



**MISSISSIPPI JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

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**2025 – 1st QUARTER MINUTES**

**DATE:** Friday, January 24, 2025

**LOCATION:** Oakley Youth Development Center, Raymond, MS

**Meeting Called to Order:** 10:37 a.m. by Chairman Dr. Alfred Martin

**ROLL CALL:** Quorum established with 8 present; 4 excused, 1 DPS staff

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the 4th Quarter meeting were distributed. Motion made by Gloria Salters and seconded by Marketa Motton. Minutes approved as written.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** Dr. Martin opened the meeting by thanking Toni Kersh and her staff for hosting the meeting. He then announced that Mississippi is in full compliance, and we should receive full money for 2025. He congratulated Eric Williams on being named Mentor of the Year by the Memphis Grizzlies. Discussion was then had regarding the hiring of a specialist and the difficulty filling that position. The recommendation has been made to hire a specialist on a contract basis. We have lost several members. If you know of someone who would be a good stakeholder in joining the SAG, please send your resumes to Dr. Martin. Dr. Martin mentioned that they are looking for applicants for the Tony Gobar Scholarship - must be a junior or senior and going into social work or juvenile justice. If you have anyone who would be interested in applying, reach out to Dr. Martin.

**SPECIALIST’S UPDATE:** Sharon Nguyen discussed the contract specialist position and said that if you have any questions about it, please call her. Title 2 is growing with this year's grants and the JJRA grant.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**GRANTS COMMITTEE:** We received 15 applications. Sharon will contact some of the applicants who asked for more than the specified amount to see if they can reduce their amount. Once those have been resubmitted, the grants committee will meet to review the applications. Dr. Martin read the list of applicants.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** Toni Kersh said no update at this time as the session is just starting. Dr. Martin reported that Marc Fomby has reached out to a legislature to be a part of our symposium.



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**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Katrina Phillips reported we have a training for WordPress and will be updating the website as soon as we complete the class. She also asked for more content for both the website and the Facebook page.

Motion to approve all committee reports was made by Landyn Smith and seconded by Tia Grisham. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Meeting Dates for next year:

1st Quarter - January 10, 2025 at 9:00 at Oakley Youth Development Center.

2nd Quarter - April 11, 2025 at 9:00 at Forrest County Juvenile Detention Center

3rd quarter - August 6, 2025 - Conference

Symposium August 6-8, 2025 (travel on August 5)

4th Quarter - October 10th. Tentative Retreat dates October 8- 10th - Possibly DeSoto County.

Tia Grisham announced that the tribe is working with FTC for training and will be hosting the Follow the Yellow Brick Road Conference from April 2nd to 4th. Dr. Martin said that we need to submit our travel authorization at least one month in advance.

Dr Martin again thanked Oakley Staff for hosting the meeting and for giving us a tour of their facilities.

Adjourned: 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Katrina Phillips*

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MSJJAC Secretary