



Board of Parole & POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

Board Business Meeting Minutes Monday December 21, 2009

Call to Order and Note of Attendance: Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., And note of attendance was made: Aaron Felton, Nancy Sellers, Darcey Baker, Candace Wheeler, DOC Director Max Williams, DOC Community Corrections Chief Mark Cadotte, and guests Lori Tribett and Lynda Beecher.

Approval of November 16, 2009 meeting minutes: Minutes were approved as amended.

Chairperson Comments – Aaron Felton

- **Executive Director:** This will be the last Board Meeting that Executive Director Nancy Sellers will attend. She has resigned from her position and her last day will be on December 31, 2009. The Board has hired Jeremiah Stromberg as Nancy's successor. Jeremiah is joining the Board on job rotation from Multnomah County Community Corrections and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge with him. Jeremiah started on December 14 and will work with Nancy until she leaves at the end of the year.
- **Murder Review Hearings:** The Board is now beginning the season when murder review hearings are held. This is usually a busy time period and the Board members are busy preparing for each hearing. There have been several cases so far that have had media attention and large groups of victims and supporters. The Board extended gratitude to DOC for their assistance and efficiency in helping coordinate these complex hearings.
- **DOJ:** Aaron met with DOJ to discuss billing options. DOJ wants to explore some new creative billing methods that might fit the needs of the Board. The last few statements received from DOJ have been less than half of what previous statements were and Aaron has asked DOJ about the change.

DOC Update – Max Williams

- **ICE Deportees:** The new process under HB 3508 has not yet been implemented pending finalization of a memo of understanding with the federal government.

- **Budget:** DOC submitted their 10 percent reduction budget plan to the Legislature. This budget plan includes prison closures.
- **Projects:** Max is chairing the Public Safety subcommittee that is evaluating system structural changes that might develop a more efficient way of delivering services for public safety at a lower cost. They will survey the Board and other Oregon public safety partners to gain input and opinion on possible alternatives.
- **OACCD:** **Mark Cadotte reported that** OACCD has formed a subcommittee to evaluate the current risk assessment tool and other available options for assessments. Mark will work on this committee and will keep the Board updated.

Executive Director Update – Nancy Sellers

- **Final Two Weeks:** Nancy is busy completing several projects prior to her departure. She has been working closely with Jeremiah to help prepare him to take over her role. Nancy extended her thanks to the Board for a delightful, and not boring, two years as Executive Director. Nancy is very thankful for the opportunity that she was granted when she was hired to work for the Board. The Board returned sentiments that they are sad to see Nancy go, however they appreciate the impact that Nancy has made and all of the positive changes she has helped implement. DOC also expressed their gratitude for the role Nancy played in successfully bringing DOC and the Board closer together, and for all that she has done while working at the Board and at DOC previously.
- **Budget:** The Board submitted their 10 percent budget reduction plan to the Legislature. The proposal is an additional cut to the AG fees, as workload prohibits cuts to staffing levels.
- **Staff Updates:** Interviews for the Board's Hearings Officer were held last week. There were three candidates interviewed. Tami Jarnport, who is currently on job rotation filling the position, was chosen as the successful candidate and will be hired permanently into the position Effective January 1, 2010.

Old Business:

- **Division 32 Rule Update:** Aaron recommended that the Board not move forward with filing the rule. The court has made a ruling in the Engweiler vs. Powers case and the Board will wait until that ruling is effective prior to moving forward with the rule.
- **HB3508 Deferral Rules:** Nancy prepared a draft of various criteria proposed by the Parole Board Advisory Committee and Board members and presented it to the Board. She will work with each Board member individually to review and refine. The Board will hold a special meeting next week to adopt the finalized criteria and a separate special Board meeting after the first of the year to adopt the rule temporarily. The final rule will require significant input from DOJ.

New Business:

Board Business Meetings: Due to ongoing scheduling conflicts, the Board voted to change the regular business meetings to the fourth Monday of each month. The website will be updated to reflect this.

Future Board Meetings:

- January 25, 2010
- February 22, 2010
- March 22, 2010

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michelle Mooney