

MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 1981

BOARD OF CORRECTION

A regular meeting of the New York City Board of Correction was held on January 13, 1981 at the offices of Fox, Glynn & Melamed, 299 Park Avenue, New York City.

In attendance were Chairman Peter Tufo, Vice Chairman John Horan, Mr. David Lenefsky, Mr. Jack Poses, Mr. David Schulte and Mrs. Rose M. Singer.

The absences of Mr. Angelo Giordani and Mr. Wilbert Kirby were noted as was the unexcused absence of Reverend Holder.

Board staff present were Michael Austin, Michael Cleary, Judith LaPook, Erica Dickert, Sherry Goldstein, Fr. Robert Harrison, John Pagan, Thomas Prendergast and Barbara Treen.

Peter Tufo chaired the meeting and Barbara Treen was secretary.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

The minutes of the December 17, 1980 meeting were adopted unanimously.

Chairman Tufo announced to the Board that during the course of a telephone conversation with Reverend Holder earlier in the day, the Reverend indicated that he was resigning as a Board member.

Chairman Tufo then spoke of the large number of new, inexperienced correction officers and his concern regarding their response capabilities. Other members confirmed this observation.

Judith LaPook reported on steps taken by the Department to comply with Judge Lasker's order to cap the HDM census at 1200. She described the opening of the 5th Quad at C-71 and four (4) new admission dorms at C-95, the expanded use of C-95 dorms for sentenced inmate housing and the planned move of mental health patients to C-95 and the Infirmary.

Ms. LaPook discussed several operational problems resulting from these moves, and Board staff's involvement in addressing those problems. The Department will submit variance requests relating to overcrowding in C-71 double cells and the 4 new admission dorms. She also reported on the City's motion to reopen the Tombs and the

major outstanding issue of Board concern, the adequacy of indoor recreation. She reported also on the Department's motion to amend Judge Lasker's order that the census of HDM cell blocks be reduced to 140.

The Board considered and granted the Department's request for an extension of the current variance concerning multiple occupancy (5.3(b)) at Rikers Island Hospital until February 28, 1981 to permit shower renovation.

Michael Austin commended Barbara Treen for obtaining a commitment to have the Board of Correction pamphlet (included in the Board package) printed gratis. He added that the pamphlet would be disseminated widely to correction officers and inmates through the orientation process. The Board concurred that this was an excellent idea. He also spoke of Frank Schneiger's work on DOC training and suggested that Board members respond to Mr. Schneiger directly with their ideas. He reported on the status of the Bronx pilot classification project and suggested that the next meeting of the Board be devoted to discussing the details of this program with Department staff.

Board members agreed that the next meeting would be on Wednesday, February 18, 1981 at 2:30 P.M. in the conference room of Fox, Glynn & Melamed.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 3:20 P.M.