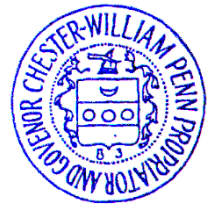




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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

January 25, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Prison Board was called to order at 2:02 PM on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 in the Commissioners' Boardroom by the Chair of the Board of the Prison Board, Josh Maxwell. Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, President Judge John Hall, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, District Attorney Deb Ryan, and Controller Margaret Reif were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Maxwell announced that the Prison Board met in Executive Session on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, to discuss personnel and legal matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on December 15, 2022. President Judge Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2022 Prison Board Meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

There was no public comment on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

President Judge Hall made a motion to adopt the agenda. Controller Reif seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the January 25, 2023 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for December 2022, noting that the average daily inmate population was 652, as compared to 656 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on December 31, 2022 there were 661 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 120
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 8
- Approximately 309 inmates held for court, 134 for preliminary hearing, and 28 inmates held on a Balance of Max.

The Warden reported that there were no juvenile offenders this month.

A total of 138 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 31 different agencies, compared to 116 arrestees brought in by 27 different agencies in 2021.

The Correctional Center for December had an average daily population of 24.

There were 40 medical transports.

There were no Correctional Emergency Unit activations.

There were 212 Video Conferencing Hearings, compared to 229 in 2021.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 310
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 243
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 248
- Inmates on suicide watch: 56

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 61 (52 male, 9 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 12
- Inmates awaiting a bed at N.S.H.: 1

It was noted that the Thinking for a Change and Drug and Alcohol Services programs are ongoing at the Correctional Center at this time. The Gateway Horseworks Program has also been resumed and continues to run well.

The Warden reported that the camera upgrade project should be wrapping up by mid-February. He also reported that a Medically Assisted Treatment (M.A.T.) and Narcan program are in the process of being created for the Prison.

It was also reported that the Prison currently has 67 open positions, with 51 openings being for Correctional Officer Is. The Warden noted that in 2022, the Prison has hired 39 individuals and 37 individuals have left.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics:

- Staff confirmed positives: 14 (14 recovered)
- Inmate confirmed positives: 32 (32 recovered)
- Today, confirmed positives include 3 staff and 1 inmate.

7. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

DISCUSSION

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeffrey Martin asked for an update on his wife’s case.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Controller Reif. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM.

ADJOURNMENT