



Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision

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Board Business Meeting

Via Video

In attendance:

Board: Vice Chair J. Bailey; Board members J. Taylor, K. Kuklenski, R. Kliewer; Executive Asst. R. Williams; Operation's Manager S. Hodgkin

DOC: J. Stromberg, A. Bertrand

AGENDA / MINUTES

Call to order and note of attendance

- Meeting called to Order by Vice Chair J. Bailey at 10:02 a.m.
- Attendance Noted
- Approval of meeting minutes / Old business
 - Attendee's reviewed and approved minutes from November 2022

New business

- Vice Chair has no new business to report. Filling in currently for Chairwoman Lowry, as a scheduling conflict with a member of legislation is keeping her from this meeting.

Board Chair comments

- Chair Lowry reports (via Vice Chair Bailey) our current Warrants Specialist, Christina Hull has been Hired as an additional victims' Specialist to assist with the Boards workload for the Juvenile Commutation hearings that will be occurring this year and into next. We have Hired Erin Hoygaard to fill our Vacant Warrants position starting 3/27. The Board also hired Jake Lewandowski into a limited duration Hearings Officer Position. Similarly, this position was created to assist with the Juvenile Commutations, and the hearings that come along with those. It's expected for this position to last through this biennium and if funding allows, into next biennium. Currently the Hearings Officer training is underway to get Mr. Lewandowski up to speed.
- Operations manager Susi Hodgkin is currently working on getting a re-classification completed that would give the board a second Warrants position.
- Board Roadshow – While traveling across the state, we were able to contact roughly 23 counties across the state, and over 300 Officers and staff, in our efforts to shine a light on what the board does and improve our connections and relationships with Counties and staff across our State. Feedback has been greatly positive.



Board member comments

- Vice Chair Bailey reports that He and Board member Kuklenski have begun participating in teaching classes over at DPSST. They are continuing to work with the training coordinator for Parole and Probation classes. Will work in the following months to create additional programing in regard to the Board, and the Boards Rule.

Legislative updates

- The board presented to the joint committee for ways and means, on February 9TH in regard to the Boards budget.
- **SB951** – this bill would allow individuals who come to work at the board, who are certified parole and probation officers, to retain their police and fire benefits while they serve at the board. A public hearing is set to be held on March 22nd.
- SB1027 – this bill would modify the hearings process for individuals convicted of murder and aggravated Murder. A public hearing is scheduled for March 23rd.
- SB520 – Early Medical Release bill. Public hearing has already taken place on March 13th. There is a subsequent work session set for March 29th. This bill would change the process for Early Medical Release that currently exist and would significantly impact the Board.

Executive Director comments

- Not in attendance.

Operations & Policy Analyst Comments

- Operations Manager reports no major updates but is currently working through Bargaining.

Department of Corrections update

- Amy Bertrand reports some staffing change, Hank Harris Is retiring, and Melanie Reischke was hired to take over release services. DOC has also hired a Developmental Manager, which will be their 3rd release services manager. Promise Parker, who was previously a transition coordinator at Columbia River, will take over the role. She will be supervising release counselors from Santiam.
- Jerimiah Stromberg updates another bill the Board will want to be aware of is **SB581** - expansion of earned discharge. The bill has a public hearing on March 21st – the bill would result in about 9000 additional cases being eligible for earned discharge. 3500-4500 would likely be closer to the number of individuals would be statutorily available, but that doesn't take into effect treatment plans, restitution, or other factors for their actual qualifying for said earned discharge. DOC will continue to monitor the bill for updates. Over the last 10 years DOC has seen roughly 9000 individuals on probation



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receive earned discharge, and of those, about 500 have returned to the criminal justice system. A high level of success for these cases will be some of the statistics shared by DOC to Legislation.

- Jerimiah Stromberg reports other staffing updates. DOC is awaiting the governor to move forward on the selection process for Director of the Agency. Currently Craig Prince is assisting the OLCC currently with investigations occurring currently. Gary nimen has been overseeing the Investigator Generals office, and in the interim Jerimiah Stromberg is currently overseeing the research department. Larry Bennett is now with correctional services as the Assistant Director. A recruitment to fill the previous position held by Larry is underway to cover his duties as deputy administrator for Community Corrections.

Next Board Business Meeting scheduled for:

May 15th, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Video