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NEVADA BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES
Meeting of the
Board of Parole Commissioners

April 26, 2016
Minutes approved on November 30, 2016

The Board of Parole Commissioners held a public meeting on April 26, 2016 beginning at 4:00 PM at the following locations:

Conference room at the central office of the Board of Parole Commissioners, located at 1677 Old Hot Springs Road, Ste. A, Carson City, NV, video conference to Parole Board Office, 4000 S. Eastern Avenue, Ste. 130, Las Vegas, NV.

I. Open Meeting, call to order, roll call 4:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bisbee. Present in Carson City were Commissioner Endel, Commissioner Corda, and Commissioner Jackson. Present in Las Vegas were Chairman Bisbee, Commissioner Keeler, Commissioner Monterde, and Commissioner Gray.

Support staff in attendance:
Darla Foley, Executive Secretary
Brian Stone, Administrative Assistant

Members of the public present in Carson City included:
Holly Welborn, Policy Director, ACLU
Katie Brady, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Tonya Brown

Members of the public present in Las Vegas included:
Brittany Rubacalba, Administrative Assistant, Division of Parole and Probation
Joni Billich, Officer, Division of Parole and Probation
Mario Taylor

II. <u>Public Comment</u>. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (2) of NRS 241.020.

Chairman Bisbee asked any member of the public that would like to make a comment to come forward and limit their comments to 3 minutes.

<u>Public comment – Carson City, NV</u>
Tanya Brown spoke about concerns she had about certain aspects of AB267 and how different inmate situations would be dealt with.

<u>Public comment - Las Vegas</u>
No public comment.

III. For possible action: Review/Approval of minutes from the April 22, 2014 Board meeting.

Motion:	Approve the minutes of April 22, 2014 Board Meeting.
Made:	Commissioner Keeler
Seconded by:	Commissioner Jackson
Votes in Favor:	Gray, Monterde, Keeler, Corda, Jackson, Endel, Bisbee
Votes Opposed:	None

IV. For discussion only: Discussion on the application and impacts of Assembly Bill 267 (2015), which, in part, provides that a prisoner who was sentenced as an adult for certain offenses that were committed when he or she was less than 18 years of age is eligible for parole after the prisoner has served a certain number of years.

Attorney Kristina Wildeveld addressed the attendees via cell phone. She discussed her experiences working with and representing youthful offenders and the different obstacles they face when going from prison to parole and the effect of AB267.

Ms. Welborn from the ACLU addressed the attendees and discussed the handout "Parole Board Consideration for Individuals".

Chairman Bisbee commented on the handout and information shared by Ms. Welborn and introduced Mr. Taylor, a former inmate of the Nevada Department of Corrections who was incarcerated at the age of fifteen.

Chairman Bisbee had invited Mario Taylor to speak with the Board regarding his time incarcerated as a juvenile in an adult prison. Mr. Taylor spoke of his time in prison, difficulties he encountered, and the adjustments he had to make after he was granted parole.

Chairman Bisbee asked the attendees if they have any questions that they would like to present to the speakers.

V. <u>Public Comment</u>. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (2) of NRS 241.020

Chairman Bisbee asked any member of the public that would like to make a comment to come forward.

<u>Public comment – Carson City, NV</u>
Tanya Brown commented on some of the points made by Mario Taylor and on factors that should be considered when considering young offenders for parole. She also brought up the issue of alleged inaccurate information in NDOC inmate files.

<u>Public comment - Las Vegas</u>
No public comment.

VI. For possible action: The Board may act to adjourn the meeting.

Motion:	Adjourn the April 22, 2016 Board Meeting.
Made:	Commissioner Corda
Seconded by:	Commissioner Gray
Votes in Favor:	Gray, Monterde, Keeler, Corda, Jackson, Endel, Bisbee
Votes Opposed:	None

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.