



**NEW YORK CITY
BOARD OF CORRECTION**

June 8, 2021 PUBLIC MEETING¹ MINUTES

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Jones Austin, Esq., Chair
Stanley Richards, Vice-Chair
Marco Carrion, Member
Robert L. Cohen, M.D., Member
Felipe Franco, Member
James Perrino, Member
Steven M. Safyer, M.D., Member
Jacqueline Sherman, Esq., Member

Margaret Egan, Executive Director

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

Vincent Schiraldi, Commissioner
Hazel Jennings, Chief of Department
Dana Wax, Deputy Chief of Staff
Heidi Grossman, Deputy Commissioner for Legal Matters/General Counsel
Sarena Townsend, Deputy Commissioner of the Investigation Division
Peter Thorne, Deputy Commissioner of Public Information
Lawrence Dail, Deputy Commissioner
Julio Colon, Assistant Deputy Warden/Executive Officer
Marshall Volk, Assistant Commissioner of the Nunez Compliance Unit
James Boyd, Assistant Commissioner of Internal Communications
Steven Kaiser, Executive Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs
Rekha Nagpurkar, Executive Director
Maureen Danko, Deputy Commissioner
Richard Bush, Senior Correctional Institutional Administrator
Tanisha Mills, Warden
Nancy Li, Policy, Policy and Oversight Specialist
Julia Szendro, Policy Analyst
Paul Idlett, Captain
Giovanna Velez, Officer
JoAnn Coutourier, Officer
Jason Kersten, Press Secretary

¹ Due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, this special meeting was conducted virtually.

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS - CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Patsy Yang, DrPH, Senior Vice President

Ross MacDonald, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Sr. Assistant Vice President

Monica Katyal, Esq., MPH, Senior Director of Monitoring and Evaluation

Jeanette Merrill, MPH, Director, Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs

Ashley Smith, MPA, Chief of Staff

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joseph Thomas, NY City Hall

Rachel Baker, NY City Hall

Meagan Chen, NY City Hall

Brian Crow, NY City Council

Amanda Masters, NYC Law Department

Kimberly Joyce, NYC Law Department

Daniele Gerard, Children's Rights

Tobin Kassa, Children's Rights

Mary Werlwas, Legal Aid Society Prisoners' Rights Project (LAS)

Kayla Simpson, LAS

Veronica Vela, LAS

Mik Kinkead, LAS

Jennifer Parish, Urban Justice Center (UJC)

Hailey Corkery, UJC

Doreen Odom, UJC

Leah Steans-Gail, UJC

Anne Goodman, UJC

Minist. Dr. Victoria A. Phillips, Jails Action Coalition (JAC)/UJC

Darren Mack, JAC

Kelsey De Avila, Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS)

Simone Spirig, BDS

Irene Cedano, BDS

Claudia Forrester, BDS

Harmony Seaburg, BDS

Kathleen McKenna, BDS

Kristine Herman, BDS

Julia Kerbs, NY County Defender Services

Wendell Walters, Osborne Association

Susan Gottesfeld, Osborne Association

Tanya Krupat, Osborne Association

Ashaki Antoine, Correction Officers' Benevolent Association (COBA)

Matthew Romano, COBA

Jared Trujillo, New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU)

Julia Solomons, Bronx Defenders

Tahanee Dunn, Bronx Defenders

Martha Grieco, Bronx Defenders

Charlotte Pope, Girls for Gender Equity

Darlene McDay, HALT Solitary Campaign

Melania Brown, HALT Solitary Campaign

Scott Paltrowitz, HALT Solitary Campaign

Joan Pleune, HALT Solitary Campaign

Rogelio Headley, HALT Solitary Campaign

Jack Beck, HALT Solitary Campaign

Laura Limuli, Youth Justice Network
Sarita Daftary, Freedom Agenda
Victor Pate, New York Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (CAIC)
Charles Fenimore, CAIC
Meghna Philip, Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem
Lucia Alonso, Women's Community Justice Association (WCJA)
Kelly Grace Price, Close Rosie's
Anna Friedberg, Tillidgroup
Reuven Blau, The CITY
Drake Ridge, Independent
Mary Smith, Independent
Zakya Warkeno, Independent
Anna K., Independent
Steven Bell, Independent
Cinaed Perez, Independent

Approval of May 11, 2021 Minutes

Board Chair Jennifer Jones Austin ("Chair Jones Austin") asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the Board's May 11, 2021 meeting. Upon Dr. Cohen moving the item and Vice Chair Richards seconding it, the minutes were unanimously approved, 7-0 (Chair Jones Austin, Vice Chair Richards and Members Carrion, Cohen, Franco, Perrino, and Sherman). See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

Announcements

Chair Jones Austin introduced DOC's new Commissioner, Vincent Schiraldi. Commissioner Schiraldi addressed the Board and the public. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

Public Comment on Variance Requests and Restrictive Housing Final Rule

The Board heard public comment on the Restrictive Housing Final Rule and CHS's Psychotropic Medication and Tuberculosis Screening Variance Requests. Public comment was heard from Mary Werlwas (LAS), Matthew Romano (COBA), Ashaki Antoine (COBA), Scott Paltrowitz (HALT Solitary), Darren Mack (JAC), Darlene McDay (HALT Solitary), Victoria Phillips (JAC), Daniele Gerard (Children's Rights), Mik Kinkead (LAS), Lucia Alonso (WCJA), Jennifer Parish (UJC), Jared Trujillo (NYCLU), and Melania Brown (HALT Solitary).

Public comment is available in the video recording [here](#).

Restrictive Housing Final Rule and Vote

Chair Jones Austin discussed the Board's proposed Restrictive Housing Final Rule. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

Chair Jones Austin called for a motion to vote on the Restrictive Housing Final Rule. After Vice Chair Richards moved the item and Member Sherman seconded, the Board unanimously passed the Rule, 8-0 (Chair Jones Austin, Vice Chair Richards and Members Carrion, Cohen, Franco, Perrino, Safyer, and Sherman).

See Board discussion and vote on the Restrictive Housing Final Rule [here](#). See the Restrictive Housing Final Rule (with Law Department Certification) published [here](#).

Psychotropic Medication Variance Request

► Introduction

The Board's Executive Director Margaret Egan ("ED Egan") provided background on CHS's Psychotropic Medication Variance Request. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

► CHS Presentation

CHS Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ross MacDonald, presented the Psychotropic Medication Variance Request. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

► Board Vote

Chair Jones Austin called for a motion to vote on the six-month variance. After Dr. Cohen moved the item and Member Sherman seconded, the Board unanimously approved the variance, 8-0 (Chair Jones Austin, Vice Chair Richards and Members Carrion, Cohen, Franco, Perrino, Safyer, and Sherman).

See the Board's vote on the variance [here](#). The final record of variance is published [here](#).

Tuberculosis Screening Variance Request

► Introduction

ED Egan provided background on CHS's Tuberculosis Screening Variance Request. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

► CHS Presentation

CHS Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ross MacDonald, presented the Tuberculosis Screening Variance Request. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

► Board Vote

Chair Jones Austin called for a motion to vote on the six-month variance. After Member Sherman moved the item and Dr. Cohen seconded, the Board unanimously approved the variance, 8-0 (Chair Jones Austin, Vice Chair Richards and Members Carrion, Cohen, Franco, Perrino, Safyer, and Sherman).

See the Board's vote on the variance [here](#). The final record of variance is published [here](#).

Summer Heat Plan

ED Egan provided background on the Department's summer heat plan [here](#). DOC Deputy Chief of Staff, Dana Wax, presented the Department's summer heat plan [here](#).

COVID-19 Update

Chair Jones Austin introduced the COVID-19 update and ED Egan provided background on COVID-19 in the jails. See this portion of the video recording [here](#). Also see the Board's PowerPoint presentation published [here](#).

CHS Senior Vice President Patsy Yang, DOC Chief of Department Hazel Jennings, and DOC Deputy Chief of Staff Dana Wax, provided an update on COVID-19 in the jails. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

Nunez Consent Decree Update

DOC Deputy Commissioner for Legal Matters/General Counsel Heidi Grossman, Assistant Commissioner of the Nunez Compliance Unit Marshall Volk, and Chief Jennings provided an update on the *Nunez* Consent Decree. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

Public Comment

The Board heard public comment from Hailey Corkery (UJC), Kayla Simpson (LAS), Kelly Grace Price (Close Rosie's), Julia Solomons (Bronx Defenders), Minist. Dr. Victoria A. Phillips (JAC/UJC), Claudia Forrester (BDS), and Julia Kerbs (NY County Defender Services).

The public comments portion of this video recording is available [here](#).