

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTION

December 20, 1974

A special meeting of the Board of Correction was held on December 20, 1974 at 2:00 p.m., in the conference room of Room 929, 51 Chambers Street, New York, New York.

Present were Mr. Lehman, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Schulte, Mrs. Singer and Rev. Wilson. Also present by invitation of the Board were John M. Brickman, Executive Director; Marc Rosen, Assistant Executive Director; Greg Harris, Director, Clergy Volunteer Program; Michael Cleary, Executive Secretary; and Stephen Fisher and Jerome Cappellani, Staff Assistants.

Mr. Lehman served as Chairman and Mr. Fisher as Secretary of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The Chairman stated that the budget cuts in Board personnel, made by the Department, had not been rescinded as Deputy Commissioner Birnbaum had promised. Thus, he said, Ms. Armstrong, Mr. Cleary, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harris and Ms. Shanahan are scheduled to be terminated in two weeks, representing a 65% cut in personnel. He stated that if the Board was to fulfill its Charter mandate, it must have an adequate staff. The Board agreed.

At the request of the Chairman, copies of a letter sent to Commissioner Malcolm expressing the Board's displeasure at the Department's decision to cut five full-time staff members were distributed, along with the Commissioner's response. The Chairman declared that the Commissioner's letter contained several erroneous facts, i.e., that the Chairman called the Commissioner to find out if there had been any further word on the future of the Correction Aide program and was then informed of the cut of five full-time staff members, without prior consultation with the Board.

A general discussion ensued about the various courses left open to the Board. Messrs. Schulte and Jackson declared that the Board should go directly to Mayor Beame or Deputy Mayor Cavanagh to determine whether City Hall wants a Board of Correction and not leave that decision to the Commissioner. Mr. Brickman declared that it would

be in the best interests of the Board for the present time to meet with Mr. Roche and the Commissioner to work out the problem. The Chairman agreed to propose this to the Commissioner at the Board Christmas party this afternoon.

At 3:00 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned.