

Nebraska Board of Parole
Business Meeting Minutes
Nebraska State Capitol, Hearing Room 1525
December 7, 2016

The business meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. on December 7, 2016 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 3:00 p.m. by Chair Cotton.

II. Roll call:

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

Chair Cotton announced that notice of this public meeting was placed on the Board of Parole website on November 22, 2016; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on November 16, 2016.

Chair Cotton announced that Open Meetings Act information is available in the back of the room.

III. A motion was made by Ms. Cotton and seconded by Mr. Rehmeier 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. Rehmeier to approve the business meeting minutes from October 19, 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:

STRONG-R:

- Continues to have significant concerns with STRONG-R
- Not best tool for community corrections purposes
- “Needs” side is not ready to go on STRONG-R
- Several tickets initiated to address computing errors with no answers
- Concerns have been discussed with DCS Director
- Plan B is in place
- Have budget to afford LSCMI
- LSCMI already programmed into PIMS
- Will cost \$5.00 per assessment/less than \$10,000 to get up & running
- A decision will be made by first of year if concerns are not addressed by STRONG-R
- LSCMI is used in probation and court system @ \$3.00 per assessment
- Perhaps parole can piggy-back off of probation

Incentives & Sanctions:

- Will be rolled out in early March 2017

Update on building:

- 3 sites being considered for relocation
- Will find out decision within the next week

Pay raises:

- Legal Counsel has sent e-mail to Bill Wood looking into raises for Parole Officers

Services:

- Spent \$200,000-\$265,000 for electronic monitoring in last few years

VII. Update from Nicole Miller, Legal Counsel:

- Working with bill drafter on legislative proposals
- Parole Supervision Protocols will begin in January 2017
- Next topic of discussion will be personnel rules
- Will be weeding out LB 605/1094/PRS cases from scheduled Board Reviews and Parole Hearings
- Electronic signatures is a security issue right now & requires a PIMS change by programmer

- a. Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska MOA:
 - MOA will enforce parole on tribal lands
 - MOA is only for Winnebago
 - MOA requested by PO Terry Denney & Frank White

A motion was made by Ms. Cotton and seconded by Mr. Patlan to approve the MOA between the Nebraska Board of Parole and Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Mr. Rehmeier interjected that Ms. Cotton be authorized to sign agreement on behalf of the entire Board.

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

- Legal Counsel proposed that business meetings be held every other month with established dates for the meetings
- Proposes February 1st and April 5th for next meeting dates
- During legislative session, no hearing rooms available, only food rooms

VIII. A motion was made by Ms. Cotton and seconded by Ms. Bittinger to schedule the next Board business meeting for February 1, 2016.

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

IX. A motion was made by Chair Cotton and seconded by Mr. Richard to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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