

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

December 17, 2019
2:30pm

The business meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. on December 17, 2019. 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, Administrative Assistant II – Recorder. Also present was Habib Olomi, Matt Singh and Andi Bridgmon.

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 December 8, 2019; and notice of publication was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on December 7, 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 Board Member Virgil Patlan and seconded by Board Vice Chair Member Layne Gissler to approve the agenda and the business meeting minutes from October 22, 2019 with a correction to the attendance removing Teresa Bittinger. 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. Center of Operational Excellence, Process Improvement – Matt Singh, Habib Olomi and Andi Bridgmon

The PIC contract that is up for renewal was discussed. A review of the accomplishments, projects and definition of the program over the past year was presented as well as a shared vision of the coming year which includes a reduction in the cost per Agency for Habib's services. Question was presented regarding the budgeting coming from various agencies rather than from DAS and this question was addressed. A comment was made hoping that minorities are being utilized in projects. Mr. Olomi did provide the update that he will be moving to scheduled days at the Agencies that he is working in the coming year so that individuals know when they will be able connect with Mr. Olomi. The Board has received a copy of the MOA and clarified that the travel costs mentioned are in regards to going to the Western area.

VI. Division of Parole Supervision – Julie Micek

An update on the DPS Evaluation from Mr. Burrell was presented. He is currently gathering his information, conversations and surveys regarding his review which is anticipated around mid-February. Mr. Burrell meet with the same individuals that was involved with the original transition to determine our progress and what does the future hold for our agency.

Ms. Micek updated the Board regarding her vacation time and requested that all Board members not hesitate to reach out to her to schedule meetings if they would like to do so.

There is a pilot program beginning in Omaha that will assess every Omaha parolee called an Adverse Child assessment. This will determine a next step.

Discussed looking into a leadership program to put into place a succession program for our agency.

There was a question regarding equipment. Denny is the individual in charge of all our equipment and it has all been checked and is current.

VII. Legislative Update – Board Member Robert Twiss

Mr. Twiss provided the update that the Legislative will meet January 8th. Mr. Twiss reported that a Legislative committee did meet consisting of Mr. Twiss, Ms. Cotton, Ms. Micek and Ms. Miller. At this time, Mr. Twiss requested that the meeting be moved to an Executive session. Board Chair Ms. Cotton brought the request to move to Executive session to a vote.

Motion denied 3 - 2 Voting -

Chair Rosalyn Cotton	No
Vice Chair Layne Gissler	No
Member Virgil Patlan	Yes
Member Robert Twiss	Yes
Member Mark Langan	No

Chair Cotton noted that any issue of concern can be presented to her for a discussion to see if it needs to be brought to the Board. A question was brought forward regarding the purpose of a committee. Ms. Cotton defined the committee to be used to provide feedback and review. Legal counsel can then research a legislative item to determine if it involves the Board and if warranted to be moved further.

VIII. Board Member Round Table

IX. Announce Next Board Business Meeting: - The next meeting is scheduled as January 28, 2020 and exact location will be announced.

X. Adjourn:

Chair Rosalyn Cotton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:32pm and it 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

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