

March 19, 2024

Board of Juvenile Affairs Meeting



Proposed Board Minutes

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State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2024

Board Members Present

Bart Bouse
Amy Emerson
Janet Foss (arrived at 10:04 a.m.)
Stephen Grissom
Timothy Tardibono
Les Thomas Sr.
Jenna Worthen (virtual)
Karen Youngblood

Absent

Colleen Johnson

Call to Order

Chair Youngblood called the February 27, 2024 Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and requested a roll call.

Public Comments

John Schneider gave a brief thank you to the Board and Director Cartmell.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed minutes for the January 16, 2024 special board meeting

Mr. Bouse moved to approve with a second by Dr. Emerson

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Grissom, Tardibono, Thomas, and Worthen

Nay:

Abstain: Youngblood

Absent: Foss and Johnson

The proposed minutes for the January 16, 2024 special board meeting approved.

Judge Foss arrived at 10:04 a.m.

Presentation on the OJA 2024 Legislative Agenda

Chief of Staff Nizza gave a verbal update on the 2024 legislative agenda. Chief of Staff Nizza gave thanks to Senator Weaver, and Senator Garvin, who was in the room.

Director's Report, a report to the board of agency activities regarding advocates/ programs, public relations, community-based services, residential placement support, legislative agenda, and other meetings

Chair Youngblood: Again, we never want to take for granted our appreciation to all of your staff, locations, and the wonderful information we are provided. It really helps us feel like we are close to the kids, employees, and what it is going on.

Director Cartmell gave thanks, and a verbal update on the attached report.

Judge Foss: When you were meeting with your district supervisors, what kind of feedback were you getting about YOs in the detention centers?

Director Cartmell: That didn't come up in that meeting, that has come up a couple of times. In a meeting with DA Mashburn in Cleveland County, he brought that up. Discussing some of the unanticipated needs and consequences.

Judge Foss: I am just wondering if there is any pressure on the local detention beds, if there is what is it doing to the population

Director Cartmell: I think there are beds available in the system statewide. They may not always be in a convenient location. I think we have beds; I think the system is probably more strained today than it was three or four years ago. I think that is for a variety of reasons. Several detention centers that had pods attached to adult facilities are longer licensed by the agency to hold kids. I think it may someday come to a boiling point, but we are not there yet.

Judge Foss: Thank you.

Mr. Tardibono: Thank you for your focus on compliance. I think every regulatory agency has to make a decision are they going to be more heavy-handed or focus on technical assistance. I saw that in Washington DC and Bush administration had cabinet level people that regularly talked about we want companies we are regulating to be in compliance. I know there are other agencies might have a different approach but all that does for the provider is distract resources to paying the fines rather than redirecting the resources into that issue. I think it is a much better expenditure of resources to let people with technical assistance move into compliance rather than paying a fine. I appreciate that regulatory approach.

Chair Youngblood: I appreciate that perspective, and the concern about the tough questions about where we are heading.

Dr. Grissom: In the conversations with district attorneys, detention operators, and OCCY were conversations about expanding competency? What we originally got wasn't everything we needed when we find juveniles not competent in a lot of places it is like well now what are we going to do? Sometimes

the answer is there are other agencies that need to step up. For example, when we have a youth found not competent because of intellectual disabilities, we have the Developmental Disabilities section of DHS, but their waitlist is now down from seven years to four years; so that is not an answer. We modeled part of our statutory set up on competency on several states that have competency centers, and we certainly don't want to emulate Vinita, because they are not doing well. But we need to expand that we at least have funds competency restoration package, and we can pay individuals to deliver competency restoration. Looking at all the folks you talked with, I believe for several of them this is an issue for.

Director Cartmell: That comes up in conversations with our placement team internally. Shel and her team internally have had conversations with detention centers. We have made it a focus of our conversations with our partners at OU Health Science Center and when we were in Tulsa speaking with OSU Center for Health Sciences. When we meet with the team next week about the new Donahue facility, as well. Recognizing in the competency realm there are two lanes, which we don't do a good job, is competency restoration which we don't do at all. The second is individual with intellectual disabilities, what do you do with those kids. The staff has been creative in look at solutions. JD McCarty is assisting with a youth. Recognizing that DHS is working to meet the needs of those on the waitlist, we can work with JD McCarty for a much better result. That is an ongoing conversation.

Dr. Grissom: Since I am in the middle of that particular thing, frequently, I was hoping there was some discussion. It is a struggle. There are kids that literally, don't have a place to go.

Chair Youngblood: Thank you for that perspective. Thank you for the informative reports.

Discussion and possible vote to amend or approve the proposed modifications to the FY2025 Budget Request

Director Cartmell thanked Senator Garvin for attending and gave a brief verbal update on the proposed modifications.

Mr. Bouse moved to approve with a second by Mr. Thomas

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Johnson

The proposed modifications to the FY2025 Budget Request approved.

Chair Youngblood: I do not envy your work to pass out less money. We appreciate doing our part to be as fiscally responsible with each and every dollar. We know that is our staff's intention and action with each and every dollar.

Presentation on proposed amendments to the Office of Juvenile Affairs Administrative Code

Director Cartmell discussed the attached proposed amendments.

Dr. Grissom: The Detention Association, is good with this?

Director Cartmell: That is what they have told me, but they are on the phone, and I will defer to them. We did meet on the language changes; it was sent to the members before the meeting.

Dr. Grissom: I like the pattern we are establishing here, where we talk about things before, we act on them.

Public comment on proposed amendments

Ms. Twyla Snider gave thanks, agreed that the discussion was on the proposed amendments, talked about the issues with staffing, and gave a few examples of incidents where the old rules made things difficult.

Chair Youngblood thanked Twyla for her time and input.

Discussion and/or possible vote to adopt emergency rule amendments to Chapter 3. Administrative Services, Subchapter 13. Office of Public Integrity, Part 3. Requirements for Secure Juvenile Detention Centers, 377:3-13-43. Staff Requirements

Dr. Grissom moved to approve with a second by Mr. Bouse

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Johnson

Emergency rule amendments to Chapter 3. Administrative Services, Subchapter 13. Office of Public Integrity, Part 3. Requirements for Secure Juvenile Detention Centers, 377:3-13-43. Staff Requirements approved.

Update on the Next Generation Campus Project

CFO Clagg discussed the updates and attached presentation on the Next Generation Project.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve the year-to-date OJA Finance Report

Dr. Emerson moved to approve with a second by Mr. Thomas

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Johnson

The year-to-date OJA Finance Report approved.

Ms. Worthen: I want to Kevin a shout out, because I will never forget the year, we were the one state agency submitting a budget accounting for leap day. I am still proud and impressed for how hard you work.

Mr. Clagg: It still saddens me that for FY24 we had to submit a flat budget, so I didn't get to account for the leap day.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the 2023-24 year-to-date, FY2024, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report

Dr. Grissom moved to approve with a second by Mr. Bouse

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Johnson

The 2023-24 year-to-date, FY2024, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve modifications to the 2023-24, FY2024, encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

Dr. Emerson: Out of the whole board packet, the only thing that made me happy was the top line on graduation. I don't want to hear if it was for inflation.

Mr. Bouse moved to approve with a second by Dr. Emerson

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Johnson

The modifications to the 2023-24, FY2024, encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School approved.

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter (OYACS) School Administration Report

Ms. Sanchez gave a quick verbal update to the Board.

Discussion and possible vote to approve adjunct teacher status, for Joy Yocum, music

Dr. Grissom moved to approve with a second by Mr. Thomas

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Johnson

Adjunct teacher status, for Joy Yocum, music

Discussion and possible vote to approve adjunct teacher status, for Kaleigh Dunbar, swimming
Mr. Bouse moved to approve with a second by Mr. Thomas

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent: Johnson

Adjunct teacher status, for Kaleigh Dunbar, swimming

Discussion and possible vote to enter executive session
N/A

Discussion and possible vote to return to regular session
N/A

Discussion and/or possible vote on items arising from executive session
N/A

Announcements/ comments
N/A

New business
There was no new business.

Adjournment
Chair Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the day of 26th March, 2024.

Prepared by:

Signed by:

Audrey Rockwell, Secretary

Karen Youngblood, Chair

Juvenile Detention
Improvement Revolving
Fund



Juvenile Detention Revolving Fund

10A O.S. § 2-7-401 – Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving Fund

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Office of Juvenile Affairs to be designated the "Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies appropriated to the Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving Fund and monies which may otherwise be available to the Office of Juvenile Affairs for use as provided for in this section.

B. All monies appropriated to the fund shall be budgeted and expended by the Office of Juvenile Affairs for the purpose of providing funds to counties to renovate existing juvenile detention facilities, to construct new juvenile detention facilities, to operate juvenile detention facilities and otherwise provide for secure juvenile detention services and alternatives to secure detention as necessary and appropriate, in accordance with state-approved juvenile detention standards and the State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Services provided for in Section 2-3-103 of this title. The participation of local resources shall be a requirement for the receipt by counties of said funds and the Department shall establish a system of rates for the reimbursement of secure detention costs to counties. The methodology for the establishment of said rates may include, but not be limited to, consideration of detention costs, the size of the facility, services provided and geographic location. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

Applications for FY2024

Repairs to the Sprinkler System

- Replace damaged sprinkler
- Repair damage to the building

Woodward County Juvenile Detention Center	
OJA Request	\$2,203.20
County Match	\$388.80
Total	\$2,592.00

QUESTIONS



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