



# Oregon Board of Parole

## & POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

### Board Business Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2016

**Call to Order and Note of Attendance:** The meeting was called to order at 10:09a.m., and note of attendance made: Board Chair, Kristin Wings-Yanez; Board staff, Rachael Hunter; Board staff, Perry Waddell; Board member, Sid Thompson; Board member, Michael Wu; Department of Corrections Assistant Director of Community Corrections, Jeremiah Stromberg; Executive Director, Brenda Carney; Governor's Nominee for Board Vice-Chair, Christine Herrman. No public attendees.

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from December 10, 2015; edits previously suggested. Wu moved to adopt the minutes, Thompson seconded.

**Chairperson Comments:** Wings-Yanez advised her last day as the Board Chairperson will be Friday, February 26, 2016. The Governor appointed Board member Michael Wu as the new Chairperson. His first day is February 27, 2016. Board Vice-Chair Christine Herrman begins February 1, 2016 and Board member Patty Cress will begin March 1, 2016.

Legislative session is on February 3, 2016 where the Board will be reporting in on the status of the Sex Offender Notification Level (SONL) system and the workload backlog.

**Executive Director's Update:** A lease has been secured for the annex location which will house the SONL staff. The official move in date was January 11, 2016. All positions that were funded under HB2320 have been filled, with some as internal promotions. Currently in the process of recruiting for the Supervising Executive Assistant position. There were some issues with language with our request for qualifications with the contract for the sexual offense risk assessment that needed to be modified for the recruiting of qualified providers to allow for a greater pool to be established.

A presentation will be given to the Public Safety Judicial Ways and Means on February 3, 2016, to report on the Board's status regarding the backlog of registrants being classified under the new Sex Offender Level Notification system.

In February, she will be giving presentation at Department of Public Safety Standards Training's (DPSST) Basic Parole & Probation class regarding the Board's legal authority.

#### **DOC Update:**

Population slightly below forecast but continues to grow. Madras facility Deer Ridge is scheduled to open.

Significant positions within DOC that are currently open; our Inspector General position is now in interview process, IT Administrator position is in the offering stage, Research Administrator also currently open and in the process of hiring.

Short-term Transitional Leave is going to be a significant topic at this week's public safety task force meeting. We have done a short recidivism study of the first 1000 offenders that released, and compared those who were statutorily released. So far showing 4% decrease in recidivism. There is discussion of expanding Trans leave from 90 days to 120, 150, or 180 days.

There is discussion of questioning the need for inmates to be on supervision for three and a half years PPS. There may be room to look at an early discharge off PPS.

An Inmate financial responsibility workgroup for restitution will be looking at a program of taking a percentage of money earned by the offender to go toward restitution. In addition, workgroup will be looking at adding a re-entry account/savings account, so that the offender has money when they leave DOC.

### **Old Business:**

- New Division 85 Sex Offender Notification Level system – The rules were voted in temporarily in August 2015. The temporary rules are effective until February 2016. Winges-Yanez advised action needs to be taken to proceed with permanently adopting these rules prior to that February date.

After the public hearing on December 1, 2015, the board considered all information submitted with regard to logistical issues posed by the 3-day timeline for registrants in custody or on supervision. The Board proposed a 30-day timeline to get written exceptions back for offenders currently incarcerated or on supervision, and old registrants who are living in the community will continue to get 60 days. The language was also changed for who can do the alternative assessment for the females, youthful males and the Category B registrants. In the original rules it was stated that the assessment needed to be done by a person certified by the Sex Offender Treatment Board, but it was discovered that they could be licensed by either the evaluators' board or the treatment board, which will allow for more availability.

Unanimous vote to adopt the new rules.

### **New Business:**

- LC 145 Medical Marijuana
- SB 839 (2015): Creates immunity for arrest, prosecution, or parole/PPS sanction for violating certain controlled substances laws if the evidence is obtained because of a request for emergency medical treatment. Effective January 1, 2016; Or Laws 2015, ch. 274

**Future Board Meetings:**

- Monday, February 22 @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.