

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL STANDARDS
Minutes – 289th (Remote) Meeting – September 25, 2025 – 10AM
6776 Reisterstown Road Baltimore, Maryland 21215 – Suite 304

MEMBERS PRESENT

Courtney League, Assistant Secretary, Design, Construction and Energy, Department of General Services (Vice Chair, Commission on Correctional Standards Board),
representing, Secretary Atif Chaudhry, Department of General Services
Captain Briana Cottman, Queen Anne's County Department of Corrections
Keith Dickens, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Correction, State Correctional Representative
Deputy Warden Luke Dixon, Caroline County Detention Center
K'Yalei Harris, Budget Analyst, representing the Secretary Helene T. Grady, Department of Budget Management
Diana Lee, Assistant Attorney General, representing Attorney General Anthony G. Brown
Dr. Niani Smith, Mental Health/Medical Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

April Cockrell, Citizen Member
Kelly Russell, Councilperson, City of Frederick, Maryland

STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Moore, Executive Director, Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards
Brandon Dickens, Auditor, Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards
Tammy McCotter, Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards
Paulette Wyndham, Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards
Shirley Graham, Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards
LaDonna Newman, Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards

GUESTS

Commissioner Phil Morgan, Division of Correction
Assistant Commissioner Laura Armstead, Division of Correction
Assistant Commissioner Jeff Nines, Division of Correction
Assistant Commissioner David Greene, Division of Pretrial Detention and Services
Warden Damean Stewart, Jessup Correctional Institution
Assistant Warden Carlos Bivens, Jessup Correctional Institution

Security Chief Yevoncia Boyd, Jessup Correctional Institution
Sergeant Monica Plato, Jessup Correctional Institution
Officer Jacqueline Proctor, Jessup Correctional Institution
Warden Tikaya Parker, Maryland Correctional Institution for Women
Assistant Warden Lorelei Sattler, Maryland Correctional Institution for Women
Sergeant Sherell McQueen, Maryland Correctional Institution for Women
Sergeant Pratt, Maryland Correctional Institution for Women
Officer Ashley Wright, Maryland Correctional Institution for Women
Warden Kathleen Landarkin, Metropolitan Transition Center
Assistant Warden Bettie Harris, Metropolitan Transition Center
Lieutenant Terry Edwards, Youth Detention Center
Corporal Melinda Thames, Youth Detention Center
Lieutenant Elizabeth Shoemake, Allegany County Detention Center
Officer Iosefa Pua'auli, Allegany County Detention Center
Warden Tyrell A. Wilson, Sr., Maryland Reception, Diagnostic and Classification Center
Assistant Warden Angelique Burrell, Maryland Reception, Diagnostic and Classification Center
Security Chief Chukwuemeka Nkwocha, Maryland Reception, Diagnostic and Classification Center
Captain Latanya Maynard, Maryland Reception, Diagnostic and Classification Center
Assistant Warden Nate Denton, Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center
Officer Timothy Dale, Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center
Warden Bethany Cornachia, Western Correctional Institution
Major Casey Townsend, Western Correctional Institution
Warden Michelle Mann, Maryland Correctional Pre-Release System Administration
Assistant Warden Damilare Adisa, Dorsey Run Correctional Facility
Security Chief Vivian Staten, Dorsey Run Correctional Facility
Major Antoinette Washington, Dorsey Run Correctional Facility
Mr. Oladapo Odunuga, Dorsey Run Correctional Facility
Sergeant June McClellan, Dorsey Run Correctional Facility

Interim Chairperson Courtney League called the 289th 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:

1. Approval of Minutes – July 31, 2025 Commission meeting.

Interim Chair Courtney League asked the members to review the minutes.

A MOTION to approve the minutes from the July 31, 2025 meeting was made by Assistant Attorney General Diana Lee: SECONDED: Captain Briana Cottman. The MOTION carried.

2. Interim Chair's Comments

Interim Chair Courtney League welcomed the newest Commission member, Mr. Keith Dickens, Deputy Commissioner (Division of Correction) to the Board for the Commission on Correctional Standards. Interim Chair League outlined the voting process, instructing members who motion or second to state their names, with silence from remaining members confirming agreement. Interim Chair 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. Deputy Commissioner Keith Dickens was noted to recuse himself for reports which fall under the responsibility of the Division of Corrections (Jessup Correctional Institution, Maryland Correctional Institution for Women, Western Correctional Institution and Dorsey Run Correctional Facility audit and monitoring reports).

3. Executive Director's Comments

Executive Director Veronica Moore announced the resignation of Mr. Brian Raivel from the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards (MCCS) on September 5, 2025. Executive Director Moore acknowledged Mr. Raivel's contributions to MCCS. Executive Director Moore extended best wishes to Mr. Raivel. Executive Director Moore acknowledged the critical assistance of Mr. Raivel during the COVID pandemic. Executive Director Moore mentioned that the Senior Correctional Program Specialist position with MCCS had been posted online, with applications closing on October 6, 2025. Executive Director Moore announced that a Duly Authorized Inspector Training (DAI) is scheduled to be held on October 15, 2025, at PCTC. Executive Director Moore stated that the DAI training is by invitation only. Executive Director Moore noted ongoing Commission board vacancies. Executive Director Moore reported that there are currently 3 Commission board vacancies. The vacancies include: 2 Citizen Member vacancies and 1 State Correctional Professional vacancy.

4. Consideration of Final Reports

- Jessup Correctional Institution

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the audit report and a compliance plan for a monitoring review concerning the Jessup Correctional Institution was made by Deputy Warden Luke Dixon: SECONDED: Captain Briana Cottman. The MOTION carried. Deputy Commissioner Keith Dickens entered a recusal prior to the vote concerning the audit report.

- Maryland Correctional Institution for Women

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the audit report and the compliance plan for a monitoring review concerning the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women was made by Assistant Attorney General Diane Lee: SECONDED: Ms. K'Yalei Harris. The MOTION carried. Deputy Commissioner Keith Dickens entered a recusal prior to the vote concerning the audit report.

- Youth Detention Center

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the audit report and the compliance plan for a monitoring review concerning the Youth Detention Center was made by Deputy Warden Luke Dixon: SECONDED: Assistant Attorney General Diana Lee. The MOTION carried.

- Allegany County Detention Center

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the audit report and the compliance plan for a monitoring review concerning the Allegany County Detention Center was made by Ms. K'Yalei Harris: SECONDED: Deputy Commissioner Keith Dickens. The MOTION carried.

6. Continuing Business – Monitoring Review Reports

- Maryland Reception, Diagnostic and Classification Center

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the monitoring report and Recognition of Achievement award concerning the Maryland Reception, Diagnostic and Classification Center was made by Assistant Attorney General Diana Lee: SECONDED: Captain Briana Cottman The MOTION carried.

- Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the monitoring report and Recognition of Achievement award concerning the Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center was made by Ms. K'Yalei Harris: SECONDED: Deputy Commissioner Keith Dickens. The MOTION carried.

- Western Correctional Institution

Warden Bethany Cornachia reported that as of June 16, 2025, the Fire Marshal had closed out the Western Correctional Institution 2025 inspection, indicating all issues were corrected and no further action was required. Executive Director Veronica Moore acknowledged the new information and agreed to re-evaluate the report and potentially reissue it to recommend WCI for the Recognition of Achievement award. Interim Chair League suggested that the matter be tabled until the next Commission meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

- Dorsey Run Correctional Facility

A MOTION for the Commission Board to approve the monitoring report and Recognition of Achievement award concerning the Dorsey Run Correctional Facility was made by Deputy Warden Luke Dixon: SECONDED: Assistant Attorney General Diana Lee. The MOTION carried.

7. New Business

No New Business was introduced.

8. Announcements

No Announcements were made.

9. Adjournment

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Ms. K'Yalei Harris: SECONDED: Captain Briana Cottman. The MOTION carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

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