



## Oregon Board of Parole & Post-Prison Supervision

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### Board Business Meeting Agenda

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Attendee's: D. Arthur, J. Stromberg, H. Harris, G. Lowry, J. Bailey, P. Waddell, J. Taylor, R. Williams

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#### AGENDA ITEMS

- Call to order and note of attendance:
- Approval of meeting minutes: approved
- Old business: NA
- New business: 2 New Board members up for confirmation – we have Kelly Kuklenkski from Community Corrections and Ronnee Kliwer from the defense bar. We are happy to be able to fill the board to a full 5 members. Dylan and Greta will be meeting today with the Defense Board and to see what a fair compensation package looks like for these Attorneys.
- Chairperson's comments: Chairwoman attended APPA in Chicago, and there was a day on justice involved juveniles, there was a day for women working in corrections, motivational interviewing for individuals in custody, ETC. It was good to go to these trainings, and knowing that we at the board are implementing many of these strategies to help not only those incarcerated, or the board and DOC, but the state in general. Chairwoman also attended ODAA, presenting to the Executive Team as a reminder of what the board does day to day and some of the issues the Board faces on things like the juvenile commutation hearings, and to introduce herself to them. The board is about to start the Roadshow with Umatilla Baker and Deschutes Counties. The Intention being to travel to these locations now that most COVID guidelines have been lifted and share with them what the board does and how it plays a role in their county now that things are starting to reopen and return to "business as usual". Its to show face in the counties and make sure they have people to put names with and know we are there to assist them. There is a struggle to get good representation from circuit court to post-conviction, which is where the board falls, for AICs currently with Defense attorneys, and the board is hoping to get a better look at what a reasonable compensation package for quality counsel looks like. Board Chairwoman

Lowry, and Executive Director Arthur have a meeting scheduled with a defense attorney to discuss these hurdles, in hopes to address these concerns. Juvenile hearings, 1008 – we received word on the board of appeals, on the stay and they advised the Board of Parole to hold the hearings but don't release anyone. We will start to schedule these hearings later in the year, and into 2023. We will be holding the hearings but making no release decisions until told otherwise. In Addition to the roadshow there is a Hearings officer Training with Board Morrissey Hearings Officer Ed Hall, with John Bailey joining to Give the training to over 80 Hearings officers around the state. John Bailey is the new Attorney General sex assault task force offender management subcommittee representation for the Board. It was Chairwoman Lowry, which has stepped down to instead focus on the duties of the Chair.

- Board member comments: Board member Taylor – will be attending a reception at the governor's mansion for Black and African American communities in Oregon. Will report back with an update after attendance.
- Executive director comments: Regarding the juv. Commutations, we will be hiring two staff members to assist with these hearings. One hearings officer to help with the administrative duties to help free up the board members to conduct Juvenile hearings. And one part time Victim's Specialist. As far as the Roadshow – it will start in Umatilla County as of 9.26.22 and end in Washington County as of 12.7.22. we are also gearing up to help assist DOC with the Back on track Program, which.
- Department of corrections update: Stromberg – Community Corrections budget was recently released to directors. Looking at up to a potential 50 million reduction in funding. Primarily because we are down 29% population from pre-pandemic numbers, another factor is the impact of ballot measure 110. The October forecast is showing an uptick in the probation population while post prison continue to plummet, and likely will be a few years to start to level out. Doc intake numbers have started to creep back up as well. The Study for the public safety checklist, that was just made, the risk level will dictate the upcoming budget, because the cut-off scores will dictate the budget is based on the number of high risks, low risk, ETC. there will be one more Forecast in April, and will look to that for more concrete information. The Back on Track program: in the final 2 weeks of October will help 13 counties will offer a way to turn themselves in without going to jail. Some counties have struggled to implement this change, but we look to help the counties and communities participating. Significant turn over inside the executive team and

leadership – currently Heidi steward is serving as interim director and has chosen not to fill that position at this time and rely on those in the executive committee. CFO has been hired – Tom Shin he started last Monday. Tom Martin is working to be the interim assistant director over IT and Facilities. There are a few other Important positions that need recruitment before it is permanently filled. DOC just held interviews for OCE Director, as the Correctional Services Assistant Director position, is Open. Interviews will be help within the coming weeks.

- Bertrand – Shawn Cross-Streety – has been on rotation for about 9 months and will be returning to reentry and release within the next week or so.