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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTION  
OCTOBER 3, 1977

A regular meeting of the Board of Correction was held on Monday, October 3, 1977 in the Fourteenth Floor Conference Room at 100 Centre Street, New York. Present were Peter Tufo, Peggy Davis, Angelo Giordani, John Horan, Wilbert Kirby, Marjorie Kogan, and Rose Singer. Also present by invitation of the Board were Marc Rosen, Executive Director; and Michael D. Cleary and Joseph V. Smith of the staff. Present from the Department of Correction were Benjamin Malcolm, Commissioner; and Arnett Gaston, Joseph D'Elia, Brian Malone, John Buccholz, Philip Leshin, and William Ritholtz of the Executive Staff; and, Supervising Warden Louis C. Greco.

Mr. Tufo served as Chairman and Mr. Smith as Secretary of the meeting. Chairman Tufo called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #1 - Excused Absences

Upon motion duly made by Rose Singer and seconded by Marjorie Kogan, the requests for excused absences for Reverend Holder/and David Schulte were approved.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - Recent Events

Joseph Smith reported on the escape of 10 detainees from the NYC HDM during the night of October 2, 1977 and on efforts made to recover the escapees. The escape had lead to the suspension of two correction officers and Chairman Tufo reported on that as well as summarizing the four escapes that had occurred from the institution in the six preceding weeks. Discussion followed regarding the extent to which the Board should respond.

At 3:45 p.m. the representatives of the Department entered the meeting.

Chairman Tufo announced that Commissioner Malcolm's processing for appointment to the Federal Parole Board was nearing completion and that the City would soon lose Malcolm's eminent services. Commissioner Malcolm commented that Commissioner of Correction was one of his most challenging assignments in government. He gave a brief account of his experiences as Deputy Commissioner and as Commissioner and stated that he would try to remember the good things about his experiences. He expressed general support for the minimum standards effort, said that he had had differences with the Board but stated that they had always been able to work together.

The Board and the Department appointed working committees to aid the Department in understanding the minimum standards proposals and in preparing a response within ten days. Peggy Davis, Dan Pochoda, Brian Malone, William Ritholtz, and Joseph D'Elia agreed to meet in this regard.

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Commissioner Malcolm reported that he had received a letter from the State Commission of Correction regarding compliance by the City with a City-State agreement regarding the setting of a population limit of 1200 at the NYCHDM. He stated that he had replied on October 3rd stating that compliance would be achieved according to an agreed upon formula by the night of October 4th.

Some general discussion followed.

At 4:45 p.m. the representatives of the Department of Correction left the meeting.

#### AGENDA ITEM #3 - ICDU Staff and Funding

Marc Rosen reported that Carlos Torres' employment had been terminated as of September 21, 1977, that Harvey Alter had been hired as Project Director, and reported on the Board's efforts to achieve contract compliance with the funding sources. Discussion followed regarding the project.

#### AGENDA ITEM # 4 - Standards Development Staff

It was the sense of the meeting that Lauren Anderson could be hired as a consultant to fill the gap on the staff left by Gay McDougall's *departure*.

#### AGENDA ITEM #5 - Blackout Report

Marc Rosen reported that John Horan was playing a substantial role in the compilation of materials gathered by the staff for a possible report on the July 13th Blackout *and was supervising that effort.*

#### AGENDA ITEM #6 - Grievance Procedure

Marc Rosen reported that development of a grievance procedure would be subsequent to minimum standards development.

At 5:25 p.m. upon motion duly made by Peter Tufo and seconded by Rose Singer, the meeting was adjourned.