



Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Maryland Parole Commission

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COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 20, 2019
CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM
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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

MINUTES
OPEN SESSION

STATE OF MARYLAND

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SECRETARY

DAVID R. BLUMBERG
CHAIRMAN

Attendees: Chairman Blumberg; Commissioners Begosh, Cluster, Greene, Hill, Keckler, Miller and Smack; Program Managers Christine Burke and Ruth Ogle; Assistant Attorney General Susan Baron

Absent: Commissioners DeBoy and Reynolds

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

- The minutes from the March 6, 2019 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- The Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) annual training conference at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore is scheduled for March 31-April 3, 2019. Staff members from the office have volunteered to be on site to assist with the 225 registered participants. The Commission's 10 hearing officers and 7 commissioners are also scheduled to attend. The Commission will not meet on April 3, 2019 which is the last day of the conference.
- FreeState Justice is scheduled to address the Commission on April 17, 2019. The organization advocates for and provides legal assistance to the LGBTQ community.
- Everyone must attend the department's Sexual Harassment training seminar.
- Exact release dates should not be written on decision forms; only a month and year.
- Email should be checked frequently for schedule changes.
- Hearings should be downloaded to CDs properly and timely.
- Life eligibility on a violation of probation for 1st degree murder is 15 years minus diminution credits.
- Secretary Moyer's last day with the department is March 26, 2019.

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- **Commissioner Greene's last day with the Commission was March 11, 2019.**
- **Commissioners must provide rationale for all decisions.**
- **Legislation has been proposed to release offenders to the county where they were a resident at the time the crime was committed.**
- **The Governor does not have to take action within 180 days on cases recommended for parole by the Commission if the offender has not served 25 years.**
- **At 10:40 a.m. under General Provisions Art. § 3-305 Chairman Blumberg made a motion to end the open session and go into a closed session to discuss personnel matters, review cases en-banc and to consult with legal counsel. A vote was taken and all commissioners were in favor. The meeting will reconvene in the Parole Commission's conference room.**

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