

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

TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 23, 2018  
2:30 pm

The business meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 with following persons present: Rosalyn Cotton, Chair; Layne Gissler, Vice Chair; Virgil Patlan, Member; Nicole Miller, Legal Counsel; Julie Micek, Director of Supervision and Services; Jennifer Miller, Parole Board Program Analyst; Quintin Penner, Division of Parole Supervision; and Sonya Fauver, Administrative Assistant – Pardons Board.

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	Absent
Member Virgil Patlan	Present
Member Rex Richard	Absent

a. Chair Cotton announced the notice of this public meeting was placed on the Board of Parole website on October 16, 2018; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on October 15, 2018.

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

III. A motion was made by Chair Rosalyn Cotton and seconded by Vice Chair Layne Gissler to approve the agenda and the business meeting minutes from September 25, 2018. Motion Carried - Vote: 3-0

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

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

V. Director of Supervision and Services Update:

a. DRT (Discharge Review Team):

Ms. Julie Micek held a discussion regarding the DRT (Discharge Review Team) process. DRT sends a list of clients monthly indicating which individuals have a hearing for the current month. It was determined that Ms. Christy Rupe, DCS; Dr. Mark Lukin, DCS; Dr. Alice Mitwaruciu, DCS; and Mr. Ken Quinn, DPS should be notified also.

b. Core Programming:

Ms. Julie Micek held a discussion regarding VRP (Violence Reduction Program) recommendations that are provided to the Parole Board. Ms. Micek requested the Board notify her and Ken Quinn of individuals the Board is going to request VRP completion as a special condition of parole. She also requested the Board put EM and CAM removal conditions on the parole certificate.

c. Budget:

Ms. Julie Micek reported that she does not have any new information on the budget.

Ms. Micek held discussions regarding the Valley Hope Program for paroled individuals. She reported that \$200,000 a year has been allocated for Valley Hope program and indicated the contract funding for the Valley Hope program is being used up quickly. At this time, the majority of parolees are going to the Valley Hope Residential Treatment program.

d. Custodial Sanctions Contract – Saunders County:

Ms. Julie Micek reported the Saunders County Jail is the one that DPS uses the most often for custodial sanctions. Ms. Micek informed the Board she will be presenting an addendum to the current contract at the next meeting requesting additional money for the Saunders County Jail contract.

VI. Data Presentation:

Ms. Jennifer Miller presented information to the Board regarding data statistics that she has compiled about success rates of custodial sanctions (30% success rate) and Valley Hope contract use (80% success rate). She also provided information regarding the Community Corrections Report data and indicated that parole numbers are increasing. Other data information was presented regarding parole offender offense type most serious and data regarding Parole Board reviews numbers and Parole Board hearings numbers. The data statistics information is available to review upon request.

VII. Legal Counsel Update:

a. Proposed Rules:

Ms. Nicole Miller revisited the new and updated proposed rules with the Board. Chair Rosalyn Cotton made a motion to approve the new and updated rules and was seconded by Vice Chair Layne Gissler. The motion passed with a 3-0 Vote.

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

VIII. Announce Next Board Business Meeting:

The next Parole Board Business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 2:30 pm in the DCS Lower Level Conference room.

IX. Adjourn:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 pm and was seconded by Vice Chair Layne Gissler. Motion carried 3-0

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

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