



## Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

### Maryland Parole Commission

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**COMMISSION MEETING  
JULY 25, 2018  
CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM  
6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215**

**MINUTES  
OPEN SESSION**

**Attendees:** Chairman Blumberg; Commissioners Begosh, Cluster, Greene, Hill, Miller, Keckler and Smack; Program Managers Christine Burke and Ruth Ogle

**Absent:** Commissioners DeBoy and Reynolds (leave)

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

- The minutes from the July 11, 2018 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- Assistant Attorney General Susan Baron is preparing discovery for the juvenile lifer lawsuit.
- Hearing Officer David Law is representing the Commission today at a community event.
- Chairman Blumberg and Program Manager Christine Burke are scheduled to meet with Marian House administrators on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Offenders may be revoked at subpoena hearings.
- Liaison Agent Waiver (LAW) hearing requests have increased markedly. Additional dockets will be added to the weekly schedule.
- Two housing units at the Maryland Correctional Institution Jessup (MCIJ) are being shut down.
- Carolyn Scruggs is the new warden at Maryland Reception Diagnostic and Classification Center (MRDCC).

- **During revocation proceedings Commissioners must explain to offenders on the record that if they do not successfully complete the Parole Violator Program (PVP) then they will be revoked. Offenders should have at least ten months left on their sentence to participate in PVP. If the offender is not willing to participate in the program then the commissioner may revoke parole.**
- **Parole eligibility questions should be directed to Program Manager Ruth Ogle.**
- **Parole and Probation administrators have sent out a directive to agents to attach death certificates to informative reports.**
- **Dates for subpoena hearings will set for thirty days from the date of issuance.**
- **Offenders must be served with an updated statement of charges prior to a revocation hearing.**
- **Public Defender Karla Showalter will no longer be handling revocation cases. She is now assigned to a post-conviction workload only.**
- **At 10:35 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.**