



**NEW YORK CITY
BOARD OF CORRECTION**

March 17, 2021 SPECIAL 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

Hazel Jennings, Chief of Department
Brenda Cooke, Chief of Staff
Dana Wax, Deputy Chief of Staff
Heidi Grossman, Deputy Commissioner for Legal Matters/General Counsel
Timothy Farrell, Senior Deputy Commissioner
Steven Kaiser, Executive Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs
James Boyd, Assistant Commissioner of Internal Communications
Rosette Hurtault, Assistant Deputy Warden
Carolyn Maraj, Assistant Deputy Warden
Wayne Prince, Assistant Deputy Warden
Jamal Rigault, Captain
Jeremiah Pringle, Captain
Steven Merrill, Captain
David Jean, Captain
Jessica Davis, Officer
Tracy Washington, Officer
Timothy Hodges, Officer
Nancy Li, Policy Analyst
Julia Szendro, Policy Analyst
Sean Kersten, Press Secretary
Latima Johnson, Press Officer

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Clay Jemmott, NYC Correction Guardians Association, Inc.
Vincent Capers, NYC Correction Guardians Association, Inc.
Joseph Thomas, NY City Hall
Rachel Baker, NY City Hall
Reggie Miller, Office of the Appellate Defender
Victoria Phillips, UJC/Jails Action Coalition (JAC)
Daniele Gerard, Children's Rights
Tobin Kassa, Children's Rights
Mary Lynne Werlwas, Legal Aid Society Prisoners' Rights Project (LAS)
Kayla Simpson, LAS
Alexandra Smith, LAS
Kelsey De Avila, Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS)
Simone Spirig, BDS
Irene Cedano, BDS
Julia Solomons, Bronx Defenders
Kelly Grace Price, Close Rosie's
Darlene McDay, HALT Solitary Campaign
Darren Mack, Freedom Agenda
Laura Limuli, Friends of Island Academy
Frances Geteles-Shapiro, New York Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (CAIC)
Jayette Lansbury, National Alliance on Mental Illness
Melania Brown, Independent
Angel Fermin, Independent
Kelvin Gomez, Independent
Joan Pleune, Independent
Gregory Kellman, Independent
Kelvin Gomez, Independent
John Christian, Independent
Giselle Cordero, Independent
Bayyinah Peacock, Independent
Omar Malcolm, Independent
Sam Ted, Independent
Jules Sam, Independent
T. Strange, Independent
Rich Palmer, Independent
Adeel Nawaz, Independent
Daryl Moore, Independent
J. And, Independent
J. Medgarman, Independent
Shakuwra Malcolm, Independent
Sydell Tyson, Independent
Chayanne Fabre, Independent
Pietro Jorge, Independent
Michael Newman, Independent
Jonathan Oumadatt, Independent
Liriano Gonzalez, Independent
Abdul Mohammad, Independent
Charles Powell, Independent

Public Comment on Variance Request

The Board heard public comment on DOC's Young Adult Enhanced Supervision Housing ("YA-ESH") Variance Request from Daniele Gerard (Children's Rights), Victoria Phillips (JAC), Kayla Simpson (LAS), Rich Palmer (Independent), Kelly Grace Price (Close Rosie's), J. And (Independent), Darlene McDay (HALT Solitary Campaign), and Timothy Hodges (NY DOC).

Public comment on the variance request is available [here](#).

YA-ESH Variance Request

► Introduction

The Board's Chair, Jennifer Jones Austin ("Chair Jones Austin"), introduced DOC's YA-ESH six-month Variance Request. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

► DOC Presentation

DOC Chief of Department Hazel Jennings and Chief of Staff Brenda Cooke presented the YA-ESH Variance Request. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

► Board Discussion

Board discussion on the variance request, including the Department's response, is available [here](#).

► Board Vote

The Board's Executive Director Margaret Egan ("ED Egan") read out loud the twenty conditions to the variance. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

Chair Jones Austin called for a motion to vote on the conditions to the variance. After Vice Chair Richards moved the item and Member Franco seconded, the Board approved the conditions, with seven votes in favor (Chair Jones Austin, Vice Chair Richards and Members Carrion, Franco, Perrino, Safyer, and Sherman) and one vote in opposition (Member Cohen).

Member Cohen proposed a condition requiring Board members to tour the North Infirmary Command before voting on the YA-ESH variance. After Member Cohen moved the item and Member Perrino seconded, the condition did not pass, with two votes in favor (Members Cohen and Perrino) and six votes in opposition (Chair Jones Austin, Vice Chair Richards and Members Carrion, Franco, Safyer, and Sherman).

Chair Jones Austin called for a motion to vote on the six-month variance with conditions. After Member Perrino moved the item and Vice Chair Richards seconded, the Board approved the variance, with seven votes in favor (Chair Jones Austin, Vice Chair Richards and Members Carrion, Franco, Perrino, Safyer, and Sherman) and one vote in opposition (Member Cohen).

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