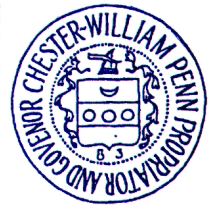




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PRISON BOARD MINUTES

May 25, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair of the Prison Board Commissioner Josh Maxwell called the Prison Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 2:01 PM at Chester County Prison. In addition to Commissioner Maxwell, the following board members were also in attendance: Commissioner Marian Moskowitz, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, President Judge John Hall, Sheriff Fredda Maddox, District Attorney Deb Ryan, and Controller Margaret Reif.

CALL TO ORDER

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to approve the Prison Board minutes from the last meeting on April 27, 2022. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the minutes from the April 27, 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. President Judge Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the May 25, 2022 Prison Board Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. MONTHLY REPORT

Warden Ron Phillips presented the monthly update on the Prison for April 2022, noting that the average daily inmate population was 629, as compared to 596 in the previous year.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Warden noted that on April 30, 2022 there were 652 inmates, held for the following:

- County sentenced inmates: 125
- State sentenced inmates serving their sentence at Chester County Prison: 8
- Approximately 323 inmates were held for court, 119 for preliminary hearings, and 17 were held on a Balance of Max.

The Warden reported that there are no juvenile offenders currently.

A total of 132 arrestees were brought in on Central Booking by 33 different agencies. At the end of April 2021, 111 arrestees were brought in by 27 agencies.

In April, the Correctional Center had an average daily population of 16.

There were 31 medical transports, with 14 being to the Emergency Room.

There were no Correctional Emergency Unit activations.

There were 176 Video Conferencing Hearings this month.

The Warden reported the following medical updates:

- Inmates seen at sick call: 376
- Inmates on psychotropic medications: 256
- Inmates on prescription or “over-the-counter” medications: 242
- Inmates on suicide watch: 6%

The Warden reported the following mental health updates:

- Seriously Mental Ill Individuals: 59 (49 male, 10 female)
- Inmates at Norristown State Hospital (N.S.H.): 11
- Referred to mental-health court: 2

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 69 open positions, with 51 openings being for Correctional Officer Is. Several interviews are scheduled for the following week, and a few have already been conducted.

Warden Phillips noted that five mail-in ballots were cast from the Prison for the 2022 Primary Election.

The Warden provided the following COVID-related statistics for April:

- Staff confirmed positives: 7 (7 recovered)
- Inmate confirmed positives: 9 (9 recovered)
- Today, confirmed positives include 4 staff and 3 inmates

Masks are available daily for inmates and staff, and mandatory testing of staff is conducted as needed. 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, 160 staff and over 450 inmates have participated in the incentive program.

The Warden stated that as of today the inmate count is 647, compared to 564 at this time last year.

6. DISCUSSION

There were no items of discussion.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Controller Reif made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by President Judge Hall. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:17 PM.

DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT