



## Oregon Board of Parole & Post-Prison Supervision

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### Board Business Meeting

May 17, 2021

TEAMS videoconference

- Call to order and note of attendance
  - Chairperson M. Hsu opened the meeting and called attendance.

#### In attendance:

M. Hsu; P. Waddell; S. Hodgin; J. Stromberg; J. Taylor; D. Arthur; J. Bailey; H. Harris; G. Lowry.

#### April 2021 minutes approved

- Minutes approved

#### Chairperson's comments

Chairperson Hsu gave an update on three Bills.

- SB41 – Certification for Officers – set for workgroup this week.
- SB 42 – Police and Fire designation - still in ways and means
- HB2036 – Early discharge for medically incapacitated – will have a work session in senate this week.

#### Board member comments

- Board member Bailey gave an update on the Board's Equity and Diversity program
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – The Board will host a presentation by Quest Center for Integrative Health, and their work with the mental health treatment for LGBTQ. Several county Parole and Probation officer's will also be in attendance.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Board member Taylor will be presenting on the African American experiences that.

#### Executive Director comments

- Executive Director Arthur reports that In preparation of the DOME being vacated – we are working on moving all of our files by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board had hoped to secure funding to move our hard files to electronic, however, this funding was not approved. Therefore, the Board is working to reconfigure the Tandem office space in order to move all of the files from Dome to Tandem. We anticipate this move will begin in the next month or so – and completed prior to the September 1<sup>st</sup> date.
  - SB835 (Early medical release) continues to be worked on in Ways and Means, however, there are no scheduled hearings at this time.

#### Old business

- Chairperson Hsu spoke to the transferring of the files from Dome to Tandem and the funding not being granted.

## Department of Corrections update

- Mr. Harris reports that another round (7) of commutations is expected about mid-June.
- Mr. Stromberg reported:
  - HB2002 – is still active, going through modifications – (summary – Converts mandatory minimum sentences for specified felonies other than murder to presumptive sentences).
  - Other area's of note:
    - General Condition 2 moving to a Special Condition – this is still in discussion and debate regarding the penalties assigned. This bill has a long road ahead of it. Working towards more reasonable language.
  - Legislatively for DOC, prison closures and healthcare hearings are a focus, and there are testimonies this week.
    - The Governor has reversed her decision to close WCCF, in Lakeview. Unfortunately, many staff members had already made significant changes in their families lives prior to this. ODOC is working to assist their staff and the families effected as best as possible.
  - There are some potential workgroups after July 1<sup>st</sup> that Mr. Stromberg reports there will be a need for Board representation on each:
    - HB2172 – This expands eligibility for earned reduction in supervision to include persons on any type of supervision who are not serving sentence for disqualifying crime. DOC will lead this workgroup.
  - HS 1145 of 1995 - This bill speaks to the relationships between State of Oregon and counties in the area of community corrections. This is now 26 years old, and it is felt it is time to review this model, and update where necessary.
  - Community Corrections Reform workgroup – a continuation. The group is looking to be more proactive in an effort to review, evaluate and make recommendations regarding the overall supervision experience which will include multiple stakeholders from both agency levels, as well as community providers.
- On Budget – Mr. Stromberg reported that the April forecast continued to show a dramatic decline in Community Correction supervision. This has had an effect on the next biennium's approved budget, negatively, where community corrections has seen a reduction of funds of \$10 million dollars.
  - BM110 (2020) – (this ballot decriminalized the personal possession of illegal drugs. The anticipated savings from costs of enforcing criminal drug possession penalties, and the sales of marijuana to fund a new drug addiction treatment and recovery program) has also had a dramatic impact on funding for Community Corrections.
  - Currently there are 3000-4000 LESS probation cases.

## Future board meetings

June 21, 2021