

**Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, August 26, 2010
10:00 a.m.**

**Department of Juvenile Justice
3408 Covington Highway
Decatur, Georgia 30032-1513**

Opening Remarks

J. Daniel Shuman, Chair

Chairman Shuman called to order the August 26, 2010, meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and DJJ Board of Education. He noted the time as 10:00 a.m.

DJJ Staff Present: Garland R. Hunt, Esq.; Rob Rosenbloom; Ronnie Woodard; Jeff Minor; Dr. Jack Catrett; Coy Satterfield; Scheree Moore; Nathan Cain; Cherecia Kline; Sharon Starks; Martha Patton; Shirley Turner; Edward Cook; Victor Roberts; Pamela Sloane; Rafael Rosado-Ortiz; Dr. Rufus Johnson; Martha Sanders; Martha Patton; Dr. Rick Harrison; Diana Newell; Yvonne Sanders-Brown; Audrey Holliday; Latera Davis; Norma Adams; Fabienne Tate

Others: Destiny Washington (Attorney's General Office); Taylor Dudley (Emory/Barton Center); John Clayton (Piedmont Public Affairs); Eva Lou Shuman

Chairman Shuman asked that all attendees stand and state their name and organization affiliation. The Chairman asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation.

Roll Call

Chairman Shuman asked for the roll to be called. Cherecia Kline conducted the roll call of attendance.

Board Members Present: Larry Barnes; Michael Baugh; James Kelly; Elizabeth Lindsey; Perry McGuire; Judy Mecum; Daniel Menefee; Dr. Ed Risler; Dexter Rowland; J. Daniel Shuman; Stephen Simpson; Elaine Snow; Sandra Taylor (after roll call)

Advisory Council Members Present: Judge Quintress Gilbert; Steven Teske (after roll call);

Noting the presence of a quorum of the Board, Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the August 26, 2010, Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education meeting.

Judy Mecum moved to approve the agenda for the August 26, 2010, Board of Juvenile Justice and Board of Education meeting. Elaine Snow seconded the motion. The Chairman called for the vote and the motion was carried.

Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2010, meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and the DJJ Board of Education and asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Daniel Menefee moved to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2010, of the Board of Juvenile Justice and the DJJ Board of Education meeting. Michael Baugh seconded the motion. The Chairman called for the vote and the motion was carried.

Commissioner's Report

Garland R. Hunt, Esq., Commissioner

Commissioner Hunt said good morning and welcomed everyone to the August DJJ board meeting. He stated his remarks would be brief and asked the board to refer to their packets for more detailed information about the initiative and progress of DJJ employees.

Commissioner Hunt stated the August meeting was the most important meeting of the year because Deputy Commissioner Jeff Minor will present DJJ's amended budget for FY 11 and its budget for FY 2012. Commissioner Hunt said the board probably will not like what they hear, but DJJ, and indeed, Georgia is not alone in facing hard economic times; it is important that the Board work together and have an open, honest discussion about the challenges DJJ faces how to best manage potential cuts that will affect public safety and the ability of its employees to meet the agency's mission.

Commissioner Hunt asked the Board for their advice and support in facing the challenges that lay ahead.

Commissioner Hunt said he was very disappointed that he was kept away from last month's BJCOT graduation by a terrible traffic jam on I-75. He stated he will be giving the keynote address at the next graduation, which will be held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, September, 3, 2010, at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.

Commissioner Hunt said training on how to implement House Bill 1104 is ongoing. Training for the Northeast and Northwest Regions has already taken place, and training for employees in the other two regions should be completed by September 1. There will be a follow up session in Forsyth for any employees that missed the earlier scheduled dates.

In September, DJJ in collaboration with other stakeholders, will participate in a two day Juvenile Justice Forum to discuss critical issues in Georgia's juvenile justice system, including best practices for managing lower risk youth in the community, and best practices for the use of detention and secure confinement.

The forum is being sponsored by the Georgia Children's Cabinet, and funded by a grant through the Governor's Office for Children and Families. It is being co-sponsored by The Council of Juvenile Court Judges of Georgia, the Department of Human Resources Division of Family and Children's Services, and the Office of the Child Advocate. All agencies had a hand in planning the forum.

Commissioner Hunt stated the invitation only forum will have over 100 participants, including judges, prosecutors, public defenders, educators, and law enforcement as well as representatives from child welfare agencies. The participants will be divided into teams that will work to identify the biggest issues facing the juvenile justice system. They will then work to come up with practical policy solutions for those issues.

In these uncertain times, collaboration between agencies is essential, and it is DJJ hope that this conference will bring about some workable solutions to the challenges that all of us who are involved in caring for children face. We hope this conference will be the beginning of a productive dialogue between all parties involved.

Commissioner Hunt stated this month he was fortunate enough, along with six other employees and Chairman Shuman, to attend the ACA Congress of Corrections in Chicago. It was an excellent educational experience. The training was beneficial and covered national trends in corrections, policy issues, and creative budgeting in tough economic times.

Commissioner Hunt concluded his report and asked if there were any questions; there were none.

Chairman Shuman called for the next agenda item and asked for a motion from the Board to close the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and open the DJJ Board of Education meeting.

Board member Daniel Menefee called for a motion to close the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and open the DJJ Board of Education meeting. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Lindsey. The motion carried.

Education Update

Dr. Jack Catrett, Associate Superintendent
Department of Juvenile Justice

Dr. Catrett greeted the Board, Chairman Shuman, staff, and visitors.

Dr. Catrett stated the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) visit will be in October 2010 and Dr. Johnson will give the Board an update.

Dr. Catrett said October 12 and 13, 2010, will be Fall in-service Training. The highlights of the training will include special education, curriculum and instruction, behavior management, vocational and testing procedures, response to intervention, and DJJ afterschool program. Dr. Catrett encourages the Board to attend.

Dr. Catrett said September 13-17, 2010, there will be the Georgia High School Retest.

Dr. Catrett said September 29-30, 2010, there will be the first round of the Georgia Writing Test.

Dr. Catrett told the Board being a member of SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) provides stamp of excellence. He stated anywhere that DJJ students go; their Carnegie Units, transcripts and diploma are recognized and accepted.

Dr. Catrett said SACS is paid for by federal school improvement funds.

Dr. Catrett introduced Dr. Johnson to the Board.

Dr. Johnson said SACS will be coming to DJJ for a visit and there will be two accreditation process going on at the same time. Both SACS and CEA (Correctional Educational Association) will be visiting at the same time.

Dr. Johnson asked the Board to refer to the handout in their board packet. The handout gives an outline of the SACS and CEA review.

Dr. Johnson stated the date of the audit will be October 3-6, 2010. He explained the team will come in on Sunday, October 3, 2010 and will start visiting DJJ's centers beginning on Monday, October 4, 2010.

He asked the Board to refer to the Audit Agenda. Dr. Johnson said on October 4, 2010, there will be a brief tour of DJJ Central Office and introductions; the Commissioner's will give an overview; SACS/CEA correlations; DJJ education overview; standards overview. In the afternoon, interviews will take place with the DJJ Board members, parents, DJJ SACS/CEA chairpersons who are not being visited, regional principals, and stakeholders. Dr. Johnson said they will need at least 8-10 board members present.

Dr. Johnson said on October 5, 2010, there will be school site visits. The Regional Principals will transport the team to the following DJJ location:

Augusta RYDC/Augusta YDC
DeKalb RYDC/Metro RYDC
Macon RYDC/Macon YDC
Muscogee YDC/Aaron Cohn RYDC

On October 6, 2010, there will be follow-up interviews, standards verification and an oral exit interview with the Board.

Dr. Johnson said the Master School Improvement Plan will be sent out to the Board via email. He stated the plan was designed in 2005 and is reviewed yearly and updated as needed. All stakeholders have an opportunity to make suggestions.

Dr. Johnson said in addition to the Master School Improvement Plan, the local schools may also develop their own plan of activities that pertain to their particular site. That plan is also reviewed yearly.

Dr. Johnson said the second handout is a Quality Assurance Review Team Visit for SACS and CEA draft agenda. He stated he drafted an agenda so the Board can have an idea of what to expect on October 3-6, 2010.

Dr. Johnson asked the Board to refer to the contact information on the handout if they have any questions.

Dr. Johnson concluded his report.

Board member Larry Barnes said when a student enters an YDC facility; they are listed as a dropout at their home school and stated that puts a stigma on the student. He asked if DJJ education department can work with Georgia Department of Education to come up with some sort of solution to this problem because these students should not be listed as a dropout.

Dr. Catrett said in most cases the schools list the students as a transfer from one school to another. He stated DJJ needs to make sure the communication stays open and they actual know when a child is at a DJJ facility because they have to request their school records. Dr. Catrett said when a child leaves a DJJ facility, and does not return to school immediately; the school will then declare that child a dropout student at that point. Dr. Catrett said that is something they will definitely work on in the future. He stated he really appreciated Mr. Barnes bringing up that point.

Dr. Catrett concluded his report and asked if there were any further questions; there were none.

Hearing no further questions, Chairman Shuman called for the next agenda item and asked for a motion from the Board to close the DJJ Board of Education meeting and resume the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. Dexter Rowland made the motion. Judy Mecum seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Shuman called for the next item on the agenda; Finance Committee Report.

Finance Committee Report
Daniel Menefee, Finance Committee Chair
Department of Juvenile Justice

Daniel Menefee greeted everyone. He thanked Jeff Minor, his staff, and the Executive Management team for coming up with a workable budget proposal on such short notice. Mr. Menefee said Jeff and staff had to come up with some alternatives that were very difficult and in some cases impossible to meet based upon the suggested budget cuts from the Governor's Office.

Mr. Menefee said when looking at the cuts that were proposed; the largest line item was personnel. He stated in order to meet that demand; personnel had to be cut which is always a difficult process.

Mr. Menefee said in their Finance Committee meeting, they had a lot of discussion about the impact these budget cuts would have. He stated a detailed impact report was sent out to the Board and he hopes it answered all questions and concerns.

Mr. Menefee then opened the floor for any further discussions.

Board member Dexter Rowland said he read the impact statement and also commended Jeff Minor on his hard work. He stated the impact statement was very helpful. He also stated some of the budget cuts may require policy changes. He said work load will be shifted to different department, counties and other organizations that are facing the same challenges that DJJ is facing. He is concerned that it would ease the burden but it will not be at a level of acceptability. Mr. Rowland said he is interested in hearing some more dialogue concerning that because he does not feel these are realistic options. Mr. Rowland said these impacts should include legislative impact studies. He stated without legislation initiatives, he does not believe DJJ budget proposal for 6%, 8% and 10% are doable.

Board member Stephen Simpson also commended Jeff Minor on his hard work and suggested that he be allowed to finish his report and then answer any questions the Board may have after his report.

Jeff Minor said in his report he will be going over the proposed budget in detail.

Chairman Shuman called for the next item on the agenda; Approval of the FY11 Capital Outlay Bond Sale for DJJ and Approval of the FY12 Capital Outlay Budget Request.

**Approval of the FY11 Capital Outlay Bond Sale for DJJ
and Approval of the FY12 Capital Outlay Budget Request**

Edward Cook – Director, Office of Engineering and Construction
Department of Juvenile Justice

Mr. Cook said he had two items to bring before the Board for approval.

He said the Board resolution will approve the sale of Bonds to fund the project the Board approved last year for the FY2011 Capital Outlay Budget request.

Mr. Cook asked the Board to look in their board packet for a copy of a board resolution. He stated he included a copy of the backup sheets that was provided last year. He stated it is modified to show which projects were actually funded by the legislature. Mr. Cook said the five projects are listed in the Resolution:

\$3,870,000 for maintenance and repair

\$7,060,000 for minor construction

\$2, 570,000 to fund construction of the Metro RYDC, education and medical addition

\$45,000 to fund planning of the Macon YDC administration and visitation complex

\$95,000 to fund the design of the Eastman YDC housing unit support addition

Mr. Cook asked the Board to approve the Board Resolution in order that DJJ can get the funding and proceed with the projects.

Mr. Cook asked if there were any questions.

Dr. Risler asked if DJJ were considering shutting down 3 RYDC what would happen to the project if it was listed under the bond?

Mr. Cook said if the project were listed under minor construction or maintenance, the funds can be moved around and used at other facilities. Mr. Cook said there are no projects listed for a specific facility.

Mr. Simpson asked if there were any bids on projects?

Mr. Cook said that is correct.

Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to approve the FY11 Capital Outlay Bond Sale for DJJ. Daniel Menefee moved to approve the FY11 Capital Outlay Bond Sale for DJJ. Larry Barnes seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Mr. Cook said the second document is a final version of the FY2011 Capital Budget Outlay Request. He said there are several changes and none of them are very dramatic. He said there are eight projects instead of seven. Mr. Cook listed the projects:

\$3,858,301 - maintenance and repair
\$4,129,780 – minor construction
\$147,900 – funds will be used for the furniture for the Metro RYDC project that will be completed next year.
\$121,145 – funds will be use for the design of the Macon visitation and administration complex.
\$1,516,048 – construction money for the Eastman YDC housing unit support additions.
\$155,809 – design for the Augusta YDC academic renovation
\$25,000 – planning for the Macon YDC medical expansion

Mr. Cook said most of the numbers are different from what they received at the July Board meeting because those numbers were estimates.

Mr. Cook asked if there were any questions.

Mr. McGuire asked when were the numbers for these projects originally put together?

Mr. Cook said the numbers are projected for several years. He stated the minor construction and maintenance projections are from year to year. He said the other projects have been around for years. Mr. Cook said the Metro RYDC project was designed in 2003.

Mr. McGuire said he noticed the total of \$22,000,000. He said all the new construction for beds has been struck. He stated all the construction that he sees is for administrative, multipurpose building and support buildings instead of beds.

Mr. Cook said DJJ has a project for additional beds that they are pushing into the future. He said at this point he does not know what will be needed and when. DJJ has some beds now that could be open but are not being utilized. He stated he took the project that DJJ has money for now and is holding off from doing anything until next year.

Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to approve the FY12 Capital Outlay Budget Request. Stephen Simpson moved to approve the FY12 Capital Outlay Budget Request. Daniel Menefee seconded the motion. The motion was carried

Ed Cook asked if there were any questions; there were none

Chairman Shuman called for the next item on the agenda; Amended SFY2011 and SFY2012 Budget Proposal.

Amended SFY2011 and SFY2012 Budget Proposal

Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Juvenile Justice

Mr. Minor stated he will talk about DJJ proposed budget. He thanked the members of the Finance Committee under the leadership of Daniel Menefee. Mr. Minor said the instructions from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) came to DJJ very late this year. He said he believe OPB was hoping to see some numbers changed in the economy and was struggling with what to ask each agency to do. He said he also believed OPB did not want to cut more than they needed to cut, but they also did not want to be left short.

Mr. Minor thanked Commissioner Hunt and the Executive Management team who spent hours discussing several different options about how to approach this.

Mr. Minor reminded the Board that this is just a proposal to the Governor. The Governor specifically asked for these proposed budget cuts and by law DJJ must provide this proposed budget based on his instruction. Mr. Minor said the Governor asked for proposed budget cuts of 4%, 6% and 8% for FY2011, and he has asked for 6%, 8% and 10% for FY2012.

Mr. Minor said the proposal represents the best thinking on ways to get to the proposed budget cut levels. He stated they tried to focus on DJJ's core mission and function, prioritizing to serve the most risky and needy youth that are coming into the system. He said that is what the proposed budget represents. He stated as he discussed the proposal, he will also discuss the budget cuts and their impact. He said every budget cut on the proposal will have an impact but some are more manageable than others. He said some budget cuts are not manageable at all without legislation, policy or practice change.

Mr. Minor asked the Board to refer to the packet of information. He said the information is broken down into a number of ways. He explained the proposal lays out the budget cut numbers at the top for each percentage and the budget cuts are listed by programs; YDCs, RYDCs, Community Supervision, Community Non-Secure Services and Administration.

Mr. Minor said there will be an education program change in DJJ RYDC facilities. DJJ proposed to increase the class size in 9 RYDC. The class size is currently 15 students for each general education teacher. The change will increase the class size to 20, resulting in a reduction of 12 regular education teacher at the following school sites; Augusta RYDC (1), Aaron Cohn RYDC (1), DeKalb RYDC (1), Gainesville RYDC (1), Macon RYDC (1), Rome RYDC (1), Savannah RYDC (2), Marietta RYDC (1) and Metro RYDC (3). The same class size changes were made in the YDC school sites as of July 1, 2010. This action will have no adverse impact on SAC's Accreditation.

Mr. Minor said this will decrease DJJ flexibility in the RYDC facilities. He said many times they were able to segregate students for several different reasons based on class size.

Ms. Lindsey said she assumed a high percentage of the DJJ population is special education and asked if DJJ was losing their special education teachers.

Mr. Minor said DJJ will be losing their regular education teacher.

Mr. Minor said under Community Programs and Services, there are a number of residential beds impacted. Some of those contracts have vendors that have discontinued service for a variety of reasons.

The Project Adventure Program (\$485,552) and the Bakers Ferry (\$867,767) vendors have discontinued operations and the contract with DJJ has been cancelled. The Project Adventure contract provided 14 slots for DJJ youth and Bakers Ferry provided 12 slots. Rob Rosenbloom and his staff made adjustments on how to deal with those issues.

Mr. Minor said Bakers Ferry was a temporary non-secure community based residential placement for low risk youth charged with crimes found guilty of crimes and awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile court. He said there are other alternatives to detention in Fulton County that are still available.

Mr. Minor said DJJ proposed terminating the contract with the Macon Behavioral Health Care (\$3,922,023). The Macon Behavioral provides 50 beds for specialized placement for committed youth. It is an intermediate intervention program that serves as a residential alternative to confinement in an YDC. The program provides stabilization, crisis intervention, diagnostic assessment and treatment for youth with mental health and substance abuse programs.

Mr. Minor stated DJJ proposed to terminate their contract with Augusta A&D (West Care) (\$1,221,829). West Care is a 30-bed long term, highly structured intensive residential program for drug dependant committed youth. With the closure of this program, these youth will have to seek substance abuse treatment through the Department of Behavioral Health community mental health programs.

The loss of 106 beds in contracted residential programs represents a significant reduction and impact on serving high-need youth. This loss represents 20% of the contracted residential programs that serve committed DJJ youth. The impact will result in these youth being diverted to other residential programs serving youth in non secure settings. They will displace other youth who currently may be receiving services, but have a lower need. The providers may choose not to serve these youth, making placement of these youth more challenging.

Mr. Minor said DJJ proposed the closure of the RYDC facilities. DJJ has proposed the closure of 30-bed RYDC (1 RYDC at 6% reduction level; 3 RYDCs at 8% and 10% reduction levels). Those facilities include Blakely, Claxton, and the Griffin RYDC. Approximately 56 employees from each facility will be impacted.

DJJ will propose the closure of the Gwinnett RYDC at the 8% and 10% reduction levels. Approximately 80 employees will be impacted.

Mr. Minor said DJJ proposed the re-mission of 100 beds at the Paulding RYDC to an YDC. The remission is at the 6%, 8%, and 10% reduction levels in conjunction with bed closures at Eastman YDC.

DJJ proposed the closure of beds at the Eastman YDC. Ninety-six beds will be closed at the 6% reduction level for FY2011 and the 8% reduction for FY2012. One hundred and twenty eight beds will be closed at the 8% reduction level for FY2011 and the 10% level for FY2012. Approximately 80-100 employees will be impacted.

Mr. Minor also stated DJJ proposed to realign secure commitment funds to add 20 beds at Augusta YDC. The beds will be added at the 8% reduction level in FY2011, and the 10% reduction level in FY2012 in conjunction with bed closures at Eastman YDC.

Mr. Minor said the Eastman YDC presents a difficult situation for DJJ. It is a 330 bed facility which is very large by juvenile standards. One hundred and fifty beds is the top end of a juvenile facility. The Eastman YDC is an old large juvenile facility that was an adult prison. He stated the facility is not juvenile friendly and is a challenge for DJJ. Mr. Minor said DJJ has trouble recruiting for vacant positions at Eastman YDC. He stated right now there are 67 vacancies. The proposal will allow DJJ to downsize the facility without losing beds.

Mr. Minor asked the Board to turn to the supplemental data in their handout which gives a breakdown of the proposed budget with the 6%, 8% and 10% levels. DJJ would lose 239 RYDC beds with 100 beds being changed over to YDC beds in the 10% reduction level.

The supplemental data shows the RYDC population versus capacity by facility for FY2010 shows that based on Average Daily Population (ADP); DJJ has 150.6 beds available on any given day across the system. Mr. Minor said there are times when the RYDC facilities are overcrowded and times when they are under capacity therefore the numbers all average out. Mr. Minor said DJJ's RYDC population is higher when school is in. He said it is called zero tolerance and stated a lot of bad behavior is now criminalized.

Mr. Minor said the second chart deals with the Detention Assessment Instrument (DAI) risk score. The DAI risk score is used by most counties in Georgia. He stated DAI will hold someone until they go to court if there is a possibility they will commit another offense before court or not show up for court. He explains the chart shows RYDC ADP by DAI risk score. It shows 155 low risk and 224 medium risk youth in RDYC beds each day.

Mr. Minor said the next chart shows the RYDC ADP by DAI risk score and offense type; and stated almost 270 youth on any given day are either low or medium risk status offenders or misdemeanants. He stated from a legislative or policy perspective, there are opportunities for discussions as to who needs to be in a secure bed. He said this budget forces that conversation.

Mr. Minor said page 7 of the chart shows ADP of RYDC population that were awaiting Superior Court. If these youth could move through the system faster or be served by county jails, RYDC beds would be available for youth charged as juveniles.

Mr. Minor said these youth are charged as adults including those charged with one of the seven deadly sins. These youth wait in a juvenile facility until their adult court hearing. He stated

Superior court moves very slowly and these youth stay in a juvenile facility for a long period of time. He said the average length of stay at an RYDC if the Superior Court youth are removed will be around 20 days. Mr. Minor said the Superior Court youth most likely stay at a DJJ facility for about one year. He stated some legislation was past several years ago to get the DA to do an indictment within six months. Mr. Minor said DJJ has about 160 youth on average, everyday in a detention facility that are awaiting Superior Court.

Mr. Minor stated pages 8, 9, and 10 show youth most likely to remain in RYDC beds after cuts (high risk and/or felons) by county. New RYDC catchment areas are drawn as examples of how DJJ could manage this youth population without the beds that were identified for closure or re-mission.

Mr. Minor concluded his report and asked if there were any questions.

Board member Stephen Simpson said the data that Mr. Minor provided the Board was very helpful, but he feels the proposal is not possible without legislative action.

Mr. Minor agreed and stated DJJ will convey that to OPB. He stated DJJ cannot manage the 10% budget cuts that are being presented to the Governor without some significant change.

Board member Sandra Taylor said between now and January 2011, DJJ needs to get its proposal and supporting documents ready for presentation to the legislators.

Mr. Minor said DJJ has already starting drafting legislation surrounding those ideas. He stated the process will start with the Governor, so by the time DJJ gets to the General Assembly; they will have fact sheets and talking points on every item listed on the proposal along with the impacts.

Dr. Risler thanked Mr. Minor for his report. He stated he agreed with Stephen Simpson's comment concerning getting that summary together for the legislature. Dr. Risler said if DJJ don't have legislative action concerning these budget proposals there is a strong possibility that DJJ will end up under the MOA again. Dr. Risler also stated he did not like the budget cuts presented.

Board member Jim Kelly thanked Finance Committee Chair Daniel Menefee and Jeff Minor for their hard work. He stated in 2010, the Georgia General Assembly approved significant reforms to the juvenile justice system that were recommended by DJJ or juvenile justice advocate. Mr. Kelly asked if they took any positive action.

Mr. Minor said HB1104 which deals with a number of items but included the extension of the Sunset Provision on the 60 days. He stated the Sunset Provision was tied to the budget cuts the previous year. He said those budget cuts could not be taken without that legislation. Mr. Minor said HB1104 also gives juvenile credit for time served. Designated felons get credit for their time served at the RYDC while waiting to go to a YDC bed. He stated DJJ will not feel the

impact of that until the end of the fiscal year because that started in July with new sentences. He said the youth will not get the credit until the end of their sentences and many of those sentences will be around 12 months.

Mr. Kelly asked in the absence of recommended legislation will the adoption of these budget cuts prevent DJJ from effectively performing its responsibilities to the citizens of Georgia.

Mr. Minor said it will prevent us from effectively carrying out our responsibilities.

Mr. Barnes said DJJ needs to form collaborations with the judges.

Mr. Minor said Commissioner Hunt clearly wants to set a tone of cooperation and communication. The forum will be a perfect start to that, DJJ can stand up as a system and say these budget cuts cannot take place.

Commissioner Hunt said the process of meeting with the judges has already started, but the approval of the proposed budget by the Board needs to take place first in order to make a submission to the Governor's Office on September 1, 2010. He stated from that point on DJJ will be working with the judiciary committee and the legislators.

Ms. Taylor said there will be a legislative breakfast coming up in November 2010. She stated the Board would need to get a copy of the proposed legislation so that they can attend these legislative breakfasts along with Commissioner Hunt and the DJJ Executive Management team.

Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to approve the Amended SFY2011 and SFY2012 Budget Proposal. Stephen Simpson moved to approve the Amended SFY2011 and SFY2012 Budget Proposal. Elaine Snow seconded the motion. The motion was carried

Chairman's Comments
Chairman J. Daniel Shuman
Board of Juvenile Justice

Chairman Shuman asked if there was any unfinished business. Hearing none, he asked if there was any new business. Hearing none, Chairman Shuman announced that the next DJJ Board meeting would be at the central office on September 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Shuman asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice.

Board Member Sandra Taylor made the motion, and Board Member Dr. Risler made the second.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

J. Daniel Shuman, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Garland R. Hunt, Esq.
Commissioner

Daniel A. Menefee, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice