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**COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 2017
CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM
6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215**

**MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

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

Absent: Commissioners Cluster and Begosh (leave); Sfikas (telework)

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

- The minutes from the November 15, 2017 open session were reviewed and approved with two changes.
- Governor Hogan denied the Commission's parole recommendation for Mark Queen. The reviewing panel will set a rehear date.
- A recent report expressed displeasure with the Commission having the authority to waive supervision fees.
- Only two employees of the business that was awarded the second opinion contract will be allowed to review inmate medical records.
- Commissioners Miller and Greene attended a Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) Task Force meeting in Annapolis. The issue of due process was raised with regards to the open parole hearing process.
- Warrant recalls should be given to a Warrant Unit staff member not institutional staff.
- Chairman Blumberg and Program Managers Christine Burke and Ruth Ogle discussed truth in sentencing, parole eligibility and diminution credits with the secretary's legal team.

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- **Chairman Blumberg is scheduled to conduct a revocation docket at the Maryland Reception Diagnostic & Classification Center (MRDCC) on Monday.**
- **Commissioners must provide rationale on the record when rendering a revocation decision outside of JRA guidelines.**
- **Offenders should be served with a copy of the warrant and statement of charges upon arrest. If an offender has not had the opportunity to review those documents prior to the revocation hearing then they should be allowed to do so.**
- **At 10:26 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, to 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.**