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NEVADA BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES
Meeting of the
Board of Parole Commissioners
August 28, 2017

NOTE: The following minutes have not been approved and are subject to revision at the next meeting of the Board.

The Board of Parole Commissioners held a public meeting on August 28, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM at the following locations:

Conference Room at the central office of the Board of Parole Commissioners, located at 1677 Old Hot Springs Road, Ste. A, Carson City, NV; video conference to Parole Board Office, 4000 S. Eastern Avenue, Ste. 130, Las Vegas, NV.

I. Open Meeting, Call to Order, Roll Call 9:00 AM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bisbee. Present in Carson City were Chairman Bisbee, Commissioner Endel, Commissioner Corda, and Commissioner Jackson. Present in Las Vegas were Commissioner Keeler, and Commissioner Gray. Commissioner DeRicco joined late.

Support staff in attendance:

- Darla Foley, Executive Secretary
- Jeremy Meador, Administrative Assistant I
- David Smith, Hearing Examiner II
- Alan Jordan, Management Analyst III

Members of the public present in Carson City included:

- Katie Brady, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
- Dr. Verne Lewis, NDOC
- Cy Ryan, Las Vegas Sun
- James Austin, JFA Institute

Members of the public present in Las Vegas included:

- Sheila Lambert, NDOC, Policy and Program Administrator
- Robyn Feese, NDOC, Substance Abuse Program Director
- Deputy Director David Tristan, NDOC
- Whitney Louis, NDOC
- Deputy Director Kim Thomas, NDOC

- II. Public Comment.** No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (2) of NRS 241.020.

Chairman Bisbee asked if any member present would like to make a public comment.

Public comment – Carson City, NV

No public comment.

Public comment - Las Vegas

Mr. Tristan spoke and introduced the new program director, Deputy Director Kim Thomas.

Mr. Thomas gave a short introduction and introduced Dr. Lewis.

- III. For possible action:** For possible action: Review/Approval of minutes from the March 7, 2017, and June 19, 2017 Board meetings.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the March 7, 2017, and June 19, 2017 Board meetings.

Made: Commissioner Keeler

Seconded by: Commissioner Grey

Votes in Favor: Gray, Keeler, Corda, Jackson, Endel, Bisbee

Votes Opposed: None

Motion Passed

- IV. For possible action: For possible action: Comprehensive Review of Parole Standards (NRS 213.10885).**

A. Presentation by the JFA Institute on the revalidation of the Nevada Parole Risk Assessment. The Board must make a determination of whether the standards are effective in predicting the probability that a convicted person will live and remain at liberty without violating the law if parole is granted or continued. If a standard is found to be ineffective, the Board shall not use that standard in its decisions regarding parole [NRS 213.10885(6)].

B. Presentation and discussion on risk assessments used to predict violence-related criminal recidivism and the potential for including violence-related predictive elements or assessments into the parole standards.

C. Review of the current evidence-based programs administered by the Department of Corrections (NDOC).

The Board may take action to: make changes to the parole guideline and risk assessment and the elements contained within; make a determination regarding the effectiveness of the current risk assessment and guideline and discontinue the use of an element on the parole guideline and risk assessment if it is found to be ineffective; determine which NDOC programs may be awarded credit for on the Nevada Parole Risk Assessment; and/or set topics of future Board meetings relative to the presentation and discussion.

Presentation by James Austin of the revalidation of the Nevada Parole Board Risk Assessment instrument with handout.

10:06 AM - Chairman Bisbee called a recess

10:12 AM.- Meeting called back to order.

Commissioner DeRicco is now present.

Motion: The Board will (1) Determine that they have certified standards that are effective in predicting that probability that a convicted person will live and remain in liberty without violating the law when parole is granted or continued and that recommendation for improvement will be made as soon as possible on the Risk Assessment. Improvements will include program recommendations submitted by the Nevada Department of Corrections. (2) Accept the Risk Assessment as valid, and implement the changes as recommended, as soon as it is possible to include the program recommendations.

Made: Commissioner Endel
Seconded by: Commissioner Jackson
Votes in Favor: Gray, Keeler, Corda, Jackson, Endel, Bisbee, DeRicco
Votes Opposed: None
Motion Passed

V. **For possible action:** Presentation by the Division of Parole and Probation (the Division) on the Division’s supervision policies related to the placement of parolees into independent reporting centers; the use of residential confinement as a sanction for parole violations; any written guidelines related to responses to technical violations aimed at avoiding the return to prison when alternative responses are available; and, any other efforts related to policy changes which pertain to the supervision of parolees. The Board may act to set topics of future Board meetings relative to the presentation and discussion.

Chairman Bisbee inquired if anyone from the Division of Parole and Probation was present to discuss Item V.

No Action taken. No representative from the Nevada Division of Parole and Probation was present.

10:45 AM - Chairman Bisbee called a recess

10:47 AM.- Meeting called back to order.

VI. **Public Comment.** No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (2) of NRS 241.020.

Chairman Bisbee asked if any member present would like to make a public comment.

Public comment - Las Vegas

No public comment.

Public comment – Carson City, NV

Chairman Bisbee recommended a review of the Operations of the Board at the next scheduled Parole Board meeting.

Chairman Bisbee presented Debra Hausman and Tony Corda Certificates of Recognition issued by Governor Sandoval.

VII. For possible action: The Board may act to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Adjourn the August 28, 2017 Board Meeting.
Made: Chairman Bisbee
Seconded by: Commissioner Corda
Votes in Favor: Gray, Endel, Keeler, Corda, Jackson, Bisbee, DeRicco
Votes Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

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