

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

TUESDAY  
December 18, 2018  
2:30 pm

The business meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. The following persons present: Rosalyn Cotton, Chair; Teresa Bittinger, Member; Virgil Patlan, Member; Bob Twiss, Member; Nicole Miller, Legal Counsel; Julie Micek, Director of Supervision and Services; and Sue Olson, Administrative Assistant II – Parole Supervision.

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	Present
Member Teresa Bittinger	Present
Member Virgil Patlan	Present
Member Bob Twiss	Present

- a. Chair Cotton announced the notice of this public meeting was placed on the Board of Parole website on November 30, 2018; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on November 30, 2018.
- b. Chair Cotton announced the Open Meeting Act information is available in the room.

III. A motion was made by Board Member Teresa Bittinger and seconded by Board Member Layne Gissler to approve the agenda and the business meeting minutes from November 20, 2018. Motion Carried - Vote: 4-0 with partial abstention regarding minutes approval only.

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Yes
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	YES on Agenda/abstain on Minutes portion
Member Teresa Bittinger	Yes
Member Virgil Patlan	Yes
Member Robert Twiss	Yes

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

V. Chairperson Update:

- a. Chair Cotton presented a copy of the Report to the Legislature submitted 12/1/18. This report outlined current status of release. Chair Cotton commented that “we will need to work forward on the Parole review process. We will be looking at individuals to move forward to transition.”

VI. Director of Supervision and Services Update:

- a. Ms. Micek presented a discussion on Programming Life 101 out of 3525 Evans in Omaha. This program was put into place as a spot gap option in regards to services available to clients being released. The budget of \$49,900 covered starting this service but Ms. Micek is asking for approval of additional \$50,000 to pay for November and December 2018. Member Bob Twiss requested more details on this program and the services provided. With no residences, clients are dependent on facilities like this one for the living arrangements and programming that they provide the client. Parole Supervision has a budget of \$300-\$400 thousand for services and transitional living such as Programming Life 101, is a part of those service dollars.

Board Member Teresa Bittenger made a motion to approve the additional funding of \$50,000.00 and it was seconded by Board Member Virgil Patlan. Motion Carried - Vote: 4-0 with 1 abstention.

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Yes
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	Yes
Member Teresa Bittenger	Yes
Member Virgil Patlan	Yes
Member Bob Twiss	Abstain

- b. Ms. Micek reported that an RFP was completed and released. Three replies were received.
- c. Sally Reinhardt-Stewart who handles Interstate Compac asked that it be mentioned at the Board meeting that a person is paroled must leave immediately to the state they intend to locate. By ICOTS directives that individual must go to report where he/she needs to go and if they have further business in Nebraska, they must submit a request to come back and it would then be approved or denied by that outlying state and not us. ReEntry needs to be reviewed regarding these guidelines.

VII. Legal Counsel Update – Nicole Miller:

a. Legal Counsel provided copies of the new Rules to all Board members.

VIII. Announce Next Board Business Meeting:

The next Parole Board Business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 31, 2018 at 2:30 pm in the DCS Lower Level Conference room.

Board Member Virgil Patlan made a motion and it was seconded by Board Member Bob Twiss to postpone that meeting to Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 2:30 pm in the DCS Lower Level Conference room. 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

IX. Adjourn:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 pm and it was seconded by Board Member Bob Twiss. 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

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