

Nebraska Board of Parole  
Business Meeting Minutes  
Nebraska Board of Parole/Division of Parole Supervision  
Heritage Square Building  
421 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

May 24, 2002  
1:30 p.m.

The business meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. on May 24, 2022. The following persons were present: Rosalyn Cotton, Chair; Layne Gissler, Vice Chair; Mark Langan, Member; Nicole Miller, Legal Counsel; Julie Micek, Director of Supervision and Services; and Sue Olson, Reporter

I. The business meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Rosalyn Cotton.

II. Roll Call:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Present
Vice Chair, Layne Gissler	Present
Member Roger Twiss	Absent
Member Mark Langan	Present
Member Habib Olomi	Absent

a. Chair Cotton announced the notice of this public meeting was placed on the Board of Parole website on May 17, 2022; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on May 16, 2022.

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

III. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Chair, Layne Gissler and seconded by Member Mark Langan to approve the agenda. Motion carried – Vote: 3-0 Vote:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Yes
Vice Chair, Layne Gissler	Yes
Member Robert Twiss	Absent
Member Mark Langan	Yes
Member Habib Olomi	Absent

IV. Approval of the Minutes (January 25, 2022)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Layne Gissler and seconded by Member Mark Langan to approve the minutes. Motion carried – Vote: 3-0 Vote:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Yes
Vice Chair, Layne Gissler	Yes
Member Robert Twiss	Absent
Member Mark Langan	Yes
Member Habib Olomi	Absent

V. Public Comment Period

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

VI. Chairperson update - Board Chair Rosalyn Cotton  
a. Transitional Living Facility

This is still in process. Working to get the location approved by DAS Building and Leasing.

b. Upcoming Training Aug 2,3, & 4<sup>th</sup> Proposal to bring in Richard Stroker for a training for the Board at \$10,000.00 cost.

A motion was made by Chair Rosalyn Cotton and seconded by Vice Chair, Layne Gissler to approve this training proposal. Motion carried – Vote: 3-0 Vote:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Yes
Vice Chair, Layne Gissler	Yes
Member Robert Twiss	Absent
Member Mark Langan	Yes
Member Habib Olomi	Absent

VII. AG Report – Member Robert Twiss not available

VIII. BOP Communications - Member Robert Twiss not available

IX. Board Member Tablets - Member Mark Langan

There was discussion opened from Member Mark Langan regarding issues with tablets. He felt they were slow to open and could not access files needed and requires restarts. His wish would be to have something that works as well as previous tablets. Vice Chair Layne Gissler reported he was also having issues with his tablet, but problems also extend to his laptop. He

said he was aware that Joel was going to investigate this and was going to wait to see that outcome. The suggestion was made by Chair Rosalyn Cotton that she to stayed off outside sites and felt this helped to maintain her overall speed on her tablet. Julie said she would follow up with IT. Joel is doing some checking to see if there are some issues to be fixed with the tablets.

Ms. Miller mentioned that she did appreciate the positive effect regarding using electronic signatures with the tablets for a better process and makes record preservation easier.

#### X. DPS Update Julie Micek

Ms. Micek reviewed her monthly Recap. Verbal Judo is completed. More tools will be provided, and boosters will be given going forward. The Paid internship program has begun. We are using the SOS pool for these interns. There are 2 interns in Lincoln and 1 in Omaha. Parole officer week is coming up starting July 18 through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is a plan for Friday to go to Mahoney to have relaxed team time and Parole will provide lunches for all offices.

All Staff is November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Member Mark Langan will do a presentation at that meeting on Active Killer. Other plans are – Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> – Motivational speakers in the Morning and team building in afternoon.

Marianne Chance has been working with staff with her Leadership Warrior company on leadership trainings. Graduations is scheduled Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 at Heritage Square.

Parole is in the Process of looking at new locations in Omaha for a different office. New sites have been found and reviewed and final decisions will be made soon. The proposed move would be at end of year or first of 2023.

Parole has had major problems with our current electronic monitoring vendor. Ms. Micek reported that work is being done to find a new electronic monitoring company. With the previous vendor, there were issues with crashing frequently and supply issues, so Parole have been reviewing a variety of companies and would prefer to have the same company as Corrections for continuity. Approximate start for the new vendor is being discussed as a change around July 1<sup>st</sup>. All problems will continue to be investigated and documented in the interim.

The Transitional living and intensive outpatient substance abuse services RFPs are currently ongoing. Possible vendors are struggling with paperwork and determining cost proposals. Original date is being extended due to this. Eventually, we will need contracts from the chosen vendors.

We have provided some help and further guidelines to help them with this process.

XI. Board Member Round table

There was no discussion.

XII. Announce the Next Board Meeting

- a. The next Parole Board Business Meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 27, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in the shared conference room at Heritage Square.

XIII. Adjourn

Chair Rosalyn Cotton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 pm and was seconded by Member Mark Langan. Motion carried 3-0 – Vote:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Yes
Vice Chair, Layne Gissler	Yes
Member Robert Twiss	Absent
Member Mark Langan	Yes
Member Habib Olomi	Absent

This document is as a minute's summary of the Board Business Meeting held May 24, 2022. All meetings are recorded and are available in their entirety with exact dialog upon request.

Sue Olson, Reporter