

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTION

September 7, 1977

AGENDA

1. Excused Absences:
 Mr. Schulte.
2. Minutes.
3. Blackout Study.
4. Minimum Standards.
5. Review of Recent Incidents - Escapes, Deaths.
6. Discussion with Richard Basoa and Earl Toulon of COBA.
7. I.C.D.U.
8. Funds for Minimum Standards Staff.
9. Date for Next Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTION

SEPTEMBER 7, 1977

A regular meeting of the Board of Correction was held on Wednesday, September 7, 1977, in the Twentieth Floor Conference Room at 645 Madison Avenue, New York. Present were Peter Tufo, Angelo Giordani, Reverend Holder, John Horan, Wilbert Kirby, Marjorie Kogan, and Rose Singer. Also present by invitation of the Board was Marc Rosen, Executive Director; and Michael D. Cleary, Dan Pochoda, Diane Steelman, and Joseph V. Smith of the staff.

Peter Tufo served as Chairman and Joseph Smith as Secretary of the meeting. Chairman Tufo called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1

Upon motion duly made by Mrs. Singer and seconded by Mrs. Kogan, requests for excused absences for Peggy Davis and David Schulte were approved.

AGENDA ITEM 2

The Secretary presented completed sets of minutes for all meetings from February 7th to August 16th, inclusively, for the Board's consideration. It was the consensus that the minutes would be acted upon at a later meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Marc Rosen informed the Board that the staff research on the Blackout would be completed within the next two weeks, that Gay MacDougall had left the staff to continue her education, that Diane Steeleman had assumed day-to-day responsibility for the project, and that he would assist in completing the final product.

Upon motion duly made by Chairman Tufo and seconded by Mrs. Singer, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Minimum Standards Committee's proposals for minimum standards be adopted as those of the Board and then, pursuant to section 626 of the New York City Charter, submitted to the Mayor and the Commissioner of Correction for ^{Review +} comment.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Dan Pochoda presented final drafts of the Board's minimum standards to the Board and reviewed the process through which the drafts would be presented to the Commissioner of Correction and the Mayor. Discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM 5

The Secretary reviewed the July 14th, July 19th, and August / 21st escapes from the New York City House of Detention for Men at Rikers Island, the July 14th escape from the Rikers Island Hospital, the August 21st and 28th escapes from the Correctional Institution for Women, the attempted escape on September 7th from Kings County Hospital in which a civilian bystander was accidentally shot by a correction officer, and the August 29th and August 31st deaths of detainees immediately following processing through court detention facilities in Brooklyn.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Mrs. Singer requested that the Secretary investigate the possibility that a female other than the two reported upon had escaped and remained at large.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Correction Officer Earl Toulon, Recording Secretary to the Correction Officers Benevolent Association, was introduced to the Board. Chairman Tufo informed the Board that COBA President Richard Basoa had requested establishment of a liaison between the Union and the Board to promote closer cooperation and understanding and that Earl Toulon and Marc Rosen had been designated to serve in that capacity. Mr. Toulon introduced himself, made a statement declaring the union's desire to seek closer cooperation with the Board and explaining past reticence to do so, and joined in the discussion which followed.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Chairman Tufo informed the Board that a candidate for Director of the ICDU was at the meeting to be screened by the Board. Harvey Alter was introduced, his resume distributed, and an autobiographical presentation made. Discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM 8

Michael Cleary reported on the status of funding for the Minimum Standards Unit, informing the Board that ~~State reimbursements~~ ^{City funds} had begun to flow but that there might be some future difficulty. Discussion followed.

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AGENDA ITEM 9

The Board scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, September 20, 1977, at 2:30 p.m. in the 14th Floor Conference Room at 100 Centre Street.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The composition of the Personnel Committee was discussed and tabled to the next meeting. ^{in response to a question from Mrs. Kozan} Marc Rosen informed the Board that its Delegation of Authority Committee had not had to act to date. The structure and operations of the Personnel Committee was also discussed. ^{since all personnel operating in institutions will comply SDP}

At 5:45 p.m. upon motion duly made by Chairman Tufo and seconded by Mrs. Singer, the meeting was adjourned.

Under supervision of senior staff of Board members.

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