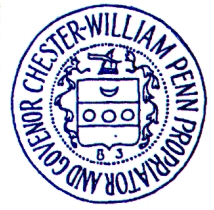




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## PRISON BOARD MINUTES

April 27, 2022

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

Chair of the Prison Board Commissioner Josh Maxwell called the Prison Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 2:01 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, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, District Attorney Deb Ryan, and Controller Margaret Reif.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on March 24, 2022. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the March 24, 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**

Controller Reif made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the April 27, 2022 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

### **5. MONTHLY REPORT**

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for March 2022, noting that the average daily inmate population was 637, as compared to 604 in the previous year.

### **MONTHLY REPORT**

The Warden noted that on March 31, 2022 there were 624 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 114
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 6
- Approximately 307 inmates were held for court, 121 for preliminary hearings, and 25 were held on a Balance of Max.

The Warden reported that there are no juvenile offenders currently.

A total of 114 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 28 different agencies.

In March, the Correctional Center had an average daily population of 12. Today the average is 14.

There were 24 medical transports.

There were 3 Correctional Emergency Unit activations, all for non-compliant behaviors from the same individual.

There were 229 Video Conferencing Hearings this month, compared to 436 in the previous year.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 392
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 42%
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 39%
- Inmates on suicide watch: 47

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 60 (53 male, 7 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 9
- Referred to mental-health court: 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 reminded the Board of the reinstatement of Booking and IFR fees.

The Prison currently has 71 open positions, with 52 openings being for Correctional Officer Is.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics:

- Staff confirmed positives: 6
- Inmate confirmed positives: 1

Masks are available daily for inmates and staff, and mandatory testing of staff is conducted twice a week. The vaccine incentive program will carry on for current inmates until June 30, 2022. New staff and incoming inmates will also be offered the incentive. Currently, 159 staff and over 200 inmates have participated in the incentive program.

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 636, compared to 576 at this time last year.

## **6. DISCUSSION**

There were no items of discussion.

## **DISCUSSION**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**