



Oregon Board of Parole & POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

Board Business Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Call to Order and Note of Attendance:

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. Note of attendance made: Chair, Michael Wu; Vice Chair, Christine Herrman; Board Member, Patty Cress; Board Member, Sid Thompson; ; Community Corrections Director, Jeremiah Stromberg; Release Services Manager, Hank Harris; Operations/Policy Analyst, Perry Waddell; Board Staff, Rachael Hunter; No public attendees.

Meeting Minutes:

Due to technical issues no minutes were documented for May 30, 2017 meeting.

Chairperson Comments:

Wu stated the Board met with human resources to discuss recruitment options for hiring for the vacant Executive Director position should the Governor's state-wide hiring freeze continue past June 30, 2017. The option of applying for a waiver authorizing the Board to recruit for the position was discussed as a possibility; and may be revisited once the status of the hiring freeze is determined.

Wu reports the Board's current legislative session is reaching its conclusion with Senate Bill 767 being the final item. Wu stated the Board's final financial budget continues to be monitored. Wu stated he foresees that the Board's budget will allow the agency to remain at current staffing levels; however, the Board will continue cost-saving initiatives previously set in place.

Wu discussed the recruitment posted internally as a job rotation for the warrant specialist position; he states a candidate has been selected and references are being reviewed.

Wu continues by verbalizing his appreciation toward temporary employee, Shirley Didier, whose last day with the Board will be June 30, 2017; and dependent on the outcome of the hiring freeze, reemployment is a possibility.

Wu expresses appreciation toward Board Member Cress for conducting regional trainings around the state for parole and probation staff with the next being held June 27, 2017 in Multnomah County. Wu includes the Board will be holding a public rule-making hearing at Oregon Corrections Enterprise showroom on July 18, 2017.

Wu concludes stating the Board will be monitoring a few legislative bills that if passed could directly impact the Board and our work with community corrections; the primary focus of these bills focus on community service and treatment programs for releasing offenders.

Vice Chair Herrman updates the Board's recruitment of two Assessment Specialist recruited to the SONL (Sex Offender Notification Level) unit contracts have ended; therefore should the hiring freeze be lifted the Board will begin recruitment for those vacated positions

Department of Corrections Comments:

Hank Harris updates that DOC has a few inquiries about the SONL program from different counties within the state and requests a meeting with Herrman to discuss.

Stromberg reports DOC is actively monitoring bills surrounding possession of controlled substance charges being reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor and the impact it could have on the DOC's incarcerated offender forecasts and community corrections population. Stromberg updates about legislation that would increase short-term transitional leave from 60 to 120 days.

Stromberg stated DOC has not had next biennium's budget approved at this time; however he anticipates a large portion of funding to be allocated to community corrections and community treatment programs.

New Business:

Wu advised no new business.

Future Board Meetings:

- Monday, July 31, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.