



## Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

### Maryland Parole Commission

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**COMMISSION MEETING**  
**APRIL 17, 2019**  
**CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD**  
**BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215**

**MINUTES**  
**OPEN SESSION**

STATE OF MARYLAND

LARRY HOGAN  
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BOYD K. RUTHERFORD  
LT. GOVERNOR

STEPHEN T. MOYER  
SECRETARY

DAVID R. BLUMBERG  
CHAIRMAN

**Attendees:** Chairman Blumberg; Commissioners Begosh, Cluster, Hill, Keckler, Miller, Reynolds and Smack; Hearing Officers Brown, Collins, Dymowski, Gonzales, Hamlet, Law, Neverdon, Wells and Williams; Program Managers Christine Burke and Ruth Ogle

**Absent:** Commissioner DeBoy; Hearing Officer Nicholson

**Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.**

- **The minutes from the March 20, 2019 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.**
- **The Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) annual training conference was held at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore March 31-April 3, 2019 and was very successful. Attendance this year was higher than it has been over the last five years. The conference is scheduled to be in Nashville, TN next year.**
- **The Commission may lose vacant position due to budget cuts.**
- **Victim notification must be done prior to a parole hearing on sentences that have been imposed as a result of a violation of probation (VOP).**
- **Commissioners should make a notation on paperless dockets if in in-house appeal is created.**
- **Commissioners may disagree with a hearing officer's recommendation to rehear a case.**
- **An offender may be refused at an initial hearing but should not be refused at a rehear unless new information is provided that was not previously considered.**

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- **Chrysanthemum Desir, Esq. and Tavi Hawn, LCSW-C from FreeState Justice addressed the Commission:**
  - ◆ **The organization advocates for and provides legal assistance to the LGBTQ community.**
  - ◆ **They believe that transgender people are often harassed and/or abused in correctional facilities and are sometimes placed in administrative segregation.**
  - ◆ **They believe that many in the LGBTQ community have experienced some form of discrimination during and after incarceration.**
  
- **At 10:48 a.m. under General Provisions Art. § 3-305 Chairman Blumberg made a motion to end the open session and go into a closed session to discuss personnel matters, review cases en-banc and to consult with legal counsel. A vote was taken and all commissioners were in favor. The meeting will reconvene in the Parole Commission's conference room.**

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