

Nebraska Board of Parole
Business Meeting Minutes
Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Central Office
Folsom & West Prospector Place, Bldg. 1
Lincoln, NE 68509

TUESDAY
JUNE 19, 2018
2:30 pm

The business meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 with following persons present: Layne Gissler, Vice Chair; Teresa Bittinger, Member; Virgil Patlan, Member; Rex Richard, Member; Nicole Miller, Legal Counsel; Julie Micek, Director of Parole Supervision and Services, and Sonya Fauver, Administrative Assistant.

I. The business meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Layne Gissler.

II. Roll Call:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Absent / Present at 2:43 pm
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	Present
Member Teresa Bittinger	Present
Member Virgil Patlan	Present
Member Rex Richard	Present

- a. Vice Chair Gissler announced the notice of this public meeting was placed on the Board of Parole website on June 5, 2018; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on June 2, 2018.
- b. Vice Chair Gissler announced the Open Meeting Act information is available in the room.

III. A motion was made by Vice Chair Gissler and seconded by Board Member Teresa Bittinger to approve the agenda. Motion Carried - Vote: 4-0

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Absent
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	Yes
Member Teresa Bittinger	Yes
Member Virgil Patlan	Yes
Member Rex Richard	Yes

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gissler and seconded by Board Member Teresa Bittinger to approve the business meeting minutes from May 22, 2018. Motion Carried - Vote: 4-0

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Absent
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	Yes

Member Teresa Bittinger	Yes
Member Virgil Patlan	Yes
Member Rex Richard	Yes

IV. The floor was opened for public comments on items listed on the agenda. No public comments were posed.

V. Chairperson Update (Rosalyn Cotton):

- a. Revoke and Re-parole Discussion: Chair Cotton expressed concerns about revoking and re-paroling individual's issue. The Board held a discussion of the issues. When a person is continued on parole, it has been determined that the Parole Board need to know where the individual is going to parole to and they need to have this information in advance of the review of parole hearing and the individuals needs to have a plan in place at the time of the hearing. Some concerns of the statutory laws were discussed. Also the process of how the Parole Board and Division of Parole Supervision Services is going to proceed with a process regarding information being obtained and presented to the Board for their decision process.

VI. Parole Administrator Update (Julie Micek):

- a. Warrant Process: Ms. Micek reported that she is working on streamlining the warrant process to be more efficient and quicker.
- b. The Concept of Re-paroling: Due to the Board discussion of revoke and re-parole by Chair Cotton, Ms. Micek indicated that she is going to refrain on the discussion at this time.
- c. Budget: Ms. Micek reported the new budget for the fiscal year 2018/2019 would be coming soon. The agency has spent 91% of the budget for the fiscal year of 2017/2018 and it looks like there will be money left over.
- d. Valley Hope Update: Ms. Micek reported that she spend two days observing the Valley Hope services. The project is working very well and she is receiving a lot of positive feedback. She requested that the Board and staff go to Valley Hope and visit and observe the program. 13 individuals have used the program with only one individual not completing the program.
- e. RFP Results/Contracts: Ms. Micek reported that request for proposals were sent out to solicit services for the next two years. Two-year contracts were offered to a Norfolk agency - Good Life Counseling; a Lincoln agency - Alcohol and Drug Solutions, as well as O'Neil agency – Valley Hope, and all other current providers.

f. MOU with NDCS: Ms. Micek presented the MOU with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and the Nebraska Board of Parole. She indicated that several services that NDCS provided have been eliminated because DPS has taken over the duties.

VII. Parole Board Offices (Virgil Patlan and Teresa Bittinger): Mr. Patlan and Ms. Bittinger reported that they toured Heritage Square offices and believe the Parole Board should be independent from NDCS and other agencies and would like to see the Parole Board move to Heritage Square and become a one cohesive agency. It is becoming more difficult for staff to function efficiently between the two offices. Concerns with staff having to utilize their own vehicles to drive between the two building offices were expressed. Mr. Patlan voiced there is an Attorney General's opinion that the Board as a whole is in charge of all Board's decisions.

A motion was made by Board Member Patlan to have the Parole Board move to Heritage Square and seconded by Board Member Teresa Bittinger. Vote: 2-1

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	No
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	Abstain
Member Teresa Bittinger	Yes
Member Virgil Patlan	Yes
Member Rex Richard	Abstain

Motion was tabled after the vote for research into the 2-1 vote to determine if the motion had passed or failed.

IX. Announce Next Board Business Meeting:

Vice Chair Layne Gissler announced the next Parole Board business meeting will be held on Tuesday July 31, 2018 at 2:30 pm, DCS Lower Level Conference Room.

X. Adjournment:

Vice Chair Layne Gissler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m. Motion carried 5-0

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Yes
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	Yes
Member Teresa Bittinger	Yes
Member Virgil Patlan	Yes
Member Rex Richard	Yes

Minutes prepared by Reporter / Assistant on July 5, 2018.