

MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION
REDACTED Minutes – 194th Meeting – January 23, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sheriff Timothy Cameron, representing Sheriff Mike Evans, President, Maryland Sheriff's Association
Lieutenant Christopher Duffy, Correctional Officer of the State of Maryland
Melinda Grenier, representing Ivonne Gutiérrez, President, Maryland Criminal Justice Association
Wayne Hill, Assistant Commissioner of Corrections, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Lynette Holmes, Deputy Secretary for Support Services, Department of Juvenile Services
Captain Daniel Lasher, Allegany County Detention Center
Dale L. Maselli, Division of Parole and Probation
Major Michael Merican, representing Thomas Reece, President, Maryland Correctional Administrators Association
Secretary Stephen T. Moyer, Chair, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Stuart M. Nathan, Assistant Attorney General representing Brian E. Frosh, Attorney General
Wallis Q. Norman, Deputy Secretary of Operations, Department of Juvenile Services
Dr. Beverly O'Bryant, representing Dr. Maria Thompson, President, Coppin State University
J. Michael Zeigler, Deputy Secretary of Operations, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

MEMBERS ABSENT

Secretary Sam Abed, Department of Juvenile Services
Symphar R. Charles, Chief, Learning and Career Development, Federal Bureau of Prisons
LaMonte E. Cooke, Director of Correctional Services, Queen Anne's County Department of Corrections (Vice-Chair)

STAFF PRESENT

Jennifer Beskid, Director of Grants & Special Projects
Chennada Burns, Correctional Training
Jeanne Chenoweth, Recorder
Albert L. Liebno, Jr., Acting Executive Director, Correctional Training Commission
Katie Johnson, Registrar
Karen Kruger, Executive Director, Public Safety Education and Training Center
Lewis Pindell, Media Specialist
Jane Sachs, Director of Correctional Training
Michelle Wilson, Assistant Attorney General

GUESTS

Nicole Amedori, Department of Juvenile Services
Denise Victory, Department of Juvenile Services
Frank Clark, Department of Juvenile Services
Kristal Ostrander, Department of Juvenile Services
Whitney Evans, Baltimore County Department of Corrections
Marsha Maloff, Baltimore County Department of Corrections
Gail Watts, Baltimore County Department of Corrections
Donnel Alston, Baltimore County Department of Corrections
Vicky McDonald, Carroll County Sheriff's Office
Bruce Van Leuvan, Carroll County Sheriff's Office

Chris Markle, Carroll County Sheriff's Office
Larry Naill, Carroll County Sheriff's Office
Brandon Holland, Carroll County Sheriff's Office
Jim DeWees, Carroll County Sheriff's Office

The 194th meeting of the Correctional Training Commission (CTC) was called to order by the Chair, Secretary Stephen Moyer, at 10:04 a.m. at the Public Safety Education and Training Center (PSETC), Sykesville, Maryland. A quorum was present.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2018 and November 29, 2018
2. Facility Report
3. Legal Issues
4. Election of Vice-Chair
5. Old Business
 - a) Pre-Employment Psychological Assessments
6. New Business
7. Request to Operate a Correctional Entrance-Level Training Academy – Carroll County Sheriff's Office
8. Request for Waiver of Selection Standards for Certification
9. Update on Decertification Hearing

Secretary Moyer asked all members, staff and guests to introduce themselves. He welcomed new members Dan Lasher and Dale Maselli, both regional representatives.

1. Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2018 and November 29, 2018

Secretary Moyer asked the members to review the minutes.

A MOTION to approve the minutes from the meetings on October 10th and November 29th was made by Lt. Christopher Duffy: SECONDED: Sheriff Timothy Cameron. The MOTION carried.

2. Facility Report

Ms. Karen Kruger, Executive Director of the Public Safety Education and Training Center, referred the members to the Facility Report in the binder which reflects the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC) activity which had taken place since the last quarterly meeting. She noted the high usage of the building over the holiday season, and the number of audits conducted in the absence of management in the Certification unit. Ms. Kruger also noted the 95% satisfaction rating of students attending the First Line Administrator and First Line Supervisor programs, as well as the increase in students attending the Correctional Entrance Level academy.

Mr. Albert Liebno, Deputy Director of MPCTC, added that recent audits found agencies were not sending in Applications for Certification for some mandated positions until months after the hiring date. He noted that letters were sent to offending agencies.

3. Legal Issues

Ms. Michelle Wilson stated there were no legal updates.

4. Election of Vice-Chair

A MOTION to re-elect Mr. LaMonte Cooke as Vice Chair of the Correctional Training Commission was made by Lt. Christopher Duffy: SECONDED: Sheriff Timothy Cameron. The MOTION carried.

5. Old Business

a) Pre-Employment Psychological Assessments

Mr. Liebno stated that a mandate of House Bill 1016 requires the Police Training and Standards Commission (PTSC) to development standards for professionals conducting pre-employment mental health evaluations. The research conducted by MPCTC staff for PTSC was presented for consideration by CTC members, noting that the information is being edited for review at the next PTSC meeting. Members decided to await the outcome of the PTSC decision before moving forward.

Mr. Liebno also noted the revisions to COMAR 12.10.01.22 regarding marijuana usage should be published in the next few weeks.

6. New Business

No new business was presented.

7. Request to Operate a Correctional Entrance-Level Training Academy – Carroll County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Jim DeWees of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office presented a proposal to establish a correctional training academy. He provided a background of the agency's offices and facilities, and summarized the needs of the county. Sheriff DeWees stated he hopes to start the first class in April 2019, and estimates running one academy per year which will be open to outside agencies as well.

A MOTION to approve the request for Carroll County Sheriff's Office to provisionally operate a correctional entrance-level training academy was made by Captain Daniel Lasher: SECONDED: Lt. Christopher Duffy. The MOTION carried.

Secretary Moyer stated the next items would be heard in Closed Session.

Recorders Note: Ms. Chenoweth read the COMAR closed session regulation into the record.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Stuart Nathan to adjourn to a Closed Session: SECONDED: Sheriff Timothy Cameron. The MOTION carried.

The meeting adjourned to a Closed Session at 10:40 a.m.

8. Request for Waiver of Selection Standards for Certification

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to table the issue until the agency conducts a follow-up polygraph: The MOTION carried.

Secretary Moyer invited the parties back into the meeting and informed them of the decision.

9. Update on Decertification Hearing

A MOTION was made by Mr. J. Michael Zeigler to adjourn to an open session: SECONDED: Sheriff Timothy Cameron. The MOTION carried.

Recorder's Note: This concluded the closed session. The meeting adjourned to an open session at 11:35 a.m.

Secretary Moyer invited the parties back into the meeting and announced the outcome of the issues discussed during the closed session.

Ms. Melinda Grenier asked for an update on the CTC Executive Director position. Secretary Moyer stated he would ask Vice-Chair LaMonte Cooke to provide an update at the next meeting.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Sheriff Timothy Cameron: SECONDED: Captain Daniel Lasher. The MOTION carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

These "minutes" are a synopsis of the Commission's discussion and decisions and not a verbatim rendering of the proceedings.