

Nebraska Board of Parole
Business Meeting Minutes
Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Central Office
Folsom & West Prospector Place, Bldg. 1
May 2, 2017

The business meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. on May 2, 2017 with the following persons present: Rosalyn Cotton, Chair; Rex Richard, Vice Chair; Randall Rehmeier, Member; Virgil Patlan, Member; Teresa Bittinger, Member; Nicole Miller, Legal Counsel; Julie Micek, Director of Supervision and Services; Reporter/Assistant

I. The business meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair Cotton.

II. Roll call by Reporter/Assistant:

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

a. Chair Cotton announced that notice of this public meeting was placed on the Board of Parole website on April 19, 2017; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on April 17, 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
Ms. Bittinger:	Yes

IV. A motion was made by Ms. Bittinger and seconded by Mr. Richard to approve the business meeting minutes from April 5, 2017.

Ms. Cotton:	Yes
Mr. Richard:	Yes
Mr. Rehmeier:	Yes
Mr. Patlan:	Yes
Ms. Bittinger:	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 – Julie Micek:

STRONG-R:

- Waiting to hear back on needs report by July 1st
- All Officers in training this week for final pieces of EPICS training
- Supervision training in July
- Train the trainers in September for EPICS

AUDIT/BUDGET UPDATE:

- Julie, Sue & Rhonda working on Board responses to audit due May 3rd
- Mr. Patlan asked that a hard look be taken at back pay to Parole Officers from effective date of law
- Responses to audit have been extended to May 3rd. Per Ms. Cotton, no further extension allowed for responses to audit

TOWN HALL SCHEDULE:

- May 12 (Lincoln); May 18 (North Platte); May 30 (Omaha)
- Town hall meetings will be conducted by Crystal Prochnow and Julie Micek to explain raises and go over job descriptions for Supervisors and Specialized Officers

RELOCATION OF TRABERT:

- Lincoln District Office will be moved out of Trabert Hall by May 22nd
- Central Office employees will be moved out by June 1st

PROGRAMMING UPDATE:

- Eff. June 1st, 2 new resource centers will be available in Omaha (2 contractors)
- Additional resource center available in Lincoln after relocation
- Still working on rural areas

CUSTODIAL SANCTIONS:

- Hope to have sanctions finalized by July 1st
- Lancaster County Jail is full—looking at surrounding counties
- \$91 estimated per day for housing

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT:

-Already in place and reviewing assessments to assure efficiency and accuracy

VII. Legal Counsel Update – Nicole Miller

Proposed amendments to following rules: Warrant or Detainer Provisions; Inclement Weather Policy; Request for Rehearing; Information related to Parole Decisions; and Employment Applications and Interviews

A motion was made by Mr. Patlan and seconded by Ms. Bittinger to approve the amended rules.

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

Ms. Cotton reiterated that all employees of the Parole Board and Division of Supervision and Services are to have a handbook of rules when all been adopted.

LB 366 did not make it to the floor.

MOU with DCS will be renewed with amendment #15 (CSORT and Sex Offender Services) to sex offenders who are subject to lifetime community supervision

A motion was made by Ms. Bittinger and seconded by Mr. Patlan to accept the MOU renewal with DCS.

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

Update on Winnebago Tribe Agreement

-Wants agency to pay for detention of parolees. Not possible per legal counsel

VIII. The next Board business meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

IX. A motion was made by Ms. Cotton and seconded by Ms. Bittinger to adjourn meeting at 3:09 p.m.

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

Minutes prepared by Reporter/Assistant on 5-4-17.