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COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2018 CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM 6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

MINUTES OPEN SESSION

Attendees: Chairman Blumberg; Commissioners Begosh, Cluster, DeBoy, Greene, Hill, Keckler, Miller, Reynolds and Smack; Assistant Attorney General Susan Baron; Program Managers Christine Burke and Ruth Ogle

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

- **The minutes from the January 24, 2018 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.**
- **Chairman Blumberg attended budget hearings in Annapolis on February 7 & 8, 2018. Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) statistics are being prepared for legislative review.**
- **Some parole violators are not being transferred to Patuxent Institution. Chairman Blumberg will discuss this issue with Division of Correction (DOC) administrators.**
- **On the advice of legal counsel Baltimore County Detention Center staff will not serve parole decisions or process parole releases.**
- **Commissioner Keckler's confirmation hearing is scheduled for March 5, 2018.**
- **Attorneys and inmates have disputed when time starts upon revocation for JRA cases; the statute is unclear.**
- **Chairman Blumberg and Victim Services Director Lywanda Johnson are scheduled to discuss Parole Commission policy and procedures with the Washington County State's Attorney's Office on Friday, February 23, 2018.**
- **Program Manager Christine Burke has offered compensatory time to staff that would like to assist with filing in the Records Unit on Saturday, March 3, 2018.**

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- **The Washington Post is doing a story on Chairman Blumberg and parole in Maryland. The reporter is scheduled to attend a parole hearing with him at Maryland Correctional Institution for Women (MCIW) on Monday, February 26, 2018.**

- **At 10:14 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 and review cases en-banc. 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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