



The Illinois Department of Corrections

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Regular Board Meeting of the Adult Advisory Board
Tuesday, June 24th, 2025 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
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Committee Member	Present	Telephone	Absent	
Illinois Department of Corrections Staff:				
Director – Latoya Hughes			X	
Assistant Director – Alyssa Williams			X	
Confidential Assistant to Director – Shelith Hansbro		X		
Chief of Staff – Daniel Monti			X	
Chief of Programs – Jennifer Parrack		X		
Chief Inspector – Areda McIntosh		X		
Chief of Public Safety – Ernest Cato			X	
Chief of Compliance – Michael Crum			X	
Chief of Operations – Justin Hammers		X		
Chief of Intelligence & Investigations – Edward Escamilla		X		
Deputy Director Region 1 – Christine Brannon-Dortch		X		
Deputy Director Region 2 – Angela Locke		X		
Deputy Director Region 3 – Kim Smith			X	
Chief of Administration – Jared Brunk			X	
Policy Advisor to Director – Sophia Manuel		X		
Public Information Officer – Naomi Puzzello		X		
Internal Communications Manager – Kim White		X		

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.

Planning & Research – Sharon Shipinski		X		
Chief of Women and Family Services – Melinda Eddy		X		
Chief Financial Officer – James Deen			X	
Staff Development and Training Manager – Steve Ryan			X	
Staff Wellness Administrator – Jonathan Brown			X	
Administrator – Vivianna Hernandez			X	
Agency Procurement Officer – Jacenta Wilson			X	
Medical Director – Dr. Steven Bowman			X	
Chief of Mental Health – Dr. Melvin Hinton			X	
Manager of Intergovernmental Relations – Marvin Williams		X		
Decatur Correctional Center Warden – Jaclyn Thompson		X		
Parole Commander – Lynette Faulkner		X		
Assistant Deputy Director of Fiscal Strategic Planning – Bryan Questelle		X		
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		
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:				
Craig Lenny - Member of the Public		X		
Erica – Member of the Public		X		
Jared Harden – Member of the Public		X		
Gwyn Troyer – John Howard, Member of the Public		X		
Chase Opperman – John Howard, Member of the Public		X		
Chez Rumpf– Member of the Public		X		

Chairperson Remarks:

Ms. Hansbro opened the meeting and Board Chairman Olson started the meeting, roll call was verified, minutes and agenda were unable to be approved to quorum of members not being physically present. Board Chairman Olson also introduces new board member Loren Jones.

IDOC Director's Report

Logan/Stateville Rebuild

Shelith Hansbro:

The update the Department has regarding the rebuild is the Capital Development Board (CDB) is working to finalize contract negotiations with the Vanir-Millhouse, the Owner's Representative for the rebuild.

Legislative Proposals that Impact the Department

Marvin Williams:

The first bill is SB2201 which states that the Department of Corrections shall annually collect and publish on its website specified data concerning Department of Corrections facilities. This data shall include contraband found by facility, substance use disorder treatment or educational programming data by facility, emergency medical response and hospitalizations by facility, and overdoses by facility. The last bill is SB0019 which further amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that a total of 7 members of the Prisoner Review Board must have at least 5 years' experience as a law enforcement officer, parole officer, prosecutor, criminal defense attorney, or judge. Establishes a Director of Victim and Witness Services under the jurisdiction of the Prisoner Review Board. Provides that the Director shall be hired by the Prisoner Review Board. Provides that the Director shall be responsible for ensuring that victims receive appropriate notice and the opportunity to provide a victim impact statement in accordance with the Act. Provides that the Victim and Witness Services Director shall also be responsible for coordinating with other agencies to improve victim notification processes and identifying ways to better serve victims. Amends the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.

Highlights from SFY 2026 Authorized Budget

Bryan Questelle

Please see the PowerPoint presentation attached.

AAB Chair's Report

Dr. Dave Olson:

Loyola University will be releasing a Criminal Justice Data Dashboard for Cook County. The dashboard takes all the raw data Dr. Shipinski puts out to the public on the Department's website and converts the data into a user-friendly dashboard where the public can look at trends and admissions to prison from Cook County and the characteristics of who is in prison and those kinds of things. Also, in collaboration with the Department, Loyal is working with several organizations to conduct surveys of individuals in custody to better understand some of the specific issues the population is facing. For example, one of the surveys that has been completed in collaboration with the Illinois Justice Project is on housing needs of individuals in custody before their incarceration and after. The data collected is from four different facilities of over a thousand individuals in custody.

Board Member Updates

Alexis Mansfield

The Women's Justice Institute (WJI) in collaboration with Loyola, has a survey for the women in custody to understand their pathways, situations, and experiences prior to their incarcerations that may provide insight into opportunities for services and intervention, and at the end of the survey the women are offered legal services and an information session on the domestic violence resentencing law or the gender based resentencing act. We have two Family Fun Days scheduled at Logan Correctional Center, one in July and one in August, as we have a lot of women and families interested in participating.

Tablet Update

Sophia Manuel

The department reported the department switched from GTL to IC Solutions as our tablet provider and has been working at every facility to get individuals in custody their own tablet, and as of a few weeks ago, every facility now has working tablets. With the tablets, the population can send messages, free educational courses, free books, purchase entertainment content, and Fastcase digital law library for legal research. The Department is working with the vender to include on the tablet is called Edovo, which is a learning management platform that focuses on providing individuals in custody with access to educational, vocational, and rehabilitative programs on their tablet for free.

New Business

Information Sharing Between Local Probation Departments & IDOC

Jennifer Parrack

With regards to the sharing of pre-trial information or county jail information or probation information, it varies by the county. For risk assessment information, the Department is always going to reassess someone when they come into our custody because things could have changed. For example, the individual could have completed programs on the positive side while being housed in the county jail or the individual was on probation and were arrested and charged with additional convictions which resulted in the individual coming back to the Department.

Dr. Dave Olson

The Department of Corrections and the probation departments, as well as in pre-trial, all three use the same risk assessments platforms. If probation did a risk assessment and found that the person had issues related to substance abuse, and the individual arrives in the Department of Corrections stating they have never abused substances in their lifetime, knowing that information from a previous risk assessment may be of assistance to the Department.

Alexis Mansfield

Cook County provides court letters to the individuals sentencing judge that details all the programming that has been completed while the individual has been at the Cook County Jail. Those letters could be helpful for the Department for the individual's assessment. Also, what the counties need to include is what programming the individual is participating in and not just the programming days.

Cook County Turn Arounds

Jennifer Parrack

The Department determines if an individual is a turnaround or not is by the paperwork that is sent the day before to our records office supervisor at Northern Reception and Classification Center (NRC) at Stateville. The supervisor then calculates and determines if the individual will be process as a turnaround or if they qualify. The Department wants to limit the amount of people that need to come to NRC for the Department to release them that same day. The Department does go through a process of making sure they have an approved host site, work with the Prisoner Review Board (PRB) to get board orders and sets the conditions. At Cook County, the individual meets with parole to go over the paperwork and the conditions of the individuals release, as well as any resources they might need.

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 Sheith 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

Jared Harden is against digital mail and is requesting that the Department of Corrections to not convert to all digital mail.

Chez Rumpf would like to know if a location of where Logan Correctional Center has been chosen and the location is being determined as well as being concerned with the Departments ability to keep Logan Correctional Center open for five more years given the decreasing livable conditions.

Erica would like to know why there is not more transparency to the public as it relates to the rebuild and to express the displeasure communities are having with Corrlinks to communicate with their loved ones.

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.