



Juvenile Services Education Program (JSEP)

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JSEP Monthly Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Virtual 9:00 am

MINUTES

Board Member

Mrs. Betsy Fox Tolentino
Mr. Darryl Kelley
Mrs. Mary Gable
Mrs. Grace Reusing
Dr. Amy Lopez
Dr. Yolonda Holloway
Mrs. Ladetra Robinson
Mrs. Janice Purdham

Others

Mr. Cory Fink
Dr. Catherine Gammage, Field Director
Ms. Hilma Munson
Mr. Marvin Stone, Deputy Ombudsman - Juvenile

- I. Welcome
- II. Roll Call - *Mr. Cory Fink*
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - July 2nd Board Meeting Minutes approved (motion by Secretary Tolentino, seconded by Mrs. Gable)
- IV. Public Comment - *no public comment*
- V. Superintendent's Report -Dr. Catherine Gammage
 - Report - distributed along with minutes
 - Mr. Fink expressed his appreciation to Dr. Gammage, the Executive Team, and all JSEP staff for their professionalism and responsiveness during this transition period.
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - None
- VII. Subcommittee Reports - no updates, as the committees have not met. Chair Kelley again explained the purpose of the committees, named the following individuals to the committee (next to each) and asked that members contact himself or Mr. Fink with their interest.
 - **Legislative** - Dr. Holloway
 - **Standards** -
 - **Yolo Workgroup** - Committee suspended at this time
 - **Recruitment** - Committee dissolved, as the work has been completed
 - **School Climate & Safety** - Dr. Gammage from JSEP, Mary Gable, Mrs. Janice Purdham
- VIII. New Business
 - Budget Presentation by Mr. Michael DiBattista, Chief Financial Officer of DJS. Provided an overview of the budget cycle in the State of Maryland, reviewed the expenditures from FY25, the allocated budget funds for FY26. Questions from the Board were answered as it related to input from the Superintendent, new initiatives, and funding opportunities.



- Mr. Fink presented the 2025/2026 Academic Calendar and thanked the committee for their work in preparing, highlights include 220 instructional days, and 27 Professional days. The school year will begin on September 2nd and the last day of the 4th quarter will be June 24, 2026. Summer session will run from July 6-August 25, 2026 - motion to approve the Calendar by Mrs. Reusing, seconded by Mrs. Robinson, voice vote, all members present voted in favor to adopt the calendar as proposed.

IX. Board Member Remarks

- Board members were introduced to Dr. David Pinder, the incoming JSEP Superintendent who provided a brief background, shared some of his philosophy and thanked the Board for the opportunity to be its next Superintendent.
 - Dr. Holloway spoke of Dr. Pinder's passion and shared her excitement for what's next.
 - Secretary Tolentino expressed her enthusiasm and support for Dr. Pinder
- Secretary Tolentino shared an update on the OCO/JJMU report, DJS' response and actions that have occurred since.

X. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Lopez, seconded by Secretary Tolentino at 9:52am