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Maryland Parole Commission

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**COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2020
CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM
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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215**

STATE OF MARYLAND

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DAVID R. BLUMBERG
CHAIRMAN

**MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

Attendees: Chairman Blumberg; Commissioners Billotti, Cluster, DeBoy, Keckler, Miller, Smack, Vronch; Program Manager Christine Burke; Acting Program Manager Rosa Hamlet; Assistant Attorney General Susan Baron

Absent: Commissioner Reynolds

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

- The minutes from the December 11, 2019 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- *New York Times Magazine* article “Can You Talk Your Way Out of a Life Sentence?” written by Dashka Slater was shared with the Commission.
- Lisa Vronch was appointed to the Commission by Governor Hogan.
- Budget hearings for the Commission are scheduled for January 22 & 24, 2020.
- Diminution credits from previous cases may be applied to a new sentence.
- The Patuxent Violator Program cycle that was set to begin this month has been cancelled because there were not enough participants. The next cycle is scheduled to begin in April.
- An offender may be transferred from the Division of Correction (DOC) to selected local detention centers for substance abuse treatment if they are within 12 months of release. DOC case management staff screens cases for eligibility.
- The Commission will not meet on January 22, 2020.
- At 10:23 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, consult with legal counsel 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.

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