

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

June 18, 2019
2:30pm

The business meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. on June 18, 2019. The following persons were present: Rosalyn Cotton, Chair; Layne Gissler, Vice Chair; Teresa Bittinger, Member; Robert Twiss, Member; Nicole Miller, Legal Counsel; Julie Micek, Director of Supervision and Services; Tammy Daniel Business Mgr. and Sue Olson, Administrative Assistant II – Recorder.

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	Present
Member Virgil Patlan	Absent
Member Bob Twiss	Present

a. Chair Cotton announced the notice of this public meeting was published on the Board of Parole website on May 14, 2019; and in the Lincoln Journal Star on May 13, 2019.

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 Vice Chair Layne Gissler and seconded by Board Member Teresa Bittinger to approve the agenda and the business meeting minutes from May 23, 2019. Motion Carried - Vote: 4 - 0 Voting -

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Yes
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	Yes
Member Teresa Bittinger	Yes
Member Virgil Patlan	Absent
Member Robert Twiss	Yes

IV. Public Comment Period

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

V. Division of Parole Supervision Updates – Julie Micek

- a. Ms. Micek presented a proposal from Mr. William Burrell, who came and helped Parole Supervision with the development of a transition plan for moving from under Nebraska Department of Correctional Services to the Nebraska Board of Parole. Six or eight months ago there was a discussion with Ms. Micek and Mr. Burrell regarding a reassessment to evaluate our progress through the last 3 years and provide feedback for where we should head in the future. Cost and details are provided in the packet. Mr. Burrell provided that he was available for discussions with Board members if there are questions. Member Robert Twiss requested to review a copy of the original proposal.
- b. Ms. Micek provided a handout regarding the budget that was compiled by our Business Mgr. Tammy Daniel. We are currently right on target with the money expenditure with the service dollars that were spent on and for our clients. Life time sex offenders wear electronic monitors that Parole pays for, which costs approximately \$30,000.00. .
- c. There was a short discussion with communicating with DPS Staff for assistance. If there is help needed by the Board with DPS staff, they are there to provide assistance but it is noted that there is a ticketing system in place so that time can be scheduled around the other responsibilities of the staff. Julie also made the request to reach out if the need was for the aid of executive staff and she would contact that individual and call ahead to work out their availability from their other duties. Ms. Micek provided a comprehensive list of all the Protocols and the location of where these Protocols are on the drives for access to all.

VI. Legislative Update – Nicole Miller

- a. There were not a lot of updates but there is information to note. Legislation 686 now has no impact on Parole. LB131 was placed on general file and changes could potentially create longer parole terms. LB133 advanced to general file out of committee. There is a listing of interim studies on the Legislature's website. A couple to note are LR206 interim study related to Risk Assessment tools; LR237 to examine issues relating to the correctional system which might touch on Parole; and LR238 interim to assess rehabilitation while in custody or transitioning into the community.

VII. Board Member Round Table

- a. Mr. Twiss stated that he felt we needed to make more in roads with the legislature. Ms. Cotton mentioned that there will be a subcommittee that will be created when we are closer to September or October. Ms. Micek mentioned that the Board and Parole Supervision are usually invited for discussions with Senators regarding issues that could impact Parole.

VIII. Announce Next Board Business Meeting:

The next Parole Board Business meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2019 at 2:30 pm in the Lower Level Conference. Meetings following this meeting will be moved to Conference Room A.

XI. Adjourn:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:58pm and it was seconded by Vice Chair Layne Gissler. Motion carried 4 - 0 Voting -

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

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