



**Juvenile Services Education Program Board Meeting - Virtual**

August 9, 2021

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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**MINUTES**

Members and Guests in Attendance:

Sec. [Sam Abed -DJS-](#)

Dr. [James Fielder -MHEC-](#)

Dr. [Sylvia Lawson -MSDE-](#)

[Hannibal Kemerer](#)- Attorney General's Designee

Dr. Monica Goldson

Dr. Tracey L. Durrant

Dr. Peter Leone

Dr. Bernard Sadusky

Dr. Catherine Gammage

Mrs. [Grace Reusing -OPD-](#)

Mr. [Richard Stevenson -MSDE-](#)

Mr. Nick Moroney, JJMU

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Secretary Sam Abed, Board, and Staff

**II. Reports (Powerpoint Presentations)**

- Overview Juvenile Services Education Program and Board - Cory Fink
- Department of Juvenile Services Operations and Data - James Johnston

**III. New Business**

● **Nomination and Election of Board Chair**

Mrs. Grace Reusing nominated herself and spoke of co-chairs, her nomination was seconded by Dr. Peter Leone; Dr. Catherine Gammage stated that she was willing to co-chair the Board with Mrs. Reusing.

Dr. Fielder moved to close nominations and vote by acclamation - seconded by Dr. Monica Goldson

Vote - all members Yes, 1 abstention - Dr. Sylvia Lawson

Dr. Tracey L. Durant wanted to be sure that a vice-chair is required if the Board elects co-chairs or if this was possible. Staff to seek Department's Counsel on legality of co-chairs and report back.

- **Nomination and Election of Board Vice-Chair**

Secretary Sam Abed nominated **Mr. Richard Stevenson III** as vice-chair, seconded by Dr. Peter Leone

Vote - all members Yes, 1 abstention - Dr. Sylvia Lawson

- **Review and Approval of the Superintendent Job Posting**

Discussion by board members using templates provided by DJS Human Resources, and document submitted by Mrs. Reusing

Comments included:

- Need for Middle States or North Central Accreditation of JSEP School System
- Candidate should be eligible for Superintendent designation in the State of Maryland
- History of trauma based approaches and alternative education experience
- Explicit on values and what we are looking for - only 1 other school board that exists in the Country and it does not have the autonomy and independence of this Board
- Need for continuing discussion

Recommendation for sub-committee for review and developing hiring process -  
Members: Reusing, Gammage, Durant, Leone, and Stevenson  
Staff: Fink and representatives from DJS HR

Development of Hiring Process - see above

- **Future Meeting Dates/Times**

Google Forms results shared with the Board, discussion and agreement on 1st Wednesday of each month from 9-11

Discussion regarding in-person versus virtual meetings - current pandemic concerns, travel for board members to central location and efficiency. Chair determined for September meeting to be virtual, possible consideration of hybrid model moving forward, or a combination of virtual and in person meetings in the future. It was suggested that multiple conference rooms be utilized for smaller group settings during in-person or hybrid meetings.

**IV. Public Comment: None**

**V. Comments and Announcements**

Dr. Peter Leone requested additional information and data on JSE, and post-secondary partnerships that JSE currently has.

Dr. Bernard Sadusky - organizational chart down to individual facility due to Superintendent being tasked with staff allocation and could change based on programming approved by the Board

Secretary Abed - request of MSDE-JSE organizational chart and for current educational data

Dr. Sylvia Lawson indicated that they would be able to provide this information and would send to [Cory Fink -DJS-](#) for distribution to the Board

Dr. Tracey L. Durant - would like to see more engagement of youth, families, and staff, would like for Board Chair to consider moving public comment up in the order of business to ensure that all voices are heard

Dr. Goldson reported that in Prince George's County, public comment is at the top of their agenda

Mr. Stevenson - elicited feedback from JSE educators and staff, came up with ACES

**A** - accountability for JSE staff, students, and DJS staff

**C** - Communication - timely and complete messaging to all staff

**E** - Expectations to be clear and consistent across JSEP & DJS - including youth

**S** - Support systems with checks and balances - allowing students to come to JSEP staff with concerns or need of reassurance

**VI. Adjournment**

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