

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

Tuesday  
August 14, 2018  
2:30 pm

The business meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 with following persons present: Rosalyn Cotton, Chair; Teresa Bittinger, Member; Virgil Patlan, Member; Rex Richard, Member; Julie Micek, Director of Supervision; and Sonya Fauver, Administrative Assistant – Pardons Board. Also attending were individuals from CJC (Community Justice Center) Jim Jones, Rick Carter, and Larry Wayne; and individual from ReConnect, Inc. Ms. LaVon Stennis William.

I. The business meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair Rosalyn Cotton.

II. Roll Call:

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

a. Chair Cotton announced the notice of this public meeting was placed on the Board of Parole website on August 6, 2018; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on August 4, 2018.

b. Chair Cotton announced the Open Meeting Act information is available in the room.

III. A motion was made by Board Member Bittinger and seconded by Board Member Richard to approve the agenda and the business meeting minutes from July 31, 2018. Motion Carried - Vote: 4-0

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Yes
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	Absent
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:

a. ReConnect – Prep Success, Ms. LaVon Stennis William: Ms. William presented information regarding ReConnect Inc., a nonprofit community based service providing pre and post release life-skills and reentry planning support and services. Pre-release life-skill classes are taught at all Department of Correctional Services men's facilities. Upon release from incarceration, both men and women can participate in the ReConnect2Success post release reentry programs to assist them to helping them succeed (case management, job readiness, workshops, employment lab, construction training, and financial assistance for work related items). Ms. William indicated that she would like to develop a working partnership with the Parole Board and Division of Parole Supervision and Services.

b. New CJC Program, Jim Jones: Mr. Jim Jones presented information regarding the CJC (Community Justice Center) program, a nonprofit program providing victims impact / empathy classes, life skills classes, and evidence based pre-treatment services programming for incarcerated individuals, individuals on probation / parole, and at risk youth. Mr. Jones presented a publication from the University of Nebraska detailing the programs work, "Long-Term Effectiveness of a Brief Restorative Justice Intervention." The nonprofit group currently works with all of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services institutions and will soon be offering services at the McCook facility. Mr. Jones indicated that he and his colleagues would like to develop a working partnership with the Parole Board and Division of Parole Supervision and Services.

VI. Director of Supervision and Services Update:

a. PIC Projects: Director Julie Micek reported that there have been four PIC projects. The first project was Parole Board and DPS contracts which was completed in 2017, the second project was DPS Programming Fees which is currently in the trial phase, the third project was Parole Board Hearing process with is currently in the trial phase, and the fourth project will be Electronic Monitoring Fees with will begin soon. The agency has seven Q-Dip Boards and all boards should be running by the end of the year. There will be two more yellow-belt training classes held for staff in October 2018. Parole Board and DPS agency is receiving very good marks from the Governor's Office regarding the Lean Six Sigma processes and completions of projects.

b. Budget: Director Julie Micek reported that she would be meeting with the Governor's Office regarding the Parole Board and DPS Agency budget. The agency's budget is required to be completed by September 15, 2018.

c. Pay Increase for Supervisors: Director Julie Micek reported that the pay increases are currently at a stale mate with the Department of Administrative Services. DAS is currently looking at the whole picture with all Nebraska

agencies supervisor pay rates and bringing more equity across all state agencies.

d. Custodial Sanctions: Director Julie Micek reported that the custodial sanctions program that went into effect January 1, 2018 is going very well.

e. Transitional Living Contracts: Director Julie Micek reported that she has many contracts that she would like to bring forward but is currently keeping the contracts at \$50,000. It has been determined that an RFP (request for proposals) needs to be done for transitional living programs.

VII. Announce Next Board Business Meeting:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton announced the next Parole Board Business meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 2:30 pm, DCS Lower Level Conference Room.

XIII Adjournment:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 p.m. and seconded by Board Member Bittinger. Motion carried 4-0

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

Minutes prepared by Reporter / Assistant on August 15, 2018.