

**Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, May 19, 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 May 19, 2010 special called meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice. He noted the time as 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Shuman asked all attendees except the Board to state their name and organization affiliation.

DJJ Staff Present: Garland R. Hunt, Esq.; Amy Howell; Jeff Minor; Rob Rosenbloom; Bill Amideo; Steve Hayes; Cherecia Kline

Others Present: Joseph Drolet (Attorney General's office)

Others Present via conference call: Jim Lientz, Georgia's Chief Operating Officer (Governor's Office)

Roll Call

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

Board Members via conference call: Larry Barnes; Michael Baugh; Van Herrin; James Kelly; Judy Mecum; Daniel Menefee; Dr. Ed Risler; Pastor Dexter Rowland; J. Daniel Shuman; Stephen Simpson; Elaine Snow, Sandra Taylor

Advisory Council Members via conference call: Judge Quintress Gilbert

Chairman Shuman noted the presence of a quorum.

Appointment of Garland R. Hunt, Esq., Commissioner

Chairman J. Daniel Shuman
Board of Juvenile Justice

Chairman Shuman asked Jim Lientz, Georgia's Chief Operating Officer, from the Governor's Office to make a few comments.

Mr. Lientz thanked Chairman Shuman for giving him the opportunity to speak to the Board and he stated he appreciated everyone taking time out of their busy schedule. Mr. Lientz acknowledged Albert Murray for the wonderful job he did during his tenure as Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Mr. Lientz said he will miss working with Mr. Murray. He stated Albert Murray is a wonderful leader and has done a great job.

Mr. Lientz said Mr. Murray had a great interest in the position at the Board of Pardons and Paroles and had talked to him and Governor Perdue about it. Mr. Lientz said he was delighted that Mr. Murray received this appointment. Mr. Lientz stated Albert Murray will be officially sworn in on Friday, May 21, 2010 in the Governor's Office.

Mr. Lientz said Governor Perdue would like to recommend to the Board of the Department of Juvenile Justice that Garland R. Hunt be the new commissioner.

Mr. Lientz said he hoped that the staff and Board had the opportunity to meet Mr. Hunt. Mr. Lientz stated Mr. Hunt served for 6 ½ years on the Board of Pardons and Paroles. Governor Perdue appointed him to that position in January 2004. During that time he served as Chairman of the Board of Pardons and Paroles for 2 years.

When this change came about, Governor Perdue thought he (Hunt) was an ideal person to become the Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Mr. Lientz stated Mr Hunt is a lawyer and holds undergraduate degrees and a law degree from Howard University. Mr. Lientz stated Mr. Hunt has a great background, has a good heart and is a good leader. Mr. Lientz said that is the recommendation Governor Perdue wanted to make to the Department of Juvenile Justice Board and the purpose of the meeting.

Chairman Shuman asked if any Board members had any questions. Hearing none; Chairman Shuman asked for a motion from the Board to appoint Garland R. Hunt, Esq., as the Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

The motion was made by Elaine Snow to appoint Garland R. Hunt, Esq., the Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Board member Daniel Menefee seconded the motion.

Chairman Shuman asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none he asked Cherecia Kline to call the roll and for each Board member to vote yes or no.

Larry Barnes – Yes

Michael Baugh – Yes

Bruce Garraway – absent

Van Herrin – Yes

James Kelly – Yes

Elizabeth Lindsey – absent

Perry McGuire – absent

Judy Mecum – Yes
Daniel Menefee – Yes
Dr. Ed Risler – Yes
Dexter Rowland – Yes
J. Daniel Shuman – Yes
Stephen Simpson – Yes
Elaine Snow – Yes
Sandra Taylor – Yes

Judge Quintress Gilbert – non-voting member
Judge Steven Teske – non-voting member

Chairman Shuman stated the vote carries and Mr. Garland R. Hunt is the Department of Juvenile Justice's new commissioner.

Chairman Shuman and the Board congratulated Mr. Garland R. Hunt, Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Chairman Shuman asked if there was any new business to come before the Board.

Mr. Lientz thanked the Board for taking the time out of their schedule. Mr. Lientz said he knows Mr. Garland R. Hunt will be a great leader and congratulated him.

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

Board Member Daniel Menefee made the motion, and Board Member Judy Mecum made the second.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

J. Daniel Shuman, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Albert Murray
Commissioner

Daniel A. Menefee, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice