

NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF CORRECTION

September 14, 2018 Public Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Derrick D. Cephas, Esq., Chair Robert L. Cohen, M.D. Jennifer Jones Austin, Esq. Michael J. Regan Steven M. Safyer, M.D. Jacqueline Sherman, Esq.

Martha W. King, Executive Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stanley Richards, Acting Vice-Chair Hon. Bryanne Hamill James Perrino

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION (DOC)

Kenneth Harrison, Correction Officer Dana Wax, Senior Policy Advisor Anna Marzullo, Senior Policy Advisor Steven Kaiser, Policy Analyst Kai Chan

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Keith Zobel, New York State Commission of Correction
Jennifer Parish, Urban Justice Center (UJC)
Amy Armstrong, UJC
Anabel DeCastro, UJC
Caroline Hsu, Legal Aid Society Prisoners' Rights Project (LAS)
Meghan Kacsmar, Children's Rights
Madison Marke, Children's Rights
Daniele Gerald, Children's Rights
Chelsea Davis, NYC Office of the Mayor
Ashley Iodice, New York City Law Department
Jin Lee, NY City Council
Alana Sivin, NY City Council
Chantla Stokes, Osborne Association
Tim Roche, Administration for Children's Services (ACS)
Marsha Wright, ACS

Nora Daniel, ACS Valentina Morales, FedCap Bianca Scott, NYC Commission on Human Rights Amanda Gallear, NYC Independent Budget Office Misael Syldor, NYC Independent Commission Jan Ransom, NY Times

Introductory Remarks

Chair Cephas stated that the Board learned this morning that an off-duty Correction Officer was tragically killed in Queens, NY. The Chair said the Officer, his family, and colleagues are in the Board's thoughts, and he offered his sympathy on behalf of the Board. Chair Cephas stated that DOC Commissioner Brann and her leadership team were with the Officer's family and his colleagues this morning and would not be attending the Meeting today. Therefore, the Board would proceed to approve last month's Meeting minutes and hear public comment, and all other items on today's agenda would be rescheduled.

Commissioner Brann's Statement

BOC 's Executive Director Martha W. King read the following statement from Commissioner Brann:

The entire Department of Correction is grieving this morning upon learning of the tragic shooting death of an off-duty Correction Officer. My deepest sympathy and heart-felt condolences go out to the Officer's family, friends, and colleagues throughout the Department. We deeply appreciate the Board affording us time to focus on the care and well-being of our staff during this painful time and to all in attendance this morning. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Approval of July 10, 2018 Minutes

Chair Cephas asked for a motion to approve the July 10, 2018 meeting minutes. Upon Member Regan moving the item and Member Cohen seconding it, the minutes were unanimously approved by all members present (Chair Cephas and Members Cohen, Jones Austin, Regan, Safyer, and Sherman).

Public Comment

The Board heard public comment from Kenneth Harrison (DOC). The public comment is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=LtpYNGjinol.

Following public comment, Chair Cephas adjourned the meeting.