

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

October 22, 2019
2:30pm

The business meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. on October 22, 2019. The following persons were present: Rosalyn Cotton, Chair; Layne Gissler, Vice Chair; Teresa Bittinger, Member; Robert Twiss, Member; Julie Micek, Director of Supervision and Services; 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 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 October 10, 2019; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on October 4, 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 Virgil Patlan to approve the agenda and the business meeting minutes from September 24, 2019. 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. Division of Parole Supervision Updates – Julie Micek

- a. Ms. Micek announced that our agency was awarded a grant from BJA. This is a difficult grant to receive and it is exciting to be a recipient. The proposal is the development of an violence reduction after care program and experts in this field have been contacted to help put this program together. Details will be coming regarding who will be determined to be eligible for this program. In addition, a pilot Cognitive open group for high risk clients that will begin January 8th lead by Ms. Micek and another officer in Omaha. The intent is that following the pilot this will go on to be available as a 12 week program with after care monthly. Three hundred more parolees could be supervised with our current staff/budget.

VI. MOA with Santee Tribe – Nicole Miller

There has been a MOA with the Winnebago tribe that has not been highly used beyond services and ceremonies. We were contacted in regards to something similar with the Santee tribe. An example of the Winnebago agreement was sent to the Santee tribe to begin this process and they modified and signed and sent back to us. However, the contract needs to be reviewed and updated in some areas and Nicole will be working on the contract to complete and send back to them for signatures.

A motion was made by Board Member Virgil Patlan and seconded by Board Chair Rosalyn Cotton to sign an updated and reviewed MOA with the Santee tribe. 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

VII. Subcommittees Announced – Nicole Miller

There is a Legislative Subcommittee in place with Chair Rosalyn Cotton, Member Robert Twiss, Julie Micek and Nicole Miller as members. Legislative Performance audit preinquiry subcommittee is the other subcommittee that is being developed. There is some information that is being gathered at this point and members of the committee will be announced at a later date. There was additional discussion regarding the formations of committees within the Board. In the past subcommittees were formed in between regular business meeting and then the topics were brought to the a regular business meeting. At this point, individuals that had a vested interest in a topic might form a subcommittee to provide more information to bring to the entire group or there might be an emergency situation that might warrant a subcommittee.

VIII. Legislative Update – Board Member Robert Twiss

There will be a meeting regarding several considerations including LR197 – comprehensive process for the due process for inmates in restrictive housing. LR 257 - interim study related to Nebraska Correctional system.

LR223 special committee-examine authorizing the Board of Parole to operate a community corrections program to place individuals into work release. Additionally if changes should be made to the practices of DCS for the placement of department inmates into county jails.

IX. Board Member Round Table

X. Announce Next Board Business Meeting: - There will be no meeting in November but next meeting is proposed as December 17th.

XI. Adjourn:

Vice Chair Layne Gissler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:32pm and it was seconded by Member Virgil Patlan. 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

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