

Nebraska Board of Parole
Business Meeting Minutes
Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Central Office
Folsom & West Prospector Place, Bldg. 1
April 5, 2017

The business meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. on April 5, 2017 with the following persons present: Rosalyn Cotton, Chair; Rex Richard, Vice Chair; Randall Rehmeier, Member; Virgil Patlan, Member; Nicole Miller, Legal Counsel; Julie Micek, Director of Supervision and Services; Reporter/Assistant

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

II. Roll call by Reporter/Assistant:

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

A motion was made by Ms. Cotton and seconded by Mr. Rehmeier to excuse Teresa Bittinger, Board Member, from the business meeting today.

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

a. Chair Cotton announced that notice of this public meeting was placed on the Board of Parole website on March 23, 2017; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on March 23, 2017.

b. Chair Cotton announced that Open Meetings Act Information is available.

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

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

IV. A motion was made by Mr. Rehmeier and seconded by Mr. Richard to approve the business meeting minutes from March 7, 2017.

Ms. Cotton:	Yes
Mr. Richard:	Yes
Mr. Rehmeier:	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 Director of Supervision and Services:

Budget:

- \$2.1 million yet to spend by June 30th (as of 3-27-17)
- Needs include new computers, expenses for upcoming relocation, and training equipment

Restructure:

- Anne Hansen recently resigned changing restructure of Division of Parole
- Possibly hire a Business Manager to handle HR issues, contracts/grants, and purchasing duties
- Possibly establish an Acting Assistant Deputy Administrator
- Possibly have Nicole supervise Kathy Hohnstein, Sally Reinhardt-Stewart, and Tom Verplank

Newly designed implementation team:

- Made up of Denny Campbell, Joel Denney, Jenny Miller, and Quintin Penner
- Team to work on restructuring drug testing system
- Team to organize upcoming relocation

Strong R:

- Assure assessment is complete prior to seeing Board
- Reminder to Board that VRP, residential treatment, and sex offender treatment need to be completed prior to parole
- Now offering batterer's intervention program (equal to 30-week domestic violence program)
- Still waiting for needs report on Strong-R, which is essential to supervision
- Current caseload to be assessed by 5-8-17
- Needs report necessary by 6-2017
- Parole Officers in rural areas invite Board to visit and join them in the field

Non Compliance Protocol:

- Planning to go live 6-1-17
- Low-medium-high responses to violations
- Will eliminate administrative resolutions and be replaced with custodial sanctions
- Only “high” sanctions will come before the Board

Board Member Patlan reminded Parole Officers to always practice safety.

VII. Update from Legal Counsel:

LB 366:

- Julie Micek and Nicole Miller spoke with Senators this morning regarding LB 366
- Bill is out of committee without opposition
- Not a priority bill
- Making its way on the consent calendar

Proposed Rules:

A motion was made by Ms. Cotton to defer Proposed Rules 5, 7, 8, 9, and 15 until the next business meeting.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Richard and seconded by Mr. Rehmeier to approve Proposed Rules 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

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

VIII. The next Board business meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.