



The Illinois Department of Corrections

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Regular Board Meeting of the Adult Advisory Board
Location: 555 W Monroe St, Chicago IL 60661
Date & Time: Monday, December 15, 2025, 10:00am

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Committee Member	Present	Telephone	Absent	
Illinois Department of Corrections Staff:				
Director – Latoya Hughes				
Assistant Director – Alyssa Williams				
Confidential Assistant to Director – Shelith Hansbro	X			
Chief of Staff – Daniel Monti		X		
Chief of Programs – Jennifer Parrack				
Chief Inspector – Areda McIntosh				
Chief of Public Safety – Ernest Cato	X			
Chief of Compliance – Michael Crum	X			
Chief of Operations – Angela Locke				
Chief of Investigations & Intelligence – Tiffany Pryor-Wallace				
Chief of Parole – Tangenise Porter		X		
Deputy Director Region 1 – Christine Brannon-Dortch		X		
Deputy Director Region 3 – Brittany Greene		X		
Chief of Administration – Jared Brunk				

Mission: To serve justice in Illinois and increase public safety by promoting positive change for those in custody, operating successful reentry programs, and reducing victimization.

Policy Advisor to Director – Sophia Manuel	X			
Public Information Officer – Naomi Puzzello	X			
Internal Communications Manager – Kim White		X		
Planning & Research – Sharon Shipinski				
Chief of Women and Family Services – Melinda Eddy		X		
Chief Financial Officer – James Deen				
Staff Development and Training Manager – Steve Ryan		X		
Staff Wellness Administrator – Jonathan Brown				
Administrator – Vivianna Hernandez				
Agency Procurement Officer – Jacenta Wilson				
Interim Agency Medical Director – Dr. Lamenta Conway				
Chief of Mental Health – Dr. Melvin Hinton				
Manager of Intergovernmental Relations – Marvin Williams				
Senior Policy Advisor – Jessica O’Leary				
Statewide Advocacy Liaison – Natalie Mason				
Board Members:				
Loyola University – Dr. Dave Olson	X			
Executive Director of John Howard Association - Jenny Vollen-Katz	X			
Executive Director of Chicago Beyond – Dr. Nneka Jones-Tapia		X		
Heartland Alliance - Marlon Chamberlain		X		
North Lawndale Employment Network - Sadie Joseph			X	
Women’s Justice Institute - Alexis Mansfield	X	X		
Illinois Coalition for Higher Education in Prison - Lejia Johnson			X	
Impact for Equality - Loren Jones	x			
Illinois State University – Dr. Nathan Stephens			X	
Attorney in Private Practice - Reena Sikdar		X		
Guest:				

Chairperson Remarks:

Ms. Hansbro opened the meeting and Board Chairman Olson started the meeting, roll call was verified, minutes and agenda were not approved as there was no quorum present. There were no action items, so the agenda was followed.

IDOC Director's Report

Shelith Hansbro:

The update begins with naming new staff, named new Chief of Investigation, Chief of Parole, Deputy Director Region 2.

Working with construction owners regarding rebuild, working closely, meeting with advocacy groups in strategy sessions, utilizing public comments, to make new developments. Listening sessions scheduled, will add advisory board members.

Michael Crum

JCAR meeting scheduled for Wednesday the 17th at 11am, Shelith pivoted to Chief Crum to speak on emergency rule, and 150-day window. Since that time the department has been working through the JCAR process with both the emergency and companion rule. Public comment period ended November 24th, we have completed appendix A and replies to public comments. This is regarding scanned mail, and publications. The committee will vote on the companion rule during December hearing. Concessions and changes being made. All changes can be found on website under compliance link that has all appendices regarding the second filing. Legal mail will enact a multifactor authenticator system to process legal mail.

Kimberly Smith

The most up to date information on publications, it is important that published mail is coming from verified vendors, amazon, etc. A point of discussion is organizations who bring books to facilities are still prohibited.

Ryan Nottingham

As an agency maintain a zero-tolerance approach to sex abuse and sexual harassment. Robust training policy, each staff member who is in contact with individuals in custody have trainings on what to do when claims are made.

Facility Shift supervisors initiate the protocol.

Department of Justice doesn't approve individual policies, DOJ every 3 years, brings in an auditor, and does an audit at facilities. This is a look at policies, interviews with individuals in custody, and staff members, and an in-depth tour.

Corrective action period 180 days
All PREA reports are on the Department website

Melinda Eddy

Women's division is still progressing forward, working with community members in Decatur, happy to share more updates in the coming meeting.

Significant progress made to boilers and the new boiler system coming.

New Business/AAB Chair Report

Dr. Dave Olson

Opened the floor to engage in conversation around specific topics or themes that would benefit the department/board in the upcoming year.

Jenny Vollen-Katz

Legislation, important at an operational standpoint, educate the board, address concerns, etc. so the advisory board can be a source of support.

Speakers or presentations on specific issues, such as programs, treatments, deep dives on certain populations. Update on requirements, restrictions, programming, etc.

Loren Jones

Mail Scanning, data, and updating that for the public on a regular basis. Data to track success or impact, implementation, etc. Logan and Stateville to remain on agenda

Concurred with discussion around legislation with IDOC, and topics the department is spearheading.

Jenny Vollen-Katz

Meetings at facilities with half time being used to tour, and other half time being spent in conversation.

Alexis

Bridge the gap between jails and IDOC specifically to sentencing, detained, pre trial, transferring over, etc.

Board Member Updates

Dr. Dave Olson

Developed data dashboard to allow individuals to look at characteristics to populations, numbers of exits and MSR. Designed to help users or members of the community access to understand the populations in custody.

Report published with Reentry Council looking at housing, anonymous survey with about 1,000 individuals

Asked to do a presentation of the prisoner review board, last month. Full complement of PRB members, required trainings for state statute. Presentation included topics such as recidivism, domestic violence, etc.

Alexis Mansfield

PRB Training on Criminalized survivors. Worked with IDOC to help refurbish visiting room at Logan.

Visits have gotten more difficult, regarding new rules with IDs.

Working on results from women's division focused on domestic violence, with results coming in the months to follow.

Old Business

Shelith Hansbro

Friendly reminder, the board must complete all required trainings by the end of the year. Your trainings can be found on OneNet. Please reach out to Steve Ryan or Shelith Hansbro if you need assistance. With regards to reimbursement for the board for your expenses, for example, paid to park, mileage, or lodging. We will send you that information on the reimbursement process.

Public Comment

Chez Rumpf

Rapid response transfer plan for Logan, wanted to make sure the report isn't lost. Talking about harm litigation. Email sent from Avalon on behalf of 43 organizations.

Adjournment

Board Chairman Dave Olson adjourns the meeting.

The Subcommittee on Women was held and an update on the Women's Division was given by Chief Melinda Eddy.