

Resolution
March 14, 2023

Resolution for Board Vote

Be it resolved that the Board of Correction By-Laws are amended to reflect a decrease from nine annual meetings to six.

The new language shall read as follows: “§1. The Board shall hold six regular bi-monthly meetings each calendar year – in January, March, May, July, September, and November. In addition, the Chair or a majority of the Board can call such additional meetings as may be necessary to discharge the duties of the Board.”

Justification

The March 14, 2023 resolution provides the Board of Correction staff and members the necessary time to execute our Charter-driven oversight duties, engage in collaborative approaches with our agency partners and the public, and report on substantive findings. This change will help us to achieve enhanced results more efficiently. Specifically, the reduced frequency:

1. Reflects the Board’s preference for public meeting frequency prior to a 2015 amendment.
2. Allows our Board staff the necessary time to monitor issues, propose solutions, and work together with the Department at the facility and executive levels.
3. Provides Board members and staff additional time to collaborate with stakeholders and incorporate feedback from persons in custody.
4. Minimizes duplication in the agenda topics, helping to ensure that each meeting is efficient and productive.