



**NEW YORK CITY
BOARD OF CORRECTION**

October 19, 2021 PUBLIC MEETING¹ MINUTES

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Jones Austin, Esq., Chair
Marco Carrion, Member
Robert L. Cohen, M.D., Member
Felipe Franco, Member
Julio Medina, Member
James Perrino, Member
Steven M. Safyer, M.D., Member
Jacqueline Sherman, Esq., Member

Margaret Egan, Executive Director

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION (DOC)

Vincent Schiraldi, Commissioner
Kenneth Stukes, Chief of Department
Dana Wax, Chief of Staff
Stanley Richards, First Deputy Commissioner of Programs and Operations
Sarena Townsend, Deputy Commissioner of the Investigation Division
Patricia Feeney, Deputy Commissioner of Quality Assurance and Integrity
Maureen Danko, Deputy Commissioner
James Boyd, Assistant Commissioner of Internal Communications
Justin Von Bujdoss, Executive Director of Chaplaincy and Staff Wellness
Steven Kaiser, Executive Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs
Nancy Li, Policy, Policy and Oversight Specialist
Julia Szendro, Senior Policy Analyst
Jason Kersten, Press Secretary
Natalie Rodriguez, Correction Officer
Patrick Gallahue, Press Secretary

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS - CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES (CHS)

Patsy Yang, DrPH, Senior Vice President
Nancy Arias, RN, Chief Nursing Officer
Monica Katyal, Esq., MPH, Senior Director of Monitoring and Evaluation
Jeanette Merrill, MPH, Director of Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs

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

Ashley Smith, MPA, Chief of Staff
Ellie Epstein, MPH, Director of Reentry and Transition Services
Dilenia Ramirez, MPH, Associate Director Ambulatory Care
Alex Garcia, Ph.D. Clinical Director of Mental Health

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Julia Salazar, NY State Senate
Marcos Soler, Office of the Mayor
Deanna Logan, Office of the Mayor
America Canas, Office of the Mayor
Marcos Soler, Office of the Mayor
Joseph Thomas, Officer of the Mayor
Daniele Gerard, Children's Rights
Tobin Kassa, Children's Rights
Kathleen Rendell, Children's Rights
Mary Werlwas, Legal Aid Society Prisoners' Rights Project (LAS)
Alexandra Smith, LAS
Stefen Short, LAS
V. Vela, LAS
Nailah Gumbs-Fahie, LAS
Kailey White, LAS
Mallory Harwood, LAS
Alex Lesman, LAS
Jennifer Parish, Urban Justice Center (UJC)
Minister Dr. Victoria A. Phillips, Jails Action Coalition (JAC)/UJC
Kelsey De Avila, Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS)
Simone Spirig, BDS
Alyssa Briody, BDS
Kathleen Mckenna, BDS
Claudia Forrester, BDS
Jose Henry, BDS
Christopher Boyle, New York County Defender Services
Rachel Sznajderman, New York County Defender Services
Wendell Walters, Osborne Association
Tanya Krupat, Osborne Association
Erik Perry, Osborne Association
Ashaki Antoine, Correction Officers' Benevolent Association (COBA)
Joey Bracco, COBA
Martha Grieco, Bronx Defenders
Scott Paltrowitz, HALT Solitary Campaign
Sarita Daftary, Freedom Agenda
Nicole Weinberg, Women's Community Justice Association (WCJA)
Jordyn Rosenthal, WCJA
Kelly Grace Price, Close Rosie's
Laura Limuli, Youth Justice Network
Michael Carey, Brooklyn Public Library
Matt Siliciano, Doctors Council
Mariella Montplaisir, Milbank LLP
Chassity Bobbitt, Milbank LLP
Eric Hecker, Cuti Hecker Wang LLP
Gloria Pazmino, Spectrum News NY1

William Rosado, Independent
Ainslee Johnson, Independent
Madeline Feliciano, Independent
Jason Barefoot, Independent
Erick Moscoso, Independent
Micaela Manley, Independent
Nicole Napolitano, Independent

Opening Remarks/Announcements

Board Chair Jennifer Jones Austin (“Chair Jones Austin”) convened the meeting and introduced the Board’s newest member, Julio Medina. The Chair announced the Board’s Executive Director Margaret Egan (“ED Egan”) is leaving the agency at the end of this year. Chair Jones Austin also said her six-year term as a Board member ended this month and she has agreed to stay on the Board until the end of November and possibly until the end of this year. The Chair also addressed the current conditions in the jails and the recent deaths of four people in custody. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

Approval of September 14, 2021 Minutes

Chair Jones Austin asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the Board’s September 14, 2021 meeting. Upon Member Sherman moving the item and Member Perrino seconding it, the minutes were unanimously approved, 6-0 (Chair Jones Austin and Members Carrion, Cohen, Medina, Perrino, and Sherman). See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

DOC Commissioner Updates

DOC’s Commissioner Vincent Schiraldi addressed the conditions in the jails and discussed progress made since the September Board meeting, specifically in relation to staffing shortages and the size of the jail population. He also discussed advancements DOC made in young adult programming. See this portion of the video recording [here](#). The Board’s response to Commissioner Schiraldi’s remarks is available [here](#).

Commissioner Schiraldi also responded to Member Sherman’s request for more information about the plan to move the RMSC population to the Bedford Hills state facility. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

The City’s Decarceration Efforts

Marcos Soler, the Executive Director of the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, presented the city’s decarceration work and responded to the Board’s questions. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

Restrictive Housing Rule Implementation Update

ED Egan provided background on the Department’s Restrictive Housing Rule implementation update. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

Steven Kaiser, DOC’s Executive Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs, provided an update on the Department’s implementation of the Restrictive Housing Rule. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

COVID-19 Update

ED Egan provided background on COVID-19 in the jails. See this portion of the video recording [here](#). See the Board’s PowerPoint presentation published [here](#).

CHS and DOC provided an update on COVID-19 in the jails and responded to the Board's questions. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

Sick Call Hotline Update

ED Egan provided background on CHS's sick call triage process. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

Nancy Arias, CHS's Chief Nursing Officer, presented on the sick call/health triage hotline. CHS and DOC also responded to the Board's questions. See this portion of the video recording [here](#).

Public Comment

The Board heard public comment from Daniele Gerard (Children's Rights), Rachel Sznajderman (New York County Defender Services), Kelly Grace Price (Close Rosie's), Ashaki Antoine (COBA), Alexandra Smith (LAS), Claudia Forrester (BDS), Minister Dr. Victoria A. Phillips (JAC), Jennifer Parish (UJC), and Martha Grieco (Bronx Defenders).

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