



# BOARD OF CORRECTION

DAVID MCCLUSKY  
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Vice Chair

KAREN NEILL  
Secretary

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF CORRECTION (BOC) MEETING

January 22, 2020 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM MT

Idaho Correctional Industries, 1301 N. Orchard Street, Suite 110, Boise, ID 83706

#### Members Present:

Dr. David McClusky, Chair  
Dodds Hayden, Vice Chair  
Dr. Karen Neill, Secretary (via conference call)

#### Others Present:

Attendee sign in sheet on file

- Call to order Business Meeting; welcome and introductions
  - Chair McClusky called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.
- Action Item – Board of Correction (BOC) Meeting Minutes Approval
  - Deferred the approval of the August 23, 2019 meeting minutes to the next scheduled board meeting.
- Legislative Update – Director Josh Tewalt
  - Director Tewalt presented to JFAC on Tuesday, Jan. 14. Discussed Governor’s vision of public safety and investment in resources to help people be successful on probation and parole. Budget recommendation included a 12% increase for Idaho Department of Correction. On legislative front, one piece of legislation being introduced to propose creating mandatory reentry savings accounts to help our population be more successful and stable upon release.
  - Josh fielded questions from the Board regarding budget, and county jail placement and length of stay. First priority is to move from county jails are those sentenced to retained jurisdiction (riders). Second priority are those with the nearest parole eligibility dates. Third priority are those with term sentences. Two counties have court ordered length of stay requirements that supercede the regular process, which is statistically lengthening the time served by rider population by an average of two months.
- Action Item - Review Out of State Placement Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) Proposals
  - IDOC still struggling with population growth, and a shortage of bed space. While some additional beds will be coming online in FY 2021 (Unit 24, Twin Falls CRC), we still have a need for out of state beds. In looking at out of state placement, we considered the impact on the families and the offenders that may be placed out of state.
  - Chief Pat Donaldson explained the ITN process used to negotiate with vendors after receiving their initial proposals. Distributed handout comparing the main features of the three proposals received regarding operating cost, bed types, capacity, security features, medical services, programming and education, options for inmate workers, and estimated timeline to implement.
  - Director Tewalt explained that IDOC carefully scrutinized the placement eligibility requirements to ensure that IDOC would have enough eligible offenders to fill out of state beds without impacting/penalizing minimum security, work eligible offenders. Will also allow IDOC to send

offenders with chronic but controlled conditions because more robust healthcare services will be available.

- Prior IDOC relationship with Kit Carson facility has been largely positive. State of Colorado also has a separate monitoring program, mandated by CO law, that provides an extra layer of scrutiny on level of service. Being mindful that out of state placement is a challenge for families, still having discussions with CoreCivic about additional visitation options such as video visitation, extended visiting hours for out of state placement, etc.
- Proposed contract length is 5 years, but can be terminated for convenience at any time with 60 days' notice.

**Vice Chair Hayden moved to authorize the Idaho Department of Correction to enter into contract with CoreCivic for the purpose of housing Idaho inmates in out of state placement; Secretary Neill seconded the motion. Vote Taken: Chair McClusky – yes, Vice Chair Hayden – yes, Secretary Neill – yes.**

Vice Chair Hayden requested that the Board be provided information upon which to make decisions farther in advance of the board meetings.

**Chair McClusky moved to adjourn meeting at 12:32 p.m.; Vice Chair Hayden seconded the motion. Vote Taken: Chair McClusky – yes, Vice Chair Hayden – yes, Secretary Neill – yes.**

Submitted by:

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Cheryl Iseri, Program Coordinator

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Dr. David McClusky, Chair

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