

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL STANDARDS

Minutes – 292nd (Remote) Meeting – July 30, 2026 – 10AM

6776 Reisterstown Road Baltimore, Maryland 21215 – Suite 304

MEMBERS PRESENT

Courtney League, Assistant Secretary, Design, Construction and Energy, Department of General Services (Chair, Commission on Correctional Standards Board),
representing, Secretary Atif Chaudhry, Department of General Services
Captain Briana Cottman, Queen Anne's County Department of Corrections (Vice Chair)
Deputy Warden Luke Dixon, Caroline County Detention Center
K'Yalei Harris, Budget Analyst, representing Secretary Yaakov "Jake" Weissmann,
Department of Budget Management
Diana Lee, Assistant Attorney General, representing Attorney General Anthony G. Brown
Dr. Niani Smith, Mental Health/Medical Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Keith Dickens, Commissioner, Division of Correction, State Correctional
Representative

MCCS STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Moore, Executive Director
Tanya Joyner, Assistant Executive Director
Mechelle Johnson, Senior Correctional Program Specialist
Pedro Valentin, Correctional Program Specialist
Dawnya Clark, Auditor
LaDonna Newman, Management Associate

GUESTS

Warden Charles Scott, Caroline County Detention Center
Lieutenant Richard Moor, Caroline County Detention Center
Sergeant Timothy Brewer, Caroline County Detention Center
Director Terence K. Clark, Prince George's County Department of Corrections
Deputy Director Rodney Brockenbrough, Bureau of Operations, Prince George's County
Department of Corrections
Acting Deputy Director Jeff Logan, Bureau of Administration, Prince George's County
Department of Corrections
Associate Director Blanche Carney, Bureau of Investigations and Human Resources,
Prince George's County Department of Corrections
Acting Lieutenant Colonel Lee Maximay, Chief, Security Division, Prince George's
County Department of Corrections
Major Sharon Gilmore, Assistant Chief, Security Division, Prince George's County
Department of Corrections

Alecia R. Creighton, Compliance Section Chief, HR Division, Prince George's County, Department of Corrections
 Dr. Elizabeth Coker-Nnam, Chief, Community Corrections Division, Prince George's County Department of Corrections
 Jannifer Nevilles, Assistant Chief, Community Corrections Division, Prince George's County Department of Corrections
 Dr. Gregory Bearstop, Chief, Program Services Division, Prince George's County Department of Corrections
 Tonya Hill, Assistant Chief, Program Services Division, Prince George's County Department of Corrections
 Virgen Germosen, Assistant Chief, Population Management, Prince George's County, Department of Corrections
 Captain Emmanuel Odion, Acting Facilities Manager, Prince George's County Department of Corrections
 Jonathan Okoronkwo, Chief, Support Services Division, Prince George's County Department of Corrections
 Latrice Gordon, Acting Division Chief, Prince George's County Department of Corrections
 Major Craig Rowe (Warden), Washington County Detention Center
 Captain Edward Long (Assistant Warden) Washington County Detention Center
 Captain Todd Faith (Security Chief) Washington County Detention Center
 Lieutenant Eric Moats, Washington County Detention Center
 Mr. Terry Hill, Washington County Detention Center
 Lieutenant Colonel Michael Cronise, Frederick County Detention Center and Annex
 Major Timothy Selin, Frederick County Detention Center and Annex
 Director Walt Pesterfield, Baltimore County Department of Corrections
 Major Nathan Zahn, Baltimore County Department of Corrections
 Captain William Jolly, Assistant Deputy Warden, Cecil County Detention Center
 Lieutenant Robin Wright, Administrative Commander, Cecil County Detention Center
 Danielle Hammock-Rease, Counselor Supervisor, Cecil County Detention Center
 Warden Daniel Galbraith, Harford County Detention Center
 Major Daniel Gividen, Harford County Detention Center
 Captain Benjamin Elliott, Harford County Detention Center
 Captain Christopher Rosette, Harford County Detention Center
 Lieutenant Sean Kahler, Harford County Detention Center
 Ms. Kristy Parrish, Harford County Detention Center

1. Welcome/Introduction/Remarks –

Chairperson Courtney League called the 292nd Commission (Remote) Meeting of the Commission on Correctional Standards to order at 10:00 a.m. Executive Director Moore conducted a roll call of the members for the purpose of a quorum. A quorum was present. Executive Director Moore conducted a roll call of the facility representatives and guests, prior to the reading of each audit report and monitoring report.

The agenda and subsequent action(s) follow:

2. Approval of January 29, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Courtney League asked the members to review the minutes.

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2026 meeting was made by Budget Analyst K'Yalei Harris: SECONDED: Captain Briana Cottman (Vice Chair). The MOTION carried.

3. Chair's Comments

Chairperson Courtney League welcomed everyone in attendance to the 292nd Commission (Remote) Meeting. Chairperson League stated that the meeting will be recorded. Chairperson League reminded members and guests to mute their telephones and any other devices in order to reduce background noise, interruptions and feedback during the meeting. Chairperson League advised the managing officials and facility representatives that once their respective audit report is presented and voted on by the Commission Board, they can exit the meeting; however, they are welcome to stay for the duration of the meeting. Chairperson League stated that the Recognition of Achievement awards for the approved facilities will be forwarded to the managing officials once they are signed and fully executed. Chairperson League advised the managing officials concerning the voting process, instructing members who motion or second to state their names, with silence from remaining members confirming agreement of the motion. Chairperson League reminded members with potential or actual conflicts of interest that they could recuse themselves from discussions and decisions, and the minutes would reflect such decisions. Chairperson League noted that in order to retain a quorum and the needed votes for the reports, all members must remain in the meeting until the end of the meeting. Chairperson League expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting. Chairperson League commented that he was looking forward to a productive and useful meeting. Chairperson League thanked the Commission members for their participation on the board. Chairperson League emphasized the importance of the work of the Commission. Chairperson League stated that the Commission members efforts and work is greatly appreciated. Chairperson League expressed his appreciation to Executive Director Moore and her staff for the important work that they do. Chairperson League commented that the work of the MCCS staff is noticed and critical to making sure that the facilities in the state of Maryland are maintained in accordance with the standards.

Executive Director Moore reported the following Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) leadership announcements: Keith Dickens, Commissioner, DoC; David Greene, Deputy Secretary of Operations, DPSCS; Oluwatoyin Bakare, Deputy Secretary of Administration, DPSCS; Ellen Rappaport, Assistant Secretary, Programs and Reentry Services, DPSCS; Jeff Nines, Deputy Commissioner, DoC; Tikaya Parker, Acting Assistant Commissioner, East Region; DoC Gregory Werner, Assistant Commissioner, West Region, DoC; and Katherine Landerkin, Assistant Commissioner, DPDS.

4. Executive Director's Comments

Executive Director Veronica Moore and the Commission members welcomed the newest staff member of the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards, Mr. Pedro Valenin (Correctional Program Specialist). Executive Director Moore reported that MCCS is in the hiring and interviewing phase for auditors to join the MCCS team. Executive Director Moore reported that a Duly Authorized Inspectors Training class was held on April 29, 2026. Executive Director Moore announced the upcoming Duly Authorized Inspectors Training scheduled in October 2026. Executive Director Moore expressed appreciation to everyone who attended the Duly Authorized Inspectors Training. Executive Director Moore also thanked the managing officials for assisting MCCS with keeping the Duly Authorized Inspector program going. Executive Director Moore issued a reminder that the MCCS Audit Schedule is online concerning FY 2026 and FY 2027. Executive Director Moore announced that the Commission Meetings schedule concerning calendar year 2026 is also online. Executive Director Moore reported that the MCCS Standards Manual is online as a reference tool. Executive Director Moore commented that the Remote Audit Process guidelines are not online at this time. Executive Director Moore noted that the Remote Audit Process guidelines are forwarded with every audit notice. Executive Director Moore urged the managing officials to ensure that their staff are familiar with the Remote Audit Process. Executive Director Moore emphasized the importance of reading and understanding the remote audit process. Executive Director Moore commented that the MCCS staff is available to answer any questions concerning the audit process. Executive Director Moore noted the closure of two facilities in the state of Maryland. Executive Director Moore commented that the Maryland Reception, Diagnostic and Classification Center and the Maryland Correctional Institution-Jessup are closed. Executive Director Moore reported that the Commission Board continues to have vacancies. Executive Director Moore stated that anyone who is interested/eligible to fill the vacancies, should submit an application to the Governor's Appointments Office. Executive Director Moore stated that there are currently five (5) vacancies concerning the Commission Board which include the following: (2) Citizen Members, non-related; (1) Local Elected Official; (1) State Correctional Personnel; and (1) National Correctional Accreditation Professional. Executive Director Moore commented that if anyone knows someone who is interested in joining the board, the individual can be referred to her or go through the Governor's Appointments Office. Executive Director Moore expressed appreciation to the correctional community for their continued support of the ventures concerning the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards.

5. Consideration of Final Reports

- Caroline County Detention Center

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the audit report and the compliance plan for a monitoring review concerning the Caroline County Detention Center was made by Budget Analyst K'Yalei Harris: SECONDED: Captain Briana Cottman (Vice Chair). The MOTION carried. Deputy Warden Luke Dixon entered a recusal prior to the vote concerning the audit report.

- Prince George's County Department of Corrections

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the audit report and the compliance plan for a monitoring review concerning the Prince George's County Department of Corrections was made by Captain Briana Cottman (Vice Chair): SECONDED: Budget Analyst K'Yalei Harris. The MOTION carried. Deputy Warden Luke Dixon entered a recusal prior to the vote concerning the audit report.

- Prince George's County Community Release Center

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the audit report and the compliance plan for a monitoring review concerning the Prince George's County Community Release Center was made by Assistant Attorney General Diana Lee: SECONDED: Captain Briana Cottman (Vice Chair). The MOTION carried. Deputy Warden Luke Dixon entered a recusal prior to the vote concerning the audit report.

- Washington County Detention Center

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the audit report and grant the Recognition of Achievement Award concerning the Washington County Detention Center was made by Assistant Attorney General Diana Lee: SECONDED: Deputy Warden Luke Dixon. The MOTION carried.

6. Continuing Business – Monitoring Review Reports

- Frederick County Detention Center and Annex

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the monitoring report and Recognition of Achievement award concerning the Frederick County Detention Center and Annex was made by Deputy Warden Luke Dixon: SECONDED: Captain Briana Cottman (Vice Chair). The MOTION carried.

- Baltimore County Department of Corrections

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the monitoring report and Recognition of Achievement award concerning the Baltimore County Department of Corrections was made by Captain Briana Cottman (Vice Chair): SECONDED: Assistant Attorney General Diana Lee. The MOTION carried.

- Cecil County Detention Center

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the monitoring report and Recognition of Achievement award concerning the Cecil County Detention Center was made by Captain Briana Cottman (Vice Chair): SECONDED: Deputy Warden Luke Dixon. The MOTION carried.

- Harford County Detention Center

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the monitoring report and Recognition of Achievement award concerning the Harford County Detention Center was made by Budget Analyst K'Yalei Harris: SECONDED: Captain Briana Cottman (Vice Chair). The MOTION carried.

7. New Business

None

8. Announcements

Executive Director Moore announced that she would be on scheduled leave, July 31-August 10, 2026. Executive Director Moore announced the designation of Ms. Tanya Joyner as the Acting Executive Director during her scheduled leave.

9. Adjournment

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Deputy Warden Luke Dixon: SECONDED: Captain Briana Cottman (Vice Chair). The MOTION carried. The meeting adjourned at 11: 20a.m.

These "minutes" are a synopsis of the Commissions' discussions and decisions and not a verbatim rendering of the proceedings.
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