

**California Rehabilitation Oversight Board Minutes
January 9, 2019 Meeting**

The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) met in open session at 9:30 a.m. on January 9, 2019, at the California State University, Sacramento, Harper Alumni Center, 3000 State University Drive East, Sacramento, CA 95819.

Board Members present: Roy Wesley, Inspector General (Chairman); Raul Arambula, MA, Intersegmental Support (Designee for Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor, California Community Colleges); William Arroyo, M.D., Regional Medical Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (Speaker of the Assembly appointee); Michael Daly, Chief Probation Officer for the County of Marin (Senate Committee on Rules appointee); Ralph Diaz, Secretary (A), Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR); Brenda Grealish, Assistant Deputy Director, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services, (Designee for Jennifer Kent, California Department of Health Care Services); George Maynard, Deputy Director of Hospital Strategic Planning & Implementation (Designee for Pam Ahlin, Director, California Department of State Hospitals; Jennie Singer, Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chancellor of California State University appointee); Susan Turner, Professor, University of California, Irvine (President of the University of California appointee); and Carolyn Zachry, Administrator, Adult Education Office, Career and College Transition Division, (Designee for Tony Thurmond, Superintendent of Public Instruction).

Board Members absent: Darren Thompson, Sheriff, County of San Benito (Governor Appointee);

Office of the Inspector General staff: Chuck Rufo, Executive Director; James C. Spurling, Counsel to the Board; Nico Gilbert-Ingelsrud, Rehabilitation Analyst; and Linda Whitney, Board Secretary.

Presenters:

CDCR:
Shannon Swain
Hillary Iserman

Public Comments:

Shaun Luigi
Terry Hibbard

Item 1. Call to order

Chairman Wesley called the meeting to order at 9:40am.

Item 2. Introduction and establish quorum

Chairman Wesley introduced the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) staff participating in the meeting. It was noted that a quorum was established.

Item 3. Review agenda

There were no comments concerning the agenda.

Item 4. Review and approve minutes from the September 5, 2018 board meeting

The minutes were approved without changes. Carolyn Zachry moved to approve the minutes and Jennie Singer seconded the motion. Susan Turner, George Maynard, Brenda Grealish, Raul Arambula, and Michael Daly voted to approve the minutes.

Item 5. Executive Director updates

Mr. Rufo reported the board would discuss the draft state audit report during closed session today. Mr. Rufo also reported that the OIG has C-ROB and Blueprint site visits starting next week. Mr. Rufo extended his thanks to all the CDCR staff who take time to meet with us during the on-site visits.

Item 6. Presentation: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Office of Correctional Education Overview

Shannon Swain and Hilary Iserman presented an overview of OCE. Ms. Swain reported that OCE works hard to provide the same curriculum across the state so that when inmates transfer, they can easily continue with their learning. The department has MOUs with multiple colleges statewide and currently, 34 prisons offer face-to-face classes. Ms. Iserman reported that they have 335 accredited classrooms with licensed teachers. She also stated there has been a rise in the number of high school diplomas and GEDs earned as well as, the number of college degrees and CTE certifications.

Ms. Swain shared a video highlighting OCE and mentioned a few of the OCE initiatives for 2019: a pilot for ESL inmates; DRP media wireless access; computer based testing; and the high school diploma online testing. Ms. Iserman stated OCE has three main challenges: classification and assignment; expansion of programs with proper teacher/student ratios; and vacancies of library staff. OCE is actively working to resolve these challenges.

Item 7. Future board meeting schedule

The board reviewed the remaining dates for 2019 board meetings. It was agreed that the next meeting would be April 17, 2019. The dates for the meetings after April are June 5 and September 4.

Item 8. Future agenda items

Mr. Wesley asked if the board members to send Jim Spurling ideas for a C-ROB mission and vision statements. Mr. Wesley stated that we will add an item to the agenda to discuss a mission and vision statement for the board. The board proposed the following as possible future presentations: substance abuse treatment expansion to address deaths caused by overdoses in prison; and matching inmates to jobs once released.

Item 9. Public Comment


Sean Luigs stated that he owns a supply source company that works with CDCR. He mainly works with San Quentin prison regarding job-readiness and helping them understand what businesses want from their employees.

Terry Hibbard is a teacher for CDCR. He wanted to let the board know they make due with what they get but one of their biggest issues is with assignments. He proposed that having educators involved in the assignment process would improve the process.

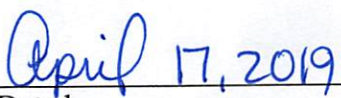
The board convened in closed session at 12:57pm and reconvened in open session at 1:46pm.

Item 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm.



C-ROB Secretary



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