

Texas Juvenile Justice Board Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Friday, January 6, 2012

Holiday Inn Town Lake

20 North IH 35

Austin, Texas 78701

Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott W. Fisher, Chairman

John Brieden III

Joseph D. Brown

The Honorable Carol Bush

Jane Anderson King

Rob Kyker

Michael Meade

Mary Lou Mendoza

Dr. Rene Olvera

The Honorable Laura Parker

Jimmy Smith

Calvin Stephens

Melissa Weiss

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

TJJD EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Robin McKeever, Interim Executive Director

Lisa Capers, Interim Deputy Executive Director

Linda Brooke, Director of External Affairs and Policy Development

Jeannette Cantu, Executive Assistant

Cris Love, Inspector General

Toysha Martin, General Counsel

James D. Smith, Director of Youth Services

Mary Wood, Director of Human Resources

OTHER TJJD STAFF PRESENT:

Melanie Cleveland

Chaplain John Stutz

Jerome Williams

OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Scott W. Fisher called the Board meeting of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) to order at 10:00 a.m. Chaplain John Stutz led the opening prayer. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REPORT FROM THE TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Chairman Fisher reported that the search committee conducted five interviews yesterday, January 5, 2012. The committee selected and recommends three candidates for a final interview by the full board today; Michael Griffiths, Cherie Townsend and Ralph Thomas. The first interview will begin at 10:30 a.m. and there will be no time limits on the interviews.

RECESS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED MEETING

Chairman Fisher called the Board to recess at 10:05 a.m. to hold a closed executive session meeting regarding personnel matters relating to the selection of the executive director in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DELIBERATED IN CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Fisher reconvened the open meeting at 5:51 p.m. He reported that the board has completed the final interviews and deliberated for the selection of the Executive Director position. He entertained a motion. Mr. Rob Kyker moved to select Cherie Townsend as the Executive Director with salary compensation of \$172,000 per year. Mr. Jimmy Smith seconded. Chairman Fisher said the selection would be effective immediately. There was no further discussion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Chairman Fisher congratulated Ms. Townsend. He commended Mr. Griffiths for a very engaging interview and said it was a difficult decision for the board. Mr. Griffiths thanked the board for their time and consideration.

ADJOURN

Chairman Fisher announced the Board adjourned at 6:01 p.m.