

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

January 29, 2019
2: 30pm

The business meeting convened at 2:31 p.m. on January 29, 2019. The following persons were present: Rosalyn Cotton, Chair; Layne Gissler, Vice Chair; Virgil Patlan, Member; Robert Twiss, Member; Nicole Miller, Legal Counsel; Julie Micek, Director of Supervision and Services; and Sue Olson, Administrative Assistant II – Parole Supervision. Teresa Bittinger, Member, was absent.

I. The business meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m. by Chair Rosalyn Cotton.

II. Roll Call:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Present
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	Present
Member Teresa Bittinger	Absent
Member Virgil Patlan	Present
Member Bob Twiss	Present

a. Chair Cotton announced the notice of this public meeting was placed on the Board of Parole website on January 22, 2019; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on January 19, 2019.

b. Chair Cotton announced the Open Meeting Act information is available in the room.

III. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

A motion was made by Board Chair Rosalyn Cotton and seconded by Vice Chair Layne Gissler to approve the agenda and the business meeting minutes from January 29, 2019. Motion Carried - Vote: 4 - 0 Voting -

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	Yes
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	Yes
Member Teresa Bittinger	Absent
Member Virgil Patlan	Yes
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. Director of Supervision and Services Update: Julie Micek

- a. Budget Overview 2019-2020 – Joe Wilcox:
Joe Wilcox, from DAS who is Budget liaison to the Governor's office. He provided copies of Program Summary spreadsheet showing #320 Board of Parole and #358 Parole Supervision. Joe had discussed the budget earlier in the spring to put it together so it was ready for the September 15th filing deadline. This summary represents the recommendations that the Governor submitted to the Legislature in bills in regards to this Agency. Minor differences in this summary developed with the Governor this fall reflect real information that was available to better define some areas regarding Health insurance than the estimate that was provided in the Spring. Some number changes also are a result in the changes of the number of anticipated individuals that will be released to Parole. PSL amounts were left to allow some flexibility in salaries. A question arose from Member Robert Twiss, asked if there was a budget item for the payment of an attorney for indigents that come before the Board? This is not a line item, but would be available if needed through Programming. There is a process to be accepted for this status to be paid by the State. Board Chair Rosalyn Cotton commented this was not an expense that the Board had ever had at this point.
- b. Valley Hope Spending Authority increase: Ms. Julie Micek
Ms. Micek is requesting an additional \$200,000.00 be allotted to continue funding Valley Hope which is a residential treatment program. There is funds available in the budget for this amount. It will pay for approximately 25 individuals to the program. Valley Hope is being developed as a program for Parole and current success rate using the information of individuals using the program not going back in, finds it at a 72% success rate. Parole is currently working with Omaha to have an IOP program.

Board Chair Rosalyn Cotton made the request that the Board be given the criteria for acceptance so they can review possible candidates for this program. Timeframe to have the information back to parole was an additional question. Ms Micek responded with the Protocol has just been updated and will be provided to the Board as soon as it is finalized. A timeframe of 30 days would be ideal to get possible individuals to Parole Supervision that are being considered by the Board for Valley Hope so everything would be ready for the hearing. No individuals with murder or sexual assault are allowed at Valley Hope. Parole Supervision is adding an Officer that will be on site part time also. Valley Hope will also refuse anyone that has a

violent history of negative interactions with staff while they were in prison. Member Virgil Patlan asked if individuals with marginal disabilities can go to Valley Hope. The answer is yes, there have been some sight issues and some other disabilities individuals that are currently at Valley Hope.

Board Chair Rosalyn Cotton commented that the first objective would always be have the client complete programming inside first, if time or circumstances does not allow that to happen, then they could be considered for Valley Hope secondary.

A motion was made by Board Chair Rosalyn Cotton and seconded by Vice Chair Layne Gissler to approve the \$200,000.00 allotment to Valley Hope. Motion Carried - Vote: 4 - 0 Voting -

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

Another question from Ms. Julie Micek asked if an estimate for the entire year of funding that is needed, should be presented to the Board when the end of the current fiscal year was ended? The Board did express the desire to move that way going forward.

- VI. Board Member Topics - Transitional Living:
Member Virgil Patlan asked to table further discussion to the February 26th meeting. This is in regards to a review if permits are in place for houses that clients will be coming. Other individuals that are related to this discussion could come to this meeting.

Additional comment not on the agenda. Member Robert Twiss is wondering if there is a place on the agenda for an Update for Legislation until the last day of session? There was also an additional comment if we should add Other business on the agenda so other items could be added.

- VII. Announce Next Board Business Meeting:

The next Parole Board Business meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2019 at 2:30 pm in the Lower Level room.

- X. Adjourn:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:09pm and was seconded by Vice Chair Layne Gissler. Motion carried 4 - 0 Voting -

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

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