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NEVADA BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

Meeting of the

Board of Parole Commissioners

April 29, 2021

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 April 29, 2021, beginning at 1:00 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 and video conference at the Parole Board Office, 4000 S. Eastern Avenue, Ste. 130, Las Vegas, NV.

I. Open Meeting, call to order, roll call 1:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DeRicco. Present in Carson City were Chairman DeRicco, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Baker, and Commissioner Weisenthal. Present in the Las Vegas office were Commissioner Christiansen and Commissioner Bailey. Commissioner Verchio was marked absent, excused by Chairman DeRicco.

Support staff in attendance:

Katie Fraker, Administrative Assistant III
Mary Flores, Administrative Assistant III
Forrest Harter, Hearings Examiner I

Members of the public present in Carson City included:

Katie Brady, Deputy Attorney General

Members of the public present in Las Vegas included:

None

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.

Public comment – Carson City, NV

No public comment.

Public comment – Las Vegas, NV
No public comment.

III. For possible action: Review/Approval of minutes from the March 31, 2021 Board meeting.

Motion:	Approve the minutes from the March 31, 2021 Board meeting.
Made:	Commissioner Baker
Seconded By:	Commissioner Jackson
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Jackson, Baker, Weisenthal, Christiansen, Bailey
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion passed

IV. For possible action: The Board will discuss and may take action to update/modify the “Operation of the Board” document that outlines the procedural functioning of the Board. This document may be updated and modified in the future as needed.

Chairman DeRicco discussed the Board’s ongoing project of updating and reviewing selected sections in the Operation of the Board manual as discussed at previous Board meetings. Chairman DeRicco thanked the Hearing Examiners for their work and for initiating the first phase of reviewing the document and suggesting language changes, additions, or deletions. Chairman DeRicco provided that Deputy Attorney General, Katie Brady, reviewed proposed changes and suggested language changes as well. The three sections to be discussed are Panel Hearings, Pre-release Recission and Review Previous Order, and Early Discharge from Parole.

Chairman DeRicco introduced the first section for discussion, Panel Hearings. Hearing Examiner Lupe Garrison worked on this section and suggested wording change as noted in the handout “Panel Hearings (NRS 213.133)”.

The Board discussed proposed language changes to sections 1, 2, and 3.

Chairman DeRicco proposed the change of “prisoner” to “inmate” and Commissioner Baker proposed changing “the” to “any of the” in section 2.

The next section discussed was Pre-Release, Recission, and Review Previous Order. Hearing Examiner Forrest Harter worked on this section and suggested changes as noted in the handout “Pre-Release Rescission/Review Previous Order (RPO – NAC 213.545).”

The Board discussed proposed language changes to sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Chairman DeRicco recommended spelling out the word “three” in sections 1 and 3. Commissioner Baker proposed defining AR707 in section 1. Commissioner Weisenthal and Commissioner Jackson proposed the language change “...to include violations of Administrative Regulations (AR707 Inmate Disciplinary Process).”

The final section discussed was Early Discharge from Parole. Hearing Examiner Kelly Mellinger worked on this section and suggested wording changes as noted in the handout “Early Discharge From Parole.”

Chairman DeRicco stated that this section has changed considerably due to the last legislative session and the passing of AB236. He stated that this section is essentially our regulation that has been approved by LCB.

Chairman DeRicco proposed spelling out “five” in section 4 and correcting a typo in section 4(c).

Commissioner Bailey corrected a typo in section 5. Commissioner Baker recommended adding NRS 213.1543 to the heading of the document for consistency. Commissioner Baker recommended changing “or” to “and/or” in section 2(e). Chairman DeRicco proposed adding the NAC to the heading as well as the NRS.

- V. **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.

Public comment – Carson City, NV
No public comment.

Public comment – Las Vegas, NV
No public comment.

- VI. **For possible action:** The Board may act to adjourn the meeting.

Motion:	To adjourn the April 29, 2021 meeting of the Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners
Made:	Commissioner Christiansen
Seconded By:	Commissioner Bailey
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Jackson, Baker, Weisenthal, Christiansen, Bailey
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion passed