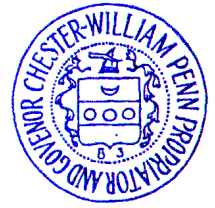




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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

December 16, 2021

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair of the Prison Board Commissioner Josh Maxwell called the Prison Board Meeting to order on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 1:01 PM in the Commissioners' Board Room. In addition to Commissioner Maxwell, the following board members were also in attendance: Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, President Judge John Hall, and Controller Margaret Reif.

CALL TO ORDER

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

President Judge Hall made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on November 30, 2021. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2021 Prison Board Meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

There was no public comment on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adopt the agenda. President Judge Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the December 16, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for November 2021, noting that the average daily inmate population was 648, as compared to 623 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on November 30, 2021 there were 664 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 115
- Approximately 137 inmates were held for court or preliminary hearing

The Warden reported that there were 7 juvenile offenders (1 Chester County, 1 Bucks County, 2 Lancaster County, and 3 Montgomery County).

A total of 116 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 27 different agencies.

The Correctional Center for October had an average daily population of 24. Last year's average was around 21.

It was reported that there were 17 transports to the state correction facilities.

There were 45 medical transports.

There were 0 Correctional Emergency Unit activations.

There were 279 Video Conferencing Hearings, compared to 303 in 2020.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 444
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 253
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 280
- Inmates on suicide watch: 61 (9%)

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 59 (52 male, 7 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 11
- Referred to mental-health court: 1

It was noted that the Thinking for a Change and Stable Pathways programs are ongoing at this time, as well as the GED program.

The Warden stated that IFR and Bookkeeping fees are still suspended until further notice, and pricing was noted to be discussed when fees are ready to be reinstated.

There were 68 staff members that attended additional training classes, and the Prison currently has 62 open positions. There were no cadet graduations from the training academy in November, but 3 cadet graduations are scheduled for tomorrow, December 17, 2021.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics:

- Staff confirmed positives: 89
- Inmate confirmed positives: 18

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 653, compared to 623 at this time last year.

6. DISCUSSION

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COVID-19 measures and procedures at the prison were discussed.

The reinstatement of IFR and booking fees was discussed. Controller Margaret Reif made a motion to approve the incentivization of inmate COVID-19 vaccination efforts in the way of \$100 credit to the inmate’s account, as well as 2 COVID related good days, for inmates eligible and willing to become vaccinated. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. Motion carried to incentivize COVID-19 vaccination efforts related to the inmate population.

Offering an additional \$100 credit for inmates eligible and willing to receive the COVID-19 booster shot were also discussed, as well as the potential to waive IFR and booking fees for vaccinated individuals.

It was noted that CARES Funding will be eligible to cover the cost of these incentives.

There were no further items of discussion.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by President Judge Hall. Meeting adjourned at 1:28 PM.

ADJOURNMENT