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NEVADA BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES
Of the meeting of the
BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

December 17, 2013

Minutes approved on March 4, 2014

The Board of Parole Commissioners held a public meeting on December 17, 2013, beginning at 3:00 pm 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 3:00 p.m.

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

Support staff in attendance:

- Darla Foley, Executive Secretary
- Alan Jordan, Management Analyst III
- Lori Story, Office of the Attorney General

Members of the public present in Carson City included:
None present.

Members of the public present in Las Vegas included:
None present.

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 any member of the public that would like to make comments regarding anything other than the items listed on the agenda to come forward and limit their comments to 3 minutes. Chairman Bisbee reminded the public that no action can be taken under this item.

Public comment – Carson City, NV

No comment was made.

Public comment – Las Vegas

No comment was made.

III. For possible action: Comprehensive Review of Parole Standards (NRS 213.10885). Comments related to this agenda item from members of the public will be considered before the board takes action.

Chairman Bisbee referred to a letter dated December 16, 2013, that explains that on or before January 1st of even numbered year the Board is required to perform a comprehensive review of standards that the Board uses in determining whether or not to grant parole or revoke parole, pursuant to NRS 213.10885. She goes on to state that our current standards were implemented a little over a year ago in November 2012, and that the Board had a comprehensive review completed in January 3, 2013. She states that not enough time has passed to determine if there is any problem with the validation completed less than twelve months ago. She states that an option is to state the Board approves of the current standard in determining whether or not our risk is an accurate predictor of recidivism and that the Board will not be looking at that for another period of time until enough information is gathered with the changes the Board made less than a year ago. She asked for comment or motion.

Motion	The Board continues to use the standards of assessment that were prepared by Dr Austin and approved in January 2013 as not enough time has passed to determine whether or not those standards are working.
Made by:	Commissioner Corda
Seconded by:	Commissioner Jackson
Votes in Favor:	Gray, Keeler, Silva, Bisbee, Corda, Jackson and Endel
Votes Opposed:	None

IV. For possible action: 10 year review of regulations applicable to the Board in accordance with NRS 233B. The Board will review the current regulations as codified in NAC 213 and determine if any regulations need to be amended, created or repealed.

Chairman Bisbee opens up with reference to the new statute NRS 213.632. The Chair states she has reviewed the NAC's and doesn't see any changes that need to be made. She asks for comment from the Board.

Commissioner Keeler references NAC 213.514, sub section 3, open for discussion of adjusting the wording and to make sure the Board is operating within the guidelines.

Chairman Bisbee states that it is consistent with NRS and NAC.

Chairman Bisbee returns to NRS 213.632 and explains the content of the NRS, meaning of this NRS, and how it pertains to the Board. Chairman Bisbee stated that she feels it will apply to reentry programming and the referral of inmates to the program. She states to her knowledge no such programs exist at this time.

Commissioner Keeler also states he is not aware of such a program.

Commissioner Corda suggests it could pertain to 317 or 305 institutional programs.

Chairman Bisbee states that the Board does not have statutorily authority to grant to these programs.

Commissioner Keeler suggests getting information from the Director of the Nevada Department of Corrections about what programs would be available for referral.

Chairman Bisbee refers to counsel, Ms Story, for her opinion.

Lori Story states that in her opinion the Board should reach out to the Nevada Department of Corrections to confirm whether or not there are any programs in affect that the Chairman could refer a parolee to the NDOC Director for enrollment. Also, to get particulars about restitutional requirements for these programs and the regulations that might exist to ensure the parolees do reimburse the costs.

Chairman Bisbee agrees with Ms Story's opinion. She is hesitant to go forward with a regulation without existence of these programs and asks if anyone on the panel would like to start a motion.

Motion The Board moves forward with the counsel's opinion to refer to the Nevada Department of Corrections to confirm whether or not there are any programs that meet the criteria of a Board referral. If they do not exist, then to keep the Board informed of any future programs that might meet this criteria.

Made by: Commissioner Keeler

Addition: Request be made in writing

Made by: Commissioner Corda

Seconded by: Commissioner Jackson

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

Votes Opposed: None

V. Review/Approval of minutes from the January 8, 2013 Parole Board meeting.

Motion: Approve minutes of January 8, 2013 with the correction of two typographical errors.
Made by: Commissioner Gray
Seconded by: Commissioner Silva
Votes in Favor: Gray, Keeler, Silva, Bisbee, Corda, Jackson, Endel
Votes Opposed: None

Public comment – Carson City, NV

No comment was made.

Public comment – Las Vegas

No comment was made.

VI. For possible action: The Board may act to adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting on December 17, 2013
Made by: Commissioner Keeler
Seconded by: Commissioner Corda
Votes in Favor: Gray, Keeler, Silva, Bisbee, Endel, Jackson, Corda
Votes Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.