

DELAWARE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION BOARD OF MANAGERS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023, 5:30PM EST  
HYBRID: DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AND VIRTUAL

**Members:**

Kevin Madden, Chairman  
Councilwoman Dr. Monica Taylor  
Councilwoman Elaine Schaefer

Marie N. Williams, Vice Chair  
Judge Nathaniel Nichols  
Rev. James Turner  
Candice Linehan

**Call to Order:** The meeting began at 5:32PM

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

**Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):** No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, September 19, 2023, were approved.

**Reports:**

- A. Monthly Detained Youth Report, Juvenile Court and Probation Services, David Irizarry- There are currently five (5) youths detained, one (1) at Abraxas Morgantown, two (2) detained in Chester County, one (1) detained in Bucks County, and one (1) detained in Jefferson County, Ohio.
  
- B. Superintendent for Juvenile Justice Services, David Irizarry- Mr. Irizarry informed the Board that on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Public Works team and Spiezie Architectural Group (SAG) congregated to complete the environmental survey and architectural engineering survey. Asbestos test results are expected to be returned within a week. The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) survey must be submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Mr. Irizarry thanked Carlton Johnson, Solicitor, and the Archer Legal team for their assistance with the preliminary outreach engagement to Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection. Additionally, Mr. Irizarry stated that earlier in the year he and Michael Resnick met with Middletown Township. Mr. Irizarry is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Middletown Township to update them on the demolition process.

Chairman Madden asked if there was an update on a definitive meeting date with Middletown Township.

Mr. Irizarry responded that there was not a specific date set at this time.

Vice Chair Williams inquired as to whether demolition plans were still on schedule as outlined in the original timeline.

Mr. Irizarry responded that demolition is still scheduled for October 2024 as specified by Bob Reid of Spieze architectural firm; however, the legal team is engaging the state's DEP to exploring any possible routes to expedite some processes.

Mr. Irizarry stated that at next month's meeting, in November 2023, the Children's Center for Law and Policy (CCLP) will present recommendations on their assessments. Mr. Irizarry is looking to provide a copy of the recommendation to the Board in report form a couple of business days before the meeting. Mr. Irizarry hopes the Board votes and endorses plan. The plan will then be brought before County Council. Additionally, Mr. Irizarry thanked the 42 members of the public who donated their time to participate in Delaware County's local Youth Diversion Planning Committee. Of those 42, Mr. Irizarry gave special thanks to 10 individuals with perfect or near perfect attendance of these meetings:

Darren Laws  
Andre Simms  
Dyiamond Gibbs  
Tasliym Morales  
Adelaide Evans  
Maleata Ragin  
Reverend James Turner  
Dr. Onaje J. Muid  
Tonita Austin  
Captain El'lan Morgan

Mr. Irizarry also thanked the Delaware County Foundation for providing refreshments on the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chairman Madden asked if next month the Board would have more of a report out from CCLP.

Mr. Irizarry clarified that representatives from CCLP would attend next month's (November 2023) Board of Managers meeting to present the results of their findings.

Vice Chair Williams asked whether, other than CCLP's presentation, there was something that the Board would have to review before the next meeting because Mr. Irizarry will be asking for board action; what format and structure the Board should expect?

Mr. Irizarry responded that CCLP's recommendations and evaluation of diversion and prevention methods will be correlated to national, state, and local recommendations with an emphasis on diversion and prevention.

Vice Chair Williams asked whether the recommendations would contain actionable items for other stakeholders who may or may not been part of the planning process, or whether the report makes recommendations to other departments that may not be aware.

Mr. Irizarry clarified that there would be recommendations for other departments and that those departments have been included in the process and are aware of what their specific recommendations are. Additionally, those departments, including Chief of Juvenile Probation, Chief of Human Services and Community Supports, Juvenile DA, Chief Public Defender, and the Stoneleigh Fellow will have an opportunity to review the draft before it is presented to the Board.

Vice Chair stated whether the Board could fairly assume that all relevant stake holders implicated by a recommendation in the report had an opportunity to weigh in before the Board is tasked to vote.

Mr. Irizarry stated that they were part of the building process and that they will have a chance to review the report.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Board Member Comment:** No Board Member comment.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 5:42PM  
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