairman Shuman interrupted and apologized to Mr. Minor. He asked if there was anyone that would not be happy to vote on the budget at this point as most of them were present at the pre meeting and discussion and the information had already been covered. He cited the time constraints for the meeting space and other topics to be covered on the agenda. Dr. Risler made a motion to approve the budget. After inquiring if it would be on the table to discuss, Mr. Herrin seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly asked if they were voting to approve the budget approval or to discuss the budget. Mr. Shuman responded that the vote was to approve it. Mr. Herrin wanted to clarify that the second was to get it out on the table to discuss it; to be able to ask questions if there were any from the board. Mr. Shuman stated that the majority of the board heard the entire presentation earlier and he did not want to repeat the complete report. Ms. Lindsey stated that if they were going to oppose the STP recommendation in the budget they have to have something specific, some kind of policy position from DJJ to present as an alternative. Mr. Herrin stated that the discussion was already in progress when he arrived but his take on it is that it appears that the Governor's hand is being forced to take care of that for us. If he decides to make DJJ take the cut from the area DJJ has suggested, then he will need legislation to do so and that puts it back in his hands.

Judge Teske stated that he has to go on record since he serves in a judicial advisory capacity. He stated that the Council of Juvenile Court Judges (CJCJ) will

overwhelmingly oppose this. However, he stated, this may force some opportunities for CJCJ and DJJ and maybe in some way include people from the Governor's office. He stated that they need to take another look at the STP recommendation and determine from CJCJ's perspective, why they need it and what they need it for. He stated that last year Commissioner Murray and his staff did a wonderful job proposing their legislation in a tight situation. In September, the CJCJ Executive Committee of which he is the President Elect will be meeting on the legislation that is left over from last year and anything else that is being proposed. The executive committee is excited and is looking forward to the meeting and if there is a proposal to get rid of the STPs, the meeting will go south. He stated that we (the Board) have got to figure out how to manage this situation. The board's only choice right now is to vote and is probably pressed to approve it. If things change at the Governor's Office, it can be amended.

Mr. Minor added that the decision to take this cut is the Governor's and it's a long way away and there is opportunity between the submission time and the time the Governor develops a budget. There is September, October and November, three months of work that can be done with the Governor and his staff. Certainly leading up to the conference in late September there is an opportunity between now and then to have that conversation and let these issues be known. This is an opportunity for the Governor's Office to hear the courts' concerns and the judges' concerns leading up to a conference which is planned in order for people in the system to get together to talk about what does the system need to look like? How do we need to spend our money? If we don't want STP the way it is, what do we need? Where's the hole? How do we fill it? Mr. Minor stated that the Governor has been invited to attend the conference; it's his conference. It's a wonderful opportunity during the month of September to have this dialogue and hopefully the Governor will come to some resolution to tell us the direction he would like to go and at least listen to the outcome of the conference about what this state needs to look like.

Judge Teske stated that he would simply ask the Board, in terms of STP, that as we move forward to look at its use. He added that he is a judge who only used it six (6) times in 2006 in a population of 300,000 in his county; 52, 000 school age children. He stated that he used it as a graduated sanction and did not use it for 60 days; the most was 30 days. His advocacy of STP is very narrow and if he used it six times there is some use for it as he is an alternative detention judge and they (the board) need to have some discussion on it and be very careful about closing down STPs. There will be an increase in committed kids, especially in the independent courts. He continued to cite other issues that will arise as a result of this action and cautioned that another population (commitments) will be increased as a result. The judges will need to be better educated on how to use STP and take a look at the criteria for it as an overall graduated sanction.

Commissioner Murray stated that those are the type of discussions that need to be had between September and December but what is needed this morning is for us to follow the Governor's budgetary instructions to submit a budget by September 4<sup>th</sup> that reflects a 2% cut, \$6.4 Million dollars, and it's not optional, it's a mandate. He added that we are not

proposing that we cut the STP program, rather that we put it on the table as a part of DJJ's submission that if the Governor chooses to take the cut, that's where he takes it. He stated that we don't have a choice but to submit the budget cut and he appealed to the board to follow the instructions. The Governor will make the decision later this year.

Ms. Lindsey asked if there was any way to put on the submission that the board does not agree with the concept of cutting STP but to meet the budgetary crisis, "it is the only thing left on the tree to pick off." She stated that this is her understanding of the situation. Ms. Taylor injected that Mr. Minor spoke well to this issue at the earlier meeting where our studies indicate that the recidivism rate is the greatest and it is not being effective. She stated that they met with great resistance in one of the thickest wars that should never have taken place in the legislature over this fight before. During her early tenure on the board, it bothered her that we, as a department, and the judges were fighting. She stated that she has been consistent in her concern about it. But, she thinks also, that we have judges across the state that we have no control over and this need to be addressed. She added that maybe some of what Ms. Lindsey suggested could be combined in a statement with the budget stating that we feel all of these programs are important and recognize the need of the juvenile court judges to have something from the bench in the community to make a decision, but based on our studies on recidivism rates that's the only place to cut.

Mr. Shuman stated that he thinks this will help Commissioner Murray and Mr. Minor when they take it back that the board will stand firm. Mr. Herrin stated that it will also show the judges that the board realizes that this is important to them and we don't want to turn our backs on them. Mr. Barnes added that when the judges' group actually meets, apparently some [STP] of it is being misused and whereas Judge Teske has used it six times, someone is probably using it a lot more than that. He stated that maybe Judge Teske could look at it from that standpoint with his group and make it part of the process.

Judge Gilbert agreed with Judge Teske's concept of what is being done but stated that she sees it in a much broader sense. She reminded the board that she and Judge Teske are advisors to the board and she wanted to stress what their thoughts are about what the judges are going to do. She iterated that the judges are not going to like it, that they see it as a contest between three branches of government, the Governor, the Legislature, and the Judiciary. She stated that speaking from a judge's point of view this particular step would undermine the authority of the judges. Once a judge commits a child to the juvenile justice system, the juvenile justice system then has the ability to return the child back to the community. If the child is placed in the program for 30 to 60 days, they can't do that. She added that just like Judge Teske, they use these programs as a last resort as a graduated program. She continued that they have embraced, from the Judiciary, many of the programs that are given to them through the Department of Juvenile Justice. She stated that the judges are looking at the people they serve, and the Department, more often than not, is looking at budgetary dollars more than people.

Ms. Taylor stated that this is probably the argument for the judges to make to the legislature. Judge Teske stated it would be great if the board could add some commentary to that effect. He asked them to keep in mind that the kids he put into STP for 30 days wasn't for treatment. It was because they were an immediate risk to the community and he did not want to commit them to DJJ because he felt they were not ready for that. He believed that we still had some community resources and he had to get them in place; they couldn't go home for various reasons and there was not shelter care he could place them in without risking the other kids and he had to send them somewhere to get more intensive services in the community. He stated that if the board could develop thinking like that and programs around it to avoid any misuse of STP, then maybe something could be worked out. But, right now standing with his fellow judge, Judge Gilbert, they have to advise that cutting STP is not the way to go. Judge Gilbert injected that maybe we need shelters in each area. Mr. Herrin added that the proposal at least gives the department what the Governor has mandated to do as far as the budget goes, and maybe by offering this as the only place we feel, with great resistance, that it should put some pressure on the legislative end; by putting it on the table it will be a very volatile issue. Ms. Lindsey stated that she does not want them to think that the board approves of cutting the STP program. Mr. Kelly inquired if the board does not want to send the message supporting the elimination of the program, what can be done in terms of adoption of the budget, is adding language that will convey the board's position. Mr. Minor stated that he's not sure of the rules but he believes we could add language that is very similar to that stated about the board's strong feelings about the elimination of the program, but complying with the requirement to put something on paper. He stated that the Governor, his Chief Operating Officer and OPB staff are very aware of the position that this department and this board is in today and they know, like every agency, we have to put 2% on the table. Mr. Herrin inquired if we can add language to the motion. Ms. Howell stated that the board could also draft a resolution, she is not certain about it being submitted with the budget, but the board does have the ability if it wants to.

At this point Chairman Shuman injected that the meeting space had been reserved by another group for the afternoon so we need to adjourn for lunch and pick it up afterward in another location to be identified. He called for a vote on the budget with the addendum to which Mr. Herrin stated that we could put the vote up while a motion was on the table then come back with a resolution. Mr. Garraway stated that an addendum could be attached to the submission.

More discussion ensued about the content of the addendum, after which the motion was amended to include a memorandum as an attachment. Dr. Risler made a motion to approve both the budget request and the resolution as stated in principle. Mr. Herrin seconded the motion, and hearing a No from Mr. Kelly, the motion was carried. (***Board member James Kelly is recorded as voting 'No'***)

Chairman Shuman called for a break for lunch.

After the break the next agenda item was called.

## **Capital Outlay Budget Request & Resolution for Facility Transfer**

Edward Cook, Director  
Office of Engineering and Construction

### **Capital Outlay Request**

Mr. Cook explained that of the two items to be discussed, he first wanted to present the FY09 Bond Fund Capital Outlay Request. He then referenced the handouts distributed to the board, the first of which has a list of twenty-one requests and a second with a break down of the first two requests on the list for repair and minor construction. He stated that there are about 240 individual items grouped by facility ranging in size from a few thousand dollars up to \$350,000. On the repair fund side the largest grouping of items across the system in dollar amount is reimbursable payments for the DJJ private maintenance provider, about \$1 Million dollars, followed by HVAC and inferior finishes projects. On the minor construction side the largest group of items for \$1.1 Million involves the addition of wide area exterior lighting at several facilities, primarily at Macon YDC, McIntosh YDC, Muscogee YDC, Cohn RYDC, and several smaller RYDCs. He highlighted other items on the list, including the installation of acoustical panels at the larger facilities.

At this point Mr. Cook asked if there were questions before moving on to individual projects that completed the list. No questions were presented at this time.

The third priority item was for additional money to complete and open the Atlanta YDC, formerly the Larmore Probation Detention Center, given to DJJ by DOC. He continued to brief the board on the items on the list noting that items #10 and #11 involving the Bill Ireland YDC have been placed further down on the list than in previous years. This change, he stated, is not a reflection of a lessening need for these projects, but results from the fact that DJJ is participating along with DOC and DHR in a multi-agency study of state facilities in Baldwin County. The purpose of the study is to determine the best long term usage for all these facilities. A consultant has been hired to investigate the structures that make up the facilities and will make recommendations concerning changes and improvements. He stated that his understanding is that the projects we are asking for will be covered under the study, and once the study is complete we will have a much better chance of having these projects funded during next year's legislative session.

After summarizing the list he opened the floor for questions and hearing none, went on to the second item.

### **Atlanta YDC Project - Facility Transfer**

The resolution he presented responds to and is in accordance with the resolution passed by the Board of the Department of Corrections on August 2, 2007, that agreed to transfer

to the Department of Juvenile Justice the property containing the old Larmore facility. He stated that accepting this resolution today along with the DOC resolution will allow the State Properties Commission to complete the property transfer and will allow DJJ to begin making the necessary changes to the facility to turn it into a YDC. He then opened the floor for questions.

Hearing none, Chairman Shuman noted that these two items required a separate vote. He then asked for a motion to approve the FY09 Bond Fund Capital Outlay Budget Request. Van Herrin made a motion to approve the FY09 Bond Fund Capital Outlay Budget Request. The motion was seconded by Larry Barnes, and hearing no other comments, the motion was carried.

Mr. Shuman then presented the Facility Transfer resolution for approval. Elizabeth Lindsey made a motion to approve the Resolution for Facility Transfer. The motion was seconded by Dexter Rowland and hearing no other comments, the motion was carried.

At this point Chairman Shuman asked to revisit the discussion regarding the SFY09 Budget Request. Ms. Howell was completing copies of the resolution so the next agenda item was called instead. Mr. Shuman called for a motion to convene an Executive Session. However, Mr. Kelly had a request regarding facilities. He asked when you look at the subcommittee structure he would like for the executive committee to see if there is a need for a facility subcommittee. He stated that he is interested in learning more about facilities and he thinks it would be nice to have a liaison between the two, the bigger board and the facilities operations of the department. Mr. Shuman noted his request.

Commissioner Murray then suggested that the Education Report be made at this time and to hold the Executive Session afterwards, citing the preparation of the resolution by Ms. Howell as the reason for his request.

Chairman Shuman acquiesced and asked for a motion to close the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to convene the meeting of the DJJ Board of Education. Van Herrin made a motion to close the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to convene the meeting of the DJJ Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Lindsey and carried.

### **Education Report**

Dr. Tom O'Rourke, Associate Superintendent  
Office of Education

Dr. O'Rourke stated that at the July 26, 2007 meeting he had given a comprehensive report on education so he would just give an overview of different sections of the education program today.

Continuing, he stated that the first school semester started the first part of August and things are going well. He explained that we do not have a semester system rather we have a mastery learning system; kids are not bound by time but by mastery of the curriculum. We have a state calendar that was approved by the board and we follow it in terms of vacation schedules and spring breaks, etc.

We have approximately 350 teachers throughout the state in our YDC and RYDC programs and other programs. Across the state we currently have ten (10) teacher vacancies. He stated that we are in the process now of filling these vacancies as rapidly as possible.

As part of the textbook adoption cycle, we have adopted new math books. He stated that this is an area of great concern for us and believes that some of the issues were because of textbooks. Training of the new textbooks will be conducted tomorrow at the training center for all middle school math teachers across the state. He also informed the board that the consolidated grant they adopted at the last meeting had been submitted and feels confident that we will receive the money requested through the grant.

Dr. O'Rourke extended an open invitation for the board to attend the Education Conference on October 15-16, 2007 in Macon, Georgia. He added that the Teacher of the Year Ceremony will be held on the second day, October 16<sup>th</sup> and the recipient will represent DJJ in the statewide competition for Teacher of the Year. He stated that more information will be provided as that event approaches.

Dr. O'Rourke completed his summary and opened the floor for comments.

Judge Teske shared that on the previous day he had a SB440 kid transferred over to his court from the Martha K. Glaze RYDC where he had been for a year and he granted him bond and released him. He stated that because DJJ is an accredited school system and because the kid had done so well and made such good grades that he is looking to be placed on probation instead of having to spend time under the care of DJJ.

This information was received with a round of applause and Dr. O'Rourke stated that he will end his presentation on that note.

Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the DJJ Board of Education and reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. Dr. Risler made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the DJJ Board of Education and reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. The motion was seconded by Van Herrin and carried.

Copies of the resolution were still being printed so Chairman Shuman called for the Executive Session. Van Herrin made a motion to close the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice to convene the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by

Elizabeth Lindsey and carried. All non participants were excused from the room while this session took place.

After the session the audience returned to continue the meeting. Ms. Howell distributed copies to the Board of the resolution to be submitted as an attachment to the budget request. After reviewing the document Chairman Shuman asked if everyone had read and understood the document. There was some discussion and revisions. Afterwards Mr. Shuman asked for a motion to approve the budget request as amended. Mr. Herrin moved to approve the budget request as amended; the motion was seconded by Sandra Taylor and carried.

### **Chairman's Comments**

J. Daniel Shuman, Board Chairman

Mr. Shuman announced that the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice would be held on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at DJJ Central Office. He stated that at this meeting we will attempt to take a full board photograph for the web site and newsletter and individual photographs for the web site and asked members to please make every effort to attend the meeting. He requested that they wear suitable colors, no vibrant colors, plaids, or white shirts and to contact Steve Hayes or Lena Wilson for details.

Mr. Shuman then asked for a motion to adjourn. Van Herrin moved to adjourn the August 23, 2007 meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. The motion was seconded by Larry Barnes and carried.

After the adjournment, Chairman Shuman called the meeting back to order at the request of Amy Howell. She stated that there was a comment from the Attorney General's Office regarding the language in the resolution. Changes were made to the language and, as a result, a motion was made by Van Herrin to rescind the previous vote on the resolution. The motion was seconded by Ed Risler and carried. A motion was made by Van Herrin to approve the resolution as amended. The motion was seconded by Sandra Taylor and carried.

Mr. Shuman then asked for a motion to adjourn. Van Herrin moved to adjourn the extended meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. The motion was seconded by Pastor Dexter Rowland and carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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J. Daniel Shuman, Chair  
Board of Juvenile Justice

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Albert Murray  
Commissioner

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Daniel A. Menefee, Secretary  
Board of Juvenile Justice