



# Oregon Board of Parole

## & POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

### Board Business Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 31, 2016

**Call to Order and Note of Attendance:** The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m., and note of attendance made: Vice Chair, Christine Herrman; Board Member, Patty Cress; Board Member Sid Thompson; Board Policy Analyst, Perry Waddell; Department of Corrections Assistant Director, Jeremiah Stromberg;; Administrative Assistant, Rachael Hunter; Records Specialist Tosha Walsh; No public attendees. Absent: Chair, Michael Wu, Executive Director, Brenda Carney

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from Monday, September 26, 2016; Cress moved to accept the minutes as written, Thompson seconded. Herrman adopted the minutes.

#### Vice Chairperson Comments:

Wu's old business, James Hill was unable to join the Board Member after all. At the last minute, Hill had a family issue come up that he could not overcome. Unfortunately, the Board is still at four. It is noted that Mr. Wu will be meeting today with the Governor's office and one of the topics they will be discussing is the next step in recruiting the fifth board member again. Wu testified at the legislature in September during legislative days to the Joint Judiciary Committee. He gave the committee an update on the status of the Oregon's sex offender notification level process, and also a primer on what that was. Wu also presented with Malcom McDonald, Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD) and Jeff Clabaugh from Oregon State Police (OSP). Perry Waddell was also present at the legislature meeting. Waddell stated Wu gave an update on our budget and our progress doing the assessments.

Herman advised that the Board also had a meeting with Superintendent Brandon Kelly of Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP) about a month ago, shortly after he took over. This was to allow Kelly to meet the Board, and discuss things he would like the Board to keep in mind for hearings. Talked regarding issues how the psychiatrist/psychologist's are administering tests. This is something that probably will be discussed again with Kelly at some point.

Re-Entry council has not met since the last meeting, no updates at this time. Board members Cress and Thompson met with the head of DPSST. Cress stated they went with Chris Enquist, who is the coordinator for Parole and Probation classes at the academy, along with Captain Elmor. Met with them to outreach and build a relationship with that agency. Also to talk about continuing our support of the victim information pilot program that's been occurring in the P&P academies. Also participated in a tour of DPSST.

## **Executive Director's Update**

Herrman provided updates due to Brenda Carney's absence. The selected candidate for the receptionist position has withdrawn from accepting the position. The other update: the status of the budget. Carney has been working with various parties on the budget and filed objections to what was to be submitted to the Governor's budget. We are waiting to hear back on that.

## **DOC Update:**

Stromberg updated there has been change in leadership at DOC. Brian Belleque is the new interim Deputy Director until about mid-2017. Sometime in the Spring, DOC will start a recruitment process for the permanent Deputy Director. If you haven't met him, it would be good to familiarize yourselves with him. Even with 33 years, Belleque will be taking time to meet with Stromberg to freshen up on Community Corrections Division and talk about interaction with the Parole Board and what that means. Lastly, twice a year DOC and the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) jointly put out recidivism study. They take a probation cohort and a post-prison parole cohort and look at their 1, 2, and 3 year recidivism rates. That report will come out at the end of November. The other thing DOC will start doing with CJC every 6 months is to take some smaller cohorts or specialty populations and look at their recidivism. Doing an in depth review of what's happening with a particular population, really trying to focus on what legislators or policy makers are really focusing on in the given time. Right now, with the potential legislation, that would reduce all PCS drug offenses from Felonies to Misdemeanors, which is something that will be proposed during the legislative session; they will be doing an in depth analyst of drug offenders in the system. Most likely, the bulk of that cohort will be probationers since they don't see a lot of PCS coming through to post prison; in fact zero. There are some drug offenders, depending on who they want to capture. If they capture the delivery population or not, they are still in the beginning stages of what that will look like. The goal going forward is again, every 6 months, picking a particular part of the population and delving in deeper. If at any point there is a population that the Board would like a review and analysis done as it relates to recidivism, whether sex offenders, other demographics, or even break folks out by more gender specific, they can let Stromberg or Mike Schmidt at CJC know. They will then add to the list and determine the best approach and process to complete.

## **New Business:**

Herrman advised that the Board will be adopting a temporary rule today, adding to 255-080-0001.. Recently, the court of appeals found that an inmate exhausted his administrative remedies when he filed a timely request for an administrative review, even though his request did not comply with the page limit requirements. Essentially, what we learned is that the page requirements in rule 255-080-0005 need to move into 255-080-0001 so we are amending the rule to accomplish that. The Board will be temporarily adopting this rule today. . Waddell advised we have 180 days to adopt permanently. This is not something that required a vote, was informational.

Cress advised that after the last business meeting, she and Herrman traveled to Pendleton

to talk to Parole Officers representing 4 different counties at the Pendleton training. Also, last week Wu and Cress traveled to and held regional trainings in both Bend and Medford, with 9 or 10 counties represented in those two trainings. There was a good turnout for those trainings particularly in Southern Oregon.. Trainings went well; they received feedback from parole officers that the Board will be talking amongst themselves and agency staff about. The next training will be located in Albany around March 2017. Herrman stated that her experience with the training was really great; it was good to be out there to talk to people. Particularly, the Pendleton training since she didn't go to Bend or Medford. When they went to Pendleton, there was a, "thank you for coming, it's been years." Cress advised they received the same response in both Bend and Medford, as well. There was a request that this become a somewhat regular occurrence.

Future Board Meetings:

- Monday, November 28, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.