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PRISON BOARD OF INSPECTORS MINUTES

February 23, 2026

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Prison Board of Inspectors was called to order at 2:01 PM on Monday, February 23, 2026, via Zoom* by Commissioner Josh Maxwell. Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Commissioner Eric Roe, President Judge Anne Marie Wheatcraft, District Attorney Chris de Barrena-Sarobe, Controller Nick Cherubino, and Sheriff Kevin Dykes were also present.

* Due to inclement weather and the closure of the County's buildings on February 23, 2026, the meeting was held via Zoom with all members attending virtually.

CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Maxwell asked Chester County CEO David Byerman to lead the pledge.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warden Holland recognized Counselor Marchegiano for 25 years of service, Cpl. Hernandez and Sup. Carter for 15 years of service each, and COs Fisk and Lee for 10 years of service each. February's Employee of the Month was the Maintenance Department.

Commissioner Maxwell announced that the Prison Board of Inspectors met in Executive Session on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, to discuss personnel and legal matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the Prison Board of Inspectors minutes from the meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Commissioner Roe seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the Wednesday, January 21, 2026, Prison Board of Inspectors Meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

There was no public comment on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

President Judge Wheatcraft made a motion to adopt the agenda. Sheriff Dykes seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the Monday, February 23, 2026, Prison Board of Inspectors Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Chester County Intermediate Punishment Plan

President Judge Wheatcraft made a motion to approve the revised Chester County Intermediate Punishment Plan. District Attorney de Barrena-Sarobe seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the revised Chester County Intermediate Punishment Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Chester County Intermediate Punishment Plan approved

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Holland presented the monthly update on the Prison for January 2026, noting the average daily inmate population was 711, as compared to 651 in the previous year.

Warden Holland noted that on January 31, 2026, there were 702 inmates held, and no juvenile offenders housed in the Prison.

Central Booking had a year-to-date total of 116 arrestees, of which 66 made bail and 48 were committed, there were 116 arrestees in January, representing 28 different agencies.

The Correctional Center for January 2026 had an average daily population of 46 residents, the average at this time last year was 27.

For Security, there was 1 transport to a State Correctional Institute (SCI) in January, and 9 inmates transported to SCI. 31 inmates were held pending transfer to SCI, and 6 inmates were held for criminal action/return to SCI.

There were 53 medical transports, 11 of which were to the emergency room.

There was 1 Correctional Emergency Unit activation in January for non-compliant behavior.

There were 97 inmate disciplinary actions for major misconduct. There were 14 inmates housed in the Restricted Housing Unit.

There were 166 Video Conferencing Hearings in January with approximate cost savings of \$16,600.

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Report

Monthly Report (cont.)

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

Inmates seen at sick call: 622

Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 58%

Inmates on psychotropic medications: 52%

Inmates on suicide watch: 9%

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

Serious Mentally Ill Inmates: 97

Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (NSH): 17

Inmates awaiting a bed at NSH: 1

Court Orders received in January for commitment to NSH: 5

Additionally, Warden Holland reported Institutional Programming included Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Community Volunteers in Medicine, Connections – Trauma and Suicide, Crime Victims, Draw the Line, Drug and Alcohol, Exit, Enter, Employ (E3), Mac 609, Narcotics Anonymous, One Page at a Time, Oral Hygiene, Stable Pathways, Step Forward, and Thinking for a Change with 216 participants.

Warden Holland reported that in the month of January 2026 a total of \$11,367.87 was collected for inmate booking fees and a total of \$3,778.45 was collected for inmate financial responsibilities.

Lastly, it was reported that the Prison had 11 officers complete the Basic Training Academy in the month of January. As of February 23, 2026, the Prison has a net decrease of 4 employees since the Prison Board Meeting held on January 21, 2025.

142 officers participated in additional training including Basic Crime Scene Photography Investigations, Becoming Powerful – The Master Class in Leadership, C.E.R.T., G.L.O.V.E., Honor Guard, Mental Health First Aid – Instructor Certification, P.R.E.A., Report Writing/Count Procedures, Restraint Chair, and Weapons Training/Qualifications.

b. PRISON SECURITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

Warden Holland reported that additional cameras have been installed and space is being converted for use by Public Defenders, Probation, and Reentry Programs. The weather has impacted progress on exterior projects. A new landscaping plan has been submitted and is being reviewed.

Prison Security Improvement Updates

c. HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Controller Cherubino made a motion to approve hires and rehires. Commissioner Roe seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve hires and rehires.

Human Resources Matters approved

President Judge Wheatcraft made a motion to approve promotions. Sheriff Dykes seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve promotions.

Sheriff Dykes made a motion to approve ends of employment. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve ends of employment.

d. CONTRACTS

Contracts approved

Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve contracts. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Contracts.

e. VOUCHERS AS SUBMITTED BY CONTROLLER

Vouchers approved

Sheriff Dykes made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted by Controller. President Judge Wheatcraft seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the vouchers as submitted by Controller.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Margo Callahan and Guido Gentini from East Fallowfield expressed concerns regarding inmate clothing options for court appearances, inmate transfers, and general inmate quality of life. Additionally, Ms. Callahan and Mr. Gentini requested visiting hours be offered in the evenings.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sheriff Dykes. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM.