

Nebraska Board of Parole
Business Meeting Minutes
Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Central Office
Folsom & West Prospector Place, Bldg. 1
February 1, 2017

The business meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. on February 1, 2017 with the following persons present: Rosalyn Cotton, Chair; Rex Richard, Vice Chair; Randall Rehmeier, Member; Teresa Bittinger, Member; Virgil Patlan, Member; Nicole Miller, Legal Counsel; Julie Micek, Director of Supervision and Services; Trudy Clark, Administrative Assistant

I. The business meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Cotton.

II. Roll call:

Ms. Cotton:	Present
Mr. Richard:	Present
Mr. Rehmeier:	Present
Ms. Bittinger:	Present
Mr. Patlan:	Present

Ms. Clark announced that notice of this public meeting was placed on the Board of Parole website on January 23, 2017; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on January 12, 2017.

Ms. Clark announced that Open Meetings Act information is available in the front of the room.

III. A motion was made by Ms. Cotton and seconded by Mr. Richard to approve the agenda.

Ms. Cotton:	Yes
Mr. Richard:	Yes
Mr. Rehmeier:	Yes
Ms. Bittinger:	Yes
Mr. Patlan:	Yes

IV. A motion was made by Ms. Cotton and seconded by Mr. Richard to approve the business meeting minutes from December 7, 2016.

Ms. Cotton:	Yes
Mr. Richard:	Yes
Mr. Rehmeier:	Yes
Ms. Bittinger:	Yes
Mr. Patlan:	Yes

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

VI. Update from Julie Micek, Director of Supervision and Services:

Budget:

- Received \$395,000 for increase in services costs for FY 2018
- DPSS has been approved for new office space
- Salary adjustments for Parole Officers have been ratified and will become eff. 7-1-17
- Will be meeting with DCS HR to determine classification and pay for each Parole Officer
- Agency has rec'd. a \$215,000 cut each FY in upcoming biennium/ Will work on deficit request in spring/early summer

EPICS Training:

- Case management training last week
- Great week & learned a lot
- 5-month implementation process

Incentives & Sanctions Matrix:

- DPSS has been tweaking incentives & sanctions matrix
- Protocol coming to Board soon for approval
 - Low level – handled by Parole Officer
 - Mid level – handled by Parole Officer w/supervisor approval
 - High level – presented to Board
- Incentives & sanctions matrix will come live tentatively in April
- Developing contract with jails for sanction process
- No current MOU to utilize DCS - will be discussed in future

Strong-R:

- April 1, 2017 is “go live” date for each institution

Safety Officer Vests:

- Vests are arriving tomorrow and will be distributed/vests will be inventoried
- No protocol developed yet for vests

Mr. Patlan had a brief discussion with Ms. Micek regarding sex offenders and appropriate treatment on parole.

VII. Update from Nicole Miller, Agency Counsel:

- Update on LB 366 – being introduced by Senator Halloran

- Senator requesting comparison between 2016 review schedule with and without application of LB 366
- Amendment to abscond legislation – will get in touch with probation and obtain CSG’s perspective
- Amendment to LSO – climate not right for any changes
- Reminder that biennium budget has not passed yet
- Potential legislation: LB 424 (earned good time change), LB 258 (driver’s license requirements – no bearing on parole), LB 244 (workers compensation – do Parole Officers need to be included in this bill?), LB 378 (use of County Jails as Work Release facilities – Board is to provide quarterly report as to use of WR facilities), LB 366 (change in review schedule) - not yet set for Hearing
- Personnel rules, Parole Officer specific, are still based on DCS ARs – proposal will hopefully be available at next business meeting
- Still looking at injury and death in line of duty and interstate compact custodial sanctions
- 605/1094 cases serving determinate sentences only will reflect as “NA” on future review rosters
- Working with Barb Wilken to simplify Parole Hearing roster
- 83-197 and 81-1,109 protects the Board from any fiscal impact to costs for updates in record-keeping and technology
- Currently working on protocol development, video-conferencing for probable cause hearings, LSO travel permits, arrest warrants & NCIC entries, letters for LSOs

A motion was made by Mr. Rehmeier, and seconded by Ms. Bittinger, to authorize Nicole Miller to work with Jennifer Miller to compare number of reviews in 2016 with and without application of LB 366.

Ms. Cotton:	Yes
Mr. Richard:	Yes
Mr. Rehmeier:	Yes
Ms. Bittinger:	Yes
Mr. Patlan:	Yes

- Business meetings should be held every two (2) months

VIII. The next Board business meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. Meeting room to be announced at a later date.

IX. A motion was made by Ms. Cotton and seconded by Mr. Rehmeier to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Ms. Cotton:	Yes
Mr. Richard:	Yes

Mr. Rehmeier:	Yes
Ms. Bittinger:	Yes
Mr. Patlan:	Yes

Minutes prepared by Reporter/Assistant on February 2, 2017.