

California Rehabilitation Oversight Board Minutes September 3, 2020 Meeting

The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) met in open session at 10:00 a.m. on September 3, 2020, via Zoom.

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., Mental Health Representative (Speaker of the Assembly Appointee); George Maynard, Deputy Director, California Department of State Hospitals; Ralph Diaz, Secretary, 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); Alexa Sardina, Assistant Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chancellor of California State University appointee); Darren Thompson, Sheriff, County of San Benito (Governor Appointee); and Carolyn Zachry, Administrator, Adult Education Office, Career and College Transition Division, (Designee for Tony Thurmond, Superintendent of Public Instruction).

Board Members absent: Wendy Still, Chief of Probation for Alameda County (Senate Committee on Rules appointee); and Susan Turner, Professor, University of California, Irvine (President of the University of California appointee)

Office of the Inspector General staff: Basil Richards, PhD., Executive Director; James Spurling, Counsel to the Board; Nico Gilbert-Igelsrud and Ashley Barton-Schiele, Rehabilitation Analysts; and Linda Whitney, Board Secretary.

Presenters:

CDCR:

Brantley Choate

Public Comments:

Susan Lawrence

Lisa Lambert

Item 1. Call to order

Chairman Wesley called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Item 2. Introduction and establish quorum

Chairman Wesley introduced the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) staff participating in the meeting. A quorum was established.

Item 3. Review agenda

There were no comments concerning the agenda.

Item 4. Review and approve minutes from the September 4, 2019 board meeting

The minutes were approved with one change to Dr. Arroyo's employment. George Maynard moved to approve the minutes and Sheriff Thompson seconded the motion. Dr. Arroyo, Carolyn Zachry, Raul Arambula, Brenda Grealish, and Alexa Sardina voted to approve the minutes.

Item 5. Executive Director updates

Dr. Richards stated he did not have any updates at this time.

Item 6. Board discussion regarding the September 15, 2020 draft report

The board discussed the September 15, 2020 draft report. The board discussed approving the report with the inclusion of data regarding death rates from opioids and the number of inmates currently receiving medication-assisted therapy.

Item 7. Board decision regarding the September 15, 2020 draft report

The board voted to approve the September 15, 2020 report with the one change. Dr. Arroyo moved to approve the report. Brenda Grealish seconded the motion. Secretary Diaz, Carolyn Zachry, Raul Arambula, George Maynard, and Sheriff Thompson voted to approve the report with the revision discussed. Alexa Sardina abstained from voting.

Item 8. Future board meeting schedule

Chairman Wesley stated that there are no future board meetings scheduled for 2020, and we are tentatively looking to hold the next board meeting in March 2021.

Item 10. Future agenda items

Dr. Arroyo asked if we could receive an overview of the new CDCR budget during a future meeting.

Item 11. Public Comment

Lisa Lambert stated that she’s a volunteer at the prison and she wants LWOP inmates to be able to come before the parole board and show they’ve been rehabilitated.

Susan Lawrence stated that she is the founder and CEO of Center for Life Without Parole Studies. She supported the Honor Program and she would like to see LWOP inmates have the opportunity to be considered or reviewed for possible release.

Item 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53am.



C-ROB Secretary

March 18, 2021

Dated