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COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM
6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

MINUTES
OPEN SESSION

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

Absent: Commissioners Hill, Miller and Reynolds (leave)

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:36a.m.

- Program Manager Christine Burke is attending a meeting with Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) administrators this morning and will join the meeting afterwards.
- The minutes from the August 22, 2018 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) administrator Ashley Koonce is scheduled to do a site visit in Baltimore this weekend for next year's annual conference. The Commission's conference committee is scheduled to meet with her on Friday morning.
- Chairman Blumberg and Christine Burke toured Marian House on September 4, 2018. The facility offers transitional housing and rehabilitative services for women.
- The Commission will not meet on September 19, 2018.
- Chairman Blumberg is scheduled to attend the APAI mentoring program for new parole board chairs in Denver, Colorado September 24-28, 2018.
- Commissioner Keckler attended the APAI training for new parole board members and found it very informative.
- Offenders sentenced to a life sentence with all but a portion of the sentence suspended must be approved for release by the governor.
- The proposed amendment to the geriatric parole bill would allow for inmates that are age 60 and have served 15 years to be considered for release.
- At 10:23 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.