

California Rehabilitation Oversight Board Minutes February 29, 2024, Meeting

The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) met in open session at 9:30 a.m. on February 29, 2024, at the Sacramento State Harper Alumni Center.

Board Members present: **Amarik K. Singh**, Inspector General (Chairperson); **Jeffrey Macomber**, Secretary, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR); **William Arroyo**, M.D., Mental Health Representative (Speaker of the Assembly Appointee); **Dr. Mark Grabau**, Chief Psychologist, DSH Conditional Release Program Operations (Designee for Stephanie Clendenin, Director, California Department of State Hospitals); **Alexa Sardina**, Assistant Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chancellor of California State University appointee); **Carolyn Zachry**, Ed.D Administrator, Adult Education Office, Career and College Transition Division, (Designee for Tony Thurmond, Superintendent of Public Instruction); **Tamika Nelson**, Chief Probation Officer, San Diego County (Senate Committee on Rules Appointee); and **William Honsal**, Sheriff, Humboldt County (Governor Appointee).

Board Members absent: **Sydney Armendariz**, Chief, Justice-Involved Reentry Services Branch, Office of Strategic Partnerships (Designee for Will Lightbourne, Director of the California Department of Health Care Services); **Latonya Williams**, PhD, Dean, Academic Affairs (Designee for Sonya Christian, Chancellor, California Community Colleges).

Office of the Inspector General staff: Linda Geiger-Johnson, Executive Director; Shaun Spillane, Counsel to the Board; Ashley Schiele, C-ROB Rehabilitation Analyst; and Rita Biddle, Board Secretary.

Presenters:

Kenyatta Kalisana, Dive School Instructor
California Institution for Men

CDCR

Shannon Swain, Superintendent
Office of Correctional Education
Division of Rehabilitative Programs

DHCS

Autumn Boylan
CalAIM Justice Advisory Group

Item 1. Call to order

Chair Singh called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Item 2. Introduction and establish quorum

Chair Singh introduced the C-ROB Executive Director and the Office of the Inspector General staff participating in the meeting and asked the board members to introduce themselves.

Item 3. Review agenda

There were no comments concerning the agenda.

Item 4. Review and approve minutes from the September 24, 2023 board meeting

C. Zachry moved to approve the minutes and T. Nelson seconded the motion. W. Honsal, B. Williams, and A. Singh voted to approve the minutes. M. Grabau and A. Sardina abstained from voting.

Item 5. Executive Director Updates

Review correspondence

Ms. Johnson informed the board members that copies of correspondence received by C-ROB and an email string between the board members are available on the back table.

Review future board meeting schedule

Ms. Johnson proposed the following dates for the last 2024 board meeting: September 26 or October 3. The board agreed on October 3, 2024. The members also re-confirmed the next meeting date is June 13, 2024.

Review future agenda items

Ms. Johnson solicited new agenda item suggestions. W. Honsal requested a discussion regarding the medication assisted treatment program.

Item 6. Presentation by Kenyatta Kalisana

Kenyatta Kalisana presented about the dive program at California Institution for Men. The program was created in 1970 by a former U.S. Navy salvage diver. This program is instructed by Kenyatta Kalisana, a former incarcerated person, who completed the dive program when he was incarcerated. He is now the lead instructor of the program. The dive program currently has 6 students enrolled but can take 20 students at a time. The students must go through a screening process to enroll in the program, and it takes students on a first come basis. The program offers different certifications at various levels in commercial diving. It takes 6-18 months to complete the program. Students are trained in a military-like environment and following orders is mandatory. Students train 8-10 hours a day, four days a week. The program has a very high graduation success rate. Students who graduate from this program are less likely to re-enter prison. The recidivism rate after graduating from this program is under 6 percent. Mr. Kalisana showed a video about the dive program.

Item 7. Presentation by California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Office of Correctional Education Updates

Shannon Swain presented on Education in Corrections. Key facts presented were correctional education reduces recidivism; increases college and career readiness for current and released participants; improves chances of gaining employment after release; students exposed to computer assisted instruction learn more in reading and math in the same amount of instructional time; and providing correctional education can be cost-effective when it comes to reducing recidivism. A slideshow presentation was shown regarding several academic education and technical education opportunities inside CDCR.

Item 8. Presentation by Department of Health Care Services

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Update

Autumn Boylan presented on the California CalAIM program. This program provides Medicaid services 90 days prior to release for re-entry. This helps to provide stability for those released. State

law requires Medi-Cal service must be provided 90 days prior to release. She stated California was the first state in the nation to get federal approval to provide pre-release services. Correctional facilities eligible for the program include state prisons, county jails, detention centers, detention facilities, and county youth correctional facilities. Certain criteria must be met before incarcerated persons can receive pre-release services. Individuals must be part of a Medicaid or CHIP group and must have a certain health care need. Mental illness and substance use disorder are examples of health care needs. Ms. Boylan showed a California CalAIM demonstration on Justice-Involved Initiative.

Item 9. Public Comment

None.

Item 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 pm.

Rita Biddle

C-ROB Secretary

October 3, 2024

Dated