



Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Maryland Parole Commission

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COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 29, 2019
CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM
6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

MINUTES
OPEN SESSION

STATE OF MARYLAND

LARRY HOGAN
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LT. GOVERNOR

ROBERT L. GREEN
SECRETARY

DAVID R. BLUMBERG
CHAIRMAN

Attendees: Chairman Blumberg; Commissioners Cluster, DeBoy, Hill, Keckler, Miller, Reynolds and Smack; Program Managers Christine Burke and Ruth Ogle

Absent: None

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

- **The minutes from the May 15, 2019 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.**
- **Chairman Blumberg attended a cabinet meeting with Secretary Green.**
- **Legislation will likely be proposed to amend the Geriatric Parole bill. Very few inmates qualify for geriatric parole under the current bill.**
- **Office appointments are scheduled at 30 minute intervals. Commissioners should stick as closely to the schedule as possible.**
- **The Commission may recommend specific housing for an inmate but does not have the authority to assign housing or security levels.**
- **The Commission does not have the authority to grant parole via HB-1174 for someone that returns to custody on a violation of parole who was originally serving a life sentence.**
- **Offenders may earn credits while awaiting a revocation hearing. Diminution credits may only be used towards release if an offender is revoked. Commissioners should check the LAW agent's notes on the waiver form for pending charges and detainers. Commissioners may contact the Commitment Office for questions about diminution credits.**

- **Time spent in custody at a local, out of state or federal correctional facility must be awarded as street time if the retake is active during that period.**
- **The Commission does not have the authority to waive testing fees.**
- **The Commission may parole offenders to immigration detainers. Information on immigration detainers and procedures is available in the information packet from the APAI conference.**
- **Commissioners must provide rationale on the decision form when disagreeing with a hearing officer's recommendation.**
- **When conducting revocation hearings Commissioners should inform offenders of their appellate rights.**
- **The next cycle of the Parole Violator Program (PVP) at Patuxent Institution is scheduled to begin on July 7, 2019.**
- **At 10:41 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, consult with legal counsel 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.**