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COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 10, 2018 CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM 6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

MINUTES OPEN SESSION

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

Absent: Commissioners Cluster (telework)

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

- Commissioner Jason Keckler was introduced to the Commission. He was appointed on January 9, 2018.
- The minutes from the December 27, 2017 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- A non-paroleable sentence must be suspended by a judge to allow an offender to participate in the civil commitment drug treatment program. Once the sentence is suspended the Commission will have no jurisdiction in the case.
- The suspend approval box on the Action Request Form should only be checked for hearing officer cases.
- Commissioners may disapprove the hearing officer's recommendation but should not remand a case back to a hearing officer to obtain a state's version.
- Agency budget hearings are scheduled for February 7-8, 2018 in Annapolis.
- A maximum of six commission cases will be scheduled per docket.
- A settlement conference for the juvenile lifer lawsuit is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018.

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- **When agents exercise liberal leave and do not attend hearings the commissioner may obtain a waiver of their appearance from the offender on the record.**
- **The Commission has scheduled three revocation dockets at MRDCC but some offenders have been transferred by the time of the hearing.**
- **At 10:31 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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