

**AGENDA DELAWARE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION BOARD OF MANAGERS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2023 4:30 P.M.  
HYBRID: DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AND VIRTUAL**

**Members:**

Kevin Madden, Chair/Council Member  
Kelly Diaz, Deputy Controller  
Chris Eiserman  
Candice L. Linehan  
Nathaniel Nichols  
Elaine Schaefer, Council Member

Marie N. Williams, Vice-Chair  
Elaine Schaefer, Council Member  
Dr. Monica Taylor, Council Chair  
Chekemma Fulmore Townsend  
Rev. James E. Turner

**Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment (Agenda Items only):** No public comment on agenda items.

**Approval of Minutes:** The meeting minutes from March 21, 2023, were approved.

**Reports:**

- A. Monthly Detained Youth Report, Juvenile Court and Probation Services-Kiersten Fitzsimmons, Resource Supervisor, provided the Monthly Detained Youth Report. There is currently one (1) female youth at Abraxas Morgantown. There are currently three (3) direct-file female youth, two (2) at Abraxas Morgantown and one (1) in Jeffersonville, Ohio. One (1) youth under Interest of Justice (IOJ) status has been moved from Abraxas Morgantown to Delaware County Prison. One (1) youth is also housed at the Philadelphia Juvenile Detention Center.

Vice Chair Williams asked for more information regarding the youth housed in Delaware County Prison.

Ms. Fitzsimmons clarified that the young man was being housed at Delaware County Prison due to the severity and nature of his crime. When he was originally charged with homicide earlier this year, no detention beds were available. An Interest of Justice hearing, which occurs every thirty (30) days, resulted in the juvenile being sent to Delaware County Prison. After 30 days, a detention bed was available, and a Judge opted to send the juvenile to detention and remove him from Delaware County Prison. However, the bed was borrowed, and the assisting county needed their bed. Resultantly, the juvenile was returned to Delaware County Prison following another Interest of Justice hearing. Said juvenile also had a history of removing GPS monitoring.

Judge Nichols inquired as to whether admission to detention is always the result of a felony charge.

Ms. Fitzsimmons responded that this is not necessarily the case. While all detainees have felony charges, a first offence with no priors does not automatically result in detention.

Judge Nichols asked if it would be accurate to state that most youth offenders do not end up in a detention center.

Ms. Fitzsimmons responded affirmatively.

Vice Chair Williams asked if the scoring could be overridden by JPOs.

Ms. Fitzsimmons responded that based on the seriousness of charges, scoring can be overridden by JPOs, however they are typically mitigated down rather than overridden up.

Vice Chair Williams asked if Ms. Fitzsimmons knew the rate of overrides within Delaware County.

Ms. Fitzsimmons responded that a formal report was being made by the Juvenile Probation Director and the Presiding Judge and that that report would be available in May 2023.

Vice Chair Williams asked if that report gets sent to Juvenile Court Judges Commission (JCJC).

Ms. Fitzsimmons confirmed the report is sent to JCJC as they run the Juvenile Case Management System.

Vice Chair Williams asked if the rate of overrides correlates to the number of beds required for detention in the County.

Ms. Fitzsimmons responded that lack of beds could be a mitigating factor, but other considerations are made such as mental health.

Vice Chair Williams asked if Mr. Irizarry and his staff are also given the report with the data regarding overrides.

Ms. Fitzsimmons responded that that information was in the Juvenile Case Management System and that to her knowledge, only employees of the court can access that system. However, Ms. Fitzsimmons stated that a formal report would be given to the Board of Managers as well as Mr. Irizarry. Ms. Fitzsimmons additionally stated that a more in-depth matrix system is expected to be available in May of 2023 with all the juvenile case data.

- B. Superintendent for Juvenile Justice Services- David Irizarry A. Public Works Update - Mr. Irizarry introduced Danielle Floyd, Director of Public Works to provide an update.

Ms. Floyd stated that Public Works was working with Spiezle Architectural Group to review the final report so it could be submitted to the County Council for review. Per last month's meeting, the Board opted to demolish the existing detention center in Lima. The Public Works Department is reviewing a proposal from Spiezle for the design documentation and required environmental testing. Upon the completion of that review, Public Works will brief the County Council so that they can move forward with a recommendation for the award of the contract.

**Old Business:** Councilwoman Taylor asked if the Board had considered perhaps moving the time of these meetings back in response to public comments that have been made at the previous two Board Meetings.

Councilman Madden responded that initially the 4:30 pm EST was the most reasonable for the Board and inquired as to whether that is still the most convenient time.

Board Member Eiserman responded that he is satisfied with a 4:30 pm or earlier meeting time.

Board Member Townsend responded that she was in favor of a later start time for the meetings based on feedback from community meetings and continued public comment on the matter.

Vice Chair Williams agreed with Board Member Townsend that she is in favor of scheduling the Board of Managers meeting for a later time to accommodate the community.

Chairman Madden asked if Ms. Townsend and Ms. Williams would have greater ease in attending Board meetings in person should the meetings be held later, perhaps 5:30 pm EST.

Vice Chair Williams and Board member Townsend responded affirmatively.

Councilman Madden stated that while virtual attendance is better than absence from the meeting, in person attendance is favorable and that a 5:30 pm start time for Board Meetings could be discussed further.

Board Member Diaz agreed with Board Member Eiserman, a later start time would not be ideal for her. Ms. Diaz also noted that a later start time would also impact County employees who assist with these meetings as a later time is further outside of their regular working hours.

Board Member Eiserman additionally stated that he has regular meetings at later times and that moving the Board meetings back would interfere with his attendance to those obligations.

Chairman Madden stated that perhaps a 5:30 pm start time would be possible and that further discussions on the matter should be held amongst the Board before continued public discussion.

Board Member Townsend suggested possibly having one meeting quarterly that would start later.

Chairman Madden stated again that later times could pose a hindrance to County employees who assist with the meetings and that varying start times could draw confusion among the public who would like to be in attendance.

Vice Chair Williams asked if there was a requirement for these meetings to be held in a county building.

Councilman Madden responded that there is no requirement for these meetings to be held in a county building, however logistically and practically it is the most convenient and central location for these meetings to be held.

Board Member Eiserman added that for safety purposes, the meetings should continue to be held in the Government Center.

**New business:** No new business.

**Public comment:** No public comment.

**Board member comment:** No Board Member Comment

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.