

Nebraska Board of Parole
Business Meeting Minutes
Nebraska Board of Parole/Parole Supervision
Heritage Square Bldg, Suite 220
Lincoln, NE 68508
October 6, 2020
2:30pm

The business meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. on October 6, 2020. The following persons were present: Rosalyn Cotton, Chair; Layne Gissler, Vice Chair; Virgil Patlan, Member; Robert Twiss, Member; Mark Langan, Member; Nicole Miller, Legal Counsel; Julie Micek, Director of Supervision and Services and Sue Olson, reporter .

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 Virgil Patlan	Present
Member Robert Twiss	Present
Member Mark Langan	Present

- a. Chair Cotton announced the notice of this public meeting was placed on the Board of Parole website on September 29, 2020; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on September 29, 2020.
- b. Chair Cotton announced the Open Meeting Act information is available in the room.

III. Approval of the Agenda and Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Member Virgil Patlan, and seconded by Member Mark Langan to approve the agenda and the business meeting minutes from August 25, 2020. Motion Carried - Vote: 5 - 0 Voting -

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Yes
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	Yes
Member Virgil Patlan	Yes
Member Robert Twiss	Yes
Member Mark Langan	Yes

IV. Public Comment Period

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

V. Travel Permit Policy for Outside Employment – Chair Rosalyn Cotton Combined topic, see notes below.

VI. Sex Offenders – Paroling Outside – Restrictions/Special Conditions – Rosalyn Cotton

It has come to the Board's attention that some individuals on parole are wishing to leave overnight due to employment. Surrounding area states are following our same current policy for no overnight stays. It is understood that some Trucking companies are starting to require overnight. This policy change is not recommended by Chair Rosalyn Cotton as liability is not the same in every case. Drug offenders and sex offenders would both be in the group what would be effective and policy would need to cover all aspects. Member Virgil Patlan posed question if there a state law that covers this?

Interstate compact does come into play regarding crossing state lines. It was brought up that this could remain to be considered on a case by case basis as has been done by the Board in the past. Sex offenders would have to be treated different as they have to report to the state they travel. Member Mark Langan expressed his opinion to stay with present policy as once you try to add exceptions, it can cause problems.

Member Virgil Patlan also agreed that to stay as the Board has done in past and work with the Parole Officers case by case seemed the best choice.

VII. Legislative Communication – Robert Twiss

Member Robert Twiss requests to postpone for the next 4 items on the agenda till the next meeting.

VIII. BOP Rules/Policies – Robert Twiss

IX. AG Report / Inquirey 17-005 – Robert Twiss

X. BOP / Staff Interactions – Robert Twiss

XI. Board of Parole pre-meeting packets – Robert Twiss

XII. Board Member Round Table – Robert Twiss

Board members voiced regret to be unable to be a part of the ZOOM meeting during All Staff. Member Virgil Patlan asked that our leaders are working with staff on how to become leaders. Just wanted to provide a fresh reminder that this is the expectation for procedures. Ms. Micek mentioned that the huddles are used in the morning to reinforce our process. This gives everyone an opportunity to be a part and to be on the same page. Ms. Micek also mentioned that Parole has approval to hire 4 more officers in Lincoln and Omaha. All the officers are going to be moved to Specialized officers by November 1, 2020 and distribution of cases will be across the entire agency. All officers will have to work weekends with this change. The question was asked to what amount of training is given to new officers? Ms. Micek reported that ideally officers have 3 months of solid training. Training officers are part of this process and their training pay is a part of that. Safety is also a part of the training. Member Mark Langan brought

up an example and wondered about reviews regarding best process officers should always us to stay safe. Ms. Micek responded that any incidents that are not best practice in safety are discussed and reviewed for a better future process. The idea was presented to invite Denny to the next meeting regarding some basic discussion on the training used for parole officers. The idea was having a Graduate ceremony when officers have completed training was also brought up.

Member Virgil Patlan also brought up that the past month was Hispanic heritage month and his hope that opportunity is available for our various groups.

Member Robert Twiss brought up the concern that the Board meeting should stay with Board business and that an overview of Training might be better placed in a different venue. There was some discussion and it was decided that this review of training would not involve details that are not able to be shared with the public and it is fine for the public to know that we do have training in place for our officers.

XIII. Announce Next Board Business Meeting: - The next meeting is scheduled as November, 17th, 2020 at 2:30 in Shared Conference at Heritage Square.

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XIV. Adjourn:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 pm and was seconded by Member Mark Langan. Motion carried 5 - 0 Voting -

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Yes
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	Yes
Member Virgil Patlan	Yes
Member Robert Twiss	Yes
Member Mark Langan	Yes

Minutes prepared by Reporter / Assistant on October 13, 2020