

JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM ACT IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2023

The Juvenile Justice Reform Act Implementation Commission met in a regular session on Friday, December 1, 2023, in the Governor's Pressroom on the 4th Floor of the Louisiana State Capitol. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Senator Royce Duplessis, and a roll call by Shalela Dowdy was taken as follows:

Members present: Richard Pittman, Gina Womack, Bridget Denicola, Jason Hughes, Royce Duplessis, and Terry Lambright

Members absent: Marcus Bryant, Piper Griffin, Tracie Woods

Visitors: Elizabeth Ryan (OJJDP), Former Senator Donald Cravins, Sr., Krystal Stevens (OJJ), Simon Gonsoulin (American Institutes for Research)

I. Welcome/Call Meeting to Order: Senator Duplessis called the meeting to order at 10:09 am and it was seconded by Gina Womack.

II. Roll Call – JJRAIC Intern, Shalela Dowdy, did roll call and there was a quorum present.

III. Approval of July 7, 2023, minutes:

Motion: To approve minute meetings at 10:10am; Minutes were approved with amendments by Gina Womack, and it was seconded by Richard Pittman

IV. Reports-

- Office of Juvenile Justice's report was given by Executive Management Advisor, Krystal Stevens.
 - There are currently 3083 youth in custody of OJJ with seventy-four percent of that number under community supervision. School performance scores have increased overall. OJJ identifies the following needs: (1) more clinicians to address increasing mental health concerns, (2) increase in funding for community-based providers, and (3) solutions to combat transportation barrier to family engagement.
- American Institutes for Research report was given by Consultant, Simon Gonsoulin.
 - Provided an update from the retreat that occurred earlier on data points that should be looked at in reference to early prevention and prevention efforts to youth incarceration.
- JJRAIC report given by Southern University Law Center Director of Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights & Justice, Ada Goodly Lampkin.

- Provided an update on JJRAIC's mission and vision. The new by-laws were introduced to the commission for their review and approval.

V. Remarks- Elizabeth Ryan, Senator Donald Cravins, Sr., David Utter, Tamia Cenance, and Gina Womack offer remarks to JJRAIC commission and meeting attendees.

VI. Business-

Motion: To adopt by-laws with proposed amendments.

Vote: Gina Womack motioned to adopt by-laws and Richard Pittmann seconded that motion.

Motion adopted.

VII. Announcements:

VIII. Confirm next meeting date: January 22, 2024

IX. Public Comments: Act 1225 20th Anniversary Proclamation & Recognition given by Senator Royce Duplessis. Senator Cravins recognized.

X. Adjournment: Senator Duplessis adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m., and it was seconded by Gina Womack.

YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/9K-EXEkVwaU?si=C48x2ck8pHlrhsmJ>