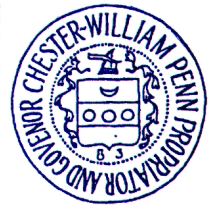




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## PRISON BOARD MINUTES

February 24, 2022

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair of the Prison Board Commissioner Josh Maxwell called the Prison Board Meeting to order on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 1:02 PM in the Commissioners' Board Room. In addition to Commissioner Maxwell, the following board members were also in attendance: Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, District Attorney Deb Ryan, and Sheriff Fredda Maddox.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on January 26, 2022. District Attorney Ryan seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2022 Prison Board Meeting.

### **MINUTES APPROVED**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA**

There was no public comment on agenda items.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Sheriff Maddox made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the February 24, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting agenda.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

### **5. MONTHLY REPORT**

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for January 2022, noting that the average daily inmate population was 643, as compared to 608 in the previous year.

### **MONTHLY REPORT**

The Warden noted that on January 31, 2022 there were 662 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 116
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 6
- Approximately 289 inmates were held for court, 162 for preliminary hearings, and 18 were held on a Balance of Max.

The Warden reported that there were 6 juvenile offenders (1 Chester County, 1 Bucks County, 2 Lancaster County, and 2 Montgomery County).

A total of 116 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 29 different agencies.

In January, the Correctional Center had an average daily population of 12. As of today, there are 14.

There were 19 medical transports.

There were 4 Correctional Emergency Unit activations, all for non-compliant behaviors during cell searches. Three of the activations were for the same individual.

There were 129 Video Conferencing Hearings this month.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 313
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 257
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 238
- Inmates on suicide watch: 5%

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 56 (48 male, 8 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 7
- Referred to mental-health court: 1
- Inmates awaiting a bed: 3

It was noted that the Thinking for a Change and Stable Pathways programs are ongoing at this time, as well as the GED program. However, programs are on-going at a limited rate due to COVID-19 concerns and the priority of keeping the case count low.

The Warden stated that IFR fees are still suspended until further notice. It was noted that the Booking Fee was reinstated in February at a rate of \$45.

The Prison currently has 67 open positions, with 49 openings being for Correctional Officer Is.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics:

- Staff confirmed positives: 5
- Inmate confirmed positives: 0

It was also noted that during a vaccination clinic that was recently held, 140 staff member provided proof of vaccination, and 240 inmates received vaccines. Masks are available daily for inmates and staff, and mandatory testing of staff is conducted twice a week.

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 641, compared to 608 at this time last year.

## **6. DISCUSSION**

There were no items of discussion.

## **DISCUSSION**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Howard expressed interest in and asked the Board to consider holding a meeting where they respond to public comment and answer questions.

Carol McCrell noted that her book club donates paperback books to the Delaware County Prison, and asked who she could speak to about doing so for Chester County Prison, to which Deputy Warden George Roberts provided his information.

There was no further public comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by District Attorney Ryan. Meeting adjourned at 1:13 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**