



## Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

### Maryland Parole Commission

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### COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 18, 2018 CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM 6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

#### MINUTES OPEN SESSION

**Attendees:** Chairman Blumberg; Commissioners Begosh, Cluster, DeBoy, Greene, Hill, Keckler, Miller, Reynolds and Smack; Program Managers Christine Burke and Ruth Ogle

**Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:40 a.m.**

- **The minutes from the April 4, 2018 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.**
- **Governor Hogan commuted Craig Grimes' sentence but it has since been vacated by the court. Mr. Grimes has been released but may be retried in Baltimore City Circuit Court.**
- **Offenders may be revoked at a subpoena hearing. Subpoena hearings are not conducted in local jails.**
- **Warrant requests from the Division of Parole and Probation were down for the past couple of weeks but have recently increased.**
- **The Montgomery County Detention Center on Seven Locks Road is only being used to hold pretrial offenders and for intake processing. Revocation and parole hearings will be held at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility on Whelan Road.**
- **Ethics forms are due April 30, 2018 and must be filed electronically.**
- **The emergency exit in the Commission's suite has been added to the new security system. Employees may leave out that door but will not be allowed reentry.**
- **The Commission received its first geriatric parole request but the offender did not meet the eligibility requirements. The Commission may grant a medical parole at any time so long as it does not require the Governor's signature.**

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- **Since the implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) the parole revocation rate has decreased by 23.5%. The revocation rate for parolees with technical violations is 7% and 10.5% for those on mandatory supervision release.**
- **Chairman Blumberg, Operations Administrator Christine Burke and Assistant Attorney General Susan Baron are scheduled to participate in training at the Montgomery County State's Attorney Office this afternoon.**
- **Commissioners should give 15 day hold cases to Christine Burke for processing.**
- **An inmate may elect not to have a parole hearing.**
- **Maryland Correctional Enterprises (MCE) is submitting names of inmates for reconsideration once they have graduated from the program.**
- **If an interpreter is needed they should be made available for file review and parole hearings.**
- **Division of Correction (DOC) case managers are not required to provide a parole recommendation for lifers. Recommendations should not be shared with inmates.**
- **At 10:41 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 and review cases en-banc. A vote was taken and all commissioners were in favor. The meeting will reconvene in the Parole Commission's conference room.**