

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING MINUTES

Location: Oklahoma State Capitol

Conference Center Room 104

2300 North Lincoln Boulevard

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 9, 2008 – 2:30 p.m.

1. OPENING AND ROLL CALL

Chairman David Henneke of the Oklahoma Board of Corrections called the April 9, 2008, meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

He thanked the DOC nurses, volunteers and teachers for having lunch with them prior to the meeting. Mike Rogers from James Crabtree Correctional Center was recognized and thanked for the great job he did at the press conference. Chairman Henneke also thanked Sterling Zearley and Scott Barger for their assistance in bringing the problems of the department to the public's attention. Staffer Marilyn Anderson was also recognized in attendance.

The clerk was asked to call roll. Members present at roll call reflected a quorum was present.

Ernest Godlove
Jerry Smith

David Henneke
Earnest Ware

Ted Logan

Matthew McBee

Absent: Robert Rainey (Arrived during the Director's Comments)

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 14, 2008, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Henneke sought a motion for approval of the March 14, 2008, Board meeting minutes. Mr. Logan made the motion with a second by Mr. Smith. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Rainey, absent; and Mr. Ware, yes.

3. REMARKS – LEGISLATIVE GUESTS

Chairman Henneke stated that legislators had been invited to the Board meeting and that if any legislators arrived he would pause the meeting to allow them the opportunity to make comments.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None reported on agenda.

5. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director provided the following update but apologized for not being able to make lunch today with the Board members, nurses, teachers and volunteers, as he was in budget negotiations at the Capitol.

- Correctional Officers and the agency Probation and Parole Officer of the Year are being recognized April 10 on the House and Senate floors.

- Lexington Assessment and Reception Center and Joseph Harp Correctional Center both received successful ACA reaccreditation audits, scoring 100% on mandatory and non mandatory standards. Both wardens were in attendance and commended for their dedication and commitment to professionalism.
- The K-9 team from Jackie Brannon Correctional Center attended the Southern States Manhunt Field Trials March 10-14, and placed 2nd in the Marksmanship Event.
- The Girl Scouts Beyond Bars held its initial meeting on March 7, 2008, at Mable Bassett Correctional Center. This program promotes the nurturing relationships between mother/grandmothers and daughters/granddaughters and is coordinated through the Tulsa Magic Empire Girl Scouts Council. A total of 80 offenders signed up for the program.
- Warden Newton-Embry and the chaplain attended the Bill Glass Champions for Life Breakfast and Press Conference in Oklahoma City. This was a media event to kick off the Bill Glass Weekend of Champions and included Lieutenant Governor Jari Askins and members of Bill Glass prison ministries.
- Contract monitors reviewed 141 Idaho classification packets in preparation for a large influx of inmates at North Fork Correctional Facility. The current count of California inmates at North Fork Correctional Facility is 499. Contract monitors also reviewed 187 California, 19 Wyoming and 193 Arizona classification packets.
- A community service inmate crew of three Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center offenders began work on renovation of a house for the Exodus Foundation. Upon completion of the renovation this house will be used for transitional housing for offenders just released from incarceration.
- Two Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center offenders were provided to attend a Speak-Out at the Grandparent Conference on March 26, 2008.
- Parks crew inmates from Mangum Community Work Center have been assisting the City of Mangum with its annual spring citywide cleanup.
- The Mangum City Maintenance crew, with inmates from Mangum Community Work Center is continuing with ongoing construction of the Senior Citizens Meal Site. Concrete and bricklaying is complete and drywall is in progress.
- Enid Community Corrections Center graduated two DUI classes this month with ten inmates in each class. At this time, they have an additional four classes with ten inmates participating in each class. The fifth class will begin the middle of April.
- The Female Offender Management Quarterly meeting was held on March 26 in OKC. The meeting was very well attended with over 40 attendees.

- On March 11, 2008, the Senate passed the Second Chance Act, HR 1593, by unanimous consent. It is anticipated that the President will sign the bill on April 9, 2008. It is only authorizing legislation. Appropriations to fund the grant programs contained in the bill are not anticipated until federal fiscal year 2009 at the earliest. If funded, we anticipate new grant opportunities to be available as early as next year

6. BUDGET UPDATE

Chief Financial Officer Jim Harris provided the following budget update. He referred the Board to page 3 of the trending report document in their packet.

The trending report focuses every month on three primary expenditure categories; personnel cost, medical and contract beds. When the department filed its budget request at the start of the year it was filed with a known budget deficit and put it in contract beds. In October when the budget request for FY 09 was filed, a supplemental request was also filed. At that time based upon expenditure trends, the agency expected a contract bed shortfall of around 34.1 million. As of the end of February the agency is trending a deficit of \$31,992,202 in contract beds. However, surpluses have been trended in payroll. According to the payroll component, the agency is trending an excess of 8.4 million because of vacancies. Netting the 8.4 million with the contract beds deficit of 31.9 million, makes the current projected shortfall in contract beds around 23.6 million. Medical is showing a surplus in excess of \$505,000. Offsetting the contract bed shortfall with all current trended expenditure savings, the net funding shortfall is now projected at 23.2 million.

The Governor signed the department's supplemental appropriations bill of 24 million. Chairman Henneke was very appreciative of the legislature and Governor for getting the supplemental approved.

7. POPULATION UPDATE

Chief of Operational Services Ken Klingler presented the following population update as of April 7, 2008: Total System Inmate Population = 25,327; Total Incarcerated Population = 24,412; DOC Facility Population = 17,861; Private Prison Population = 4,567; Total System Population = 56,553; County Jails with Contracts = 693; County Jail Backup = 1,131; Halfway House Population = 1,291; Probation = 27,443; and Parole = 3,783.

Chairman Henneke asked Mr. Klingler to explain the biggest concerns about where we are with regard to our population and percentages. He felt it important for the public to know how critical it is when the department hits 98%. Mr. Klingler said that once the agency reaches 98% it is very difficult for he and Ms. Davis to manage the system as a whole and try to assist the wardens and medical with the population issues that go on every day. When an offender at one of the facilities becomes a management problem, they get locked up in special housing units. In the good old days, there were enough beds that one would be available when that locked up offender came back to general population. Now days, when that offender gets locked up, another offender is ready to be placed in that vacated bed, leaving no vacant beds open for when they get out of lock up. Same situation holds true for medical situations. When Dr. Jackson gets a phone call from a care provider who is ready to discharge an offender from the hospital, they pressure Dr. Jackson for this to happen fast and there are no beds to put them in. Mr. Klingler explained he tried to keep the population segregated so he can tell where there are fluxuations. Right now

14.5% are assigned to community corrections, 33.7% are assigned to minimum, 10.1% are assigned to maximum and 41.6% are assigned to medium. Secure beds are the greatest need.

Chairman Henneke noted that there are 1,100-1,200 inmates in county jails waiting to come to the system.

8. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

**2007 Correctional Officer of the Year – Sgt. Lawrence W. Bell, Jr.
2007 Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year – Sgt. James McBane
Public Service Recognition Week (May 4-10)**

Personnel Administrator Linda Parrish indicated that the CO and COS of the Year would be recognized tomorrow at the Capitol and since those officers were not in attendance at the Board meeting, she asked to waive the reading of those two resolutions. Chairman Henneke granted the request but asked that the following resolutions appear in the minutes.

***WHEREAS**, correctional officers are trained professionals who unselfishly provide humane conditions of confinement while ensuring security of the state’s correctional institutions and contributing to the rehabilitation of offenders, and*

***WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections is extremely fortunate to have correctional officers who are conscientious, dedicated, and committed to performing their duties in a professional manner; and*

***WHEREAS**, each year one correctional officer is selected as the outstanding officer for his or her facility as well as his or her division; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections conducts a comprehensive interview process and selects an Agency Correctional Officer of the Year who exemplifies high standards and serves as a role model for others to follow in fulfilling the agency’s mission of “Protecting the Public, the Employee and the Offender”:*

***BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Oklahoma Board of Corrections does hereby announce and proclaim to all, its recognition of **SERGEANT LAWRENCE W. BELL, JR.**, James Crabtree Correctional Center, as the 2007 Agency Correctional Officer of the Year.*

ADOPTED this 9th day of April 2008.

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*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Board of Corrections does hereby announce and proclaim to all, its recognition of **SERGEANT JAMES HERSCHAL MCBANE**, Sayre Community Work Center, Northwest District Community Corrections as the 2007 Agency Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year.*

*ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008.*

Chairman Henneke entertained a motion to approve the two resolutions for CO and COS of the Year. Mr. Smith made the motion followed with a second by Mr. Rainey. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; and Mr. Ware, yes.

Ms. Parrish read the resolution on Public Service Recognition Week as follows.

*WHEREAS, May 4-10, 2008, is **Public Service Recognition Week**; and*

*WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections has over 4,600 employees who dedicate themselves to providing countless hours of essential services to the citizens of the state of Oklahoma; and*

*WHEREAS, these employees provide these services with the highest degree of professionalism, proficiency, honor, and dedication and are committed to fulfilling the Department of Corrections mission of "Protecting the Public, the Employees, and the Offenders," 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and*

*WHEREAS, this dedication and commitment to serve and the value of the services provided is worthy of the highest form of recognition and commendation:*

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Board of Corrections does hereby announce and proclaim to all, its recognition of the employees of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for the essential services they perform on a daily basis.*

*ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008.*

Chairman Henneke entertained a motion to approve the resolution on Public Service Recognition Week. Mr. Logan made the motion followed with a second by Mr. Smith. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; and Mr. Ware, yes.

## **9. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS**

**National Nurses Appreciation Week (May 6-12)**

**National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 27- May 3)**

**National Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-10)**

Deputy Director Debbie Mahaffey read the National Nurses Appreciation Week resolution as follows. Nurses in attendance stood during the reading and received applause from the Board.

**WHEREAS**, *The Department of Corrections employs 189 professional nurses across the state who work diligently, 365 days per year to provide nursing services to our offenders, and*

**WHEREAS**, *These dedicated staff are called on to provide nursing care to an underserved and challenging population, and respond to that vocation unselfishly, and*

**WHEREAS**, *The quality services provided by nurses continue to be a critical component of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections health care delivery system both now and in the future, and*

**WHEREAS**, *National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. This year's theme "Nurses: Making a Difference Every Day" is in celebration of the importance of nurses in the lives of all U.S. citizens:*

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, *that we, the Oklahoma Board of Corrections, request that all Oklahomans join us in honoring the strength, commitment, and compassion of the nursing staff of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, and*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, *that we, the Oklahoma Board of Corrections, affirm our appreciation for the accomplishments and efforts of our professional nursing staff to improve the lives and health of the offenders under their care.*

**ADOPTED this 9th day of April 2008.**

Chairman Henneke entertained a motion to approve the nurse's resolution as read. Mr. Rainey made the motion followed with a second by Mr. Logan. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; and Mr. Ware, yes

Deputy Director Debbie Mahaffey read the National Volunteers Appreciation Week resolution as follows. Volunteers in attendance stood during the reading of the resolution and received applause from the Board.

**WHEREAS**, *millions of volunteers work in their communities across our nation and throughout our state utilizing their time and their talents daily to make a real difference in the lives of others; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Oklahoma Department of Corrections is privileged to have a group of men and women who tirelessly give of themselves to provide much needed programmatic and occupational services to facilities, districts and units across the state of Oklahoma; and*

**WHEREAS**, *these volunteers are dedicated and committed to serving as positive role models for the offender population, supporting and leading offenders toward pro-social behavior while incarcerated and in reentry, and providing resources that assist the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in fulfilling its mission in a professional manner; and*

**WHEREAS**, *April 27-May 3, 2008, is National Volunteer Week and a most appropriate time to recognize these volunteers for demonstrating, on a daily basis, the true spirit of giving;*

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Oklahoma Board of Corrections does hereby announce and proclaim to all its recognition and sincere appreciation of Oklahoma Department of Corrections volunteers and the invaluable services they provide.

ADOPTED this 9th day of April 2008.

Chairman Henneke entertained a motion to approve the volunteer resolution as read. Mr. Smith made the motion followed with a second by Mr. Ware. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; and Mr. Ware, yes

Deputy Director Debbie Mahaffey read the National Teachers Recognition Week resolution as follows. Teachers in attendance stood during the reading of the resolution and received applause from the Board.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Corrections employs 86 certified teachers and administrators across the state who work diligently to ensure that the educational needs of offenders are served, and

**WHEREAS**, these professional staff are called upon to provide educational services to a population with more concentrated special needs in a challenging population, and

**WHEREAS**, the education staff must meet and maintain rigorous standards to remain accredited through three entities: State Department of Education, North Central Association for Curriculum Accreditation and School Improvement, and the American Correctional Association, and

**WHEREAS**, the knowledge and skills provided to offenders through the services of the correctional education unit consistently prove to be a major deterrent against offenders recidivating back into the system, and

**WHEREAS**, the provision of education by the teachers in corrections proves to be a cost savings to the State of Oklahoma each year through reduction in incarceration services, and

**WHEREAS**, National Teachers' Week will be celebrated from May 4-10, 2008, with May 6 known as National Teachers' Day, a day in which to "Thank a Teacher":

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Oklahoma Board of Corrections, request that all Oklahomans join us in honoring the professionalism, commitment, and compassion of the education staff of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we, the Oklahoma Board of Corrections, affirm our appreciation for the accomplishments and efforts of our professionally certified education staff to improve the academic achievements, job employability, and lives of the offenders under their care.

ADOPTED this 9th day of April 2008.

Chairman Henneke entertained a motion to approve the teacher's resolution as read. Mr. Smith made the motion followed with a second by Mr. Ware. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; and Mr. Ware, yes.

**10. APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY  
P-110100, “Uniform Personnel Standards”**

Director Jones submitted P-110100, “Uniform Personnel Standards” for Board approval. He advised there were no substantive changes. This policy keeps the agency in compliance with the Office of Personnel and Merit Rules for employment for state employees. Minor changes were noted as:

- Name of Chair was changed
- Name of Vice-Chair was changed

Chairman Henneke sought a motion for approval of Board Policy P-110100. Mr. Smith made the motion with a second by Mr. Rainey. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; and Mr. Ware, yes.

**11. PROGRAM UPDATE  
Access to Recovery Program (ATR)**

Deputy Chief Dr. Laura Pitman provided the following ATR update.

The Oklahoma Access to Recovery grant was awarded to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) at the end of September 2007. The focus of the grant is toward persons involved in the criminal justice system who have addiction issues. The vast majority of our population, approximately 70% of those discharging this year, have issues with addiction. Addiction is for any substance although part of the grant is focused on methamphetamine, more specifically 25% of the grant is to be spent for services for individuals with meth abuse issues. It’s a three year grant. Fifteen percent goes for overhead costs. The remaining 85% is spent for services directly to the client. The services are in two forms; traditional treatment services and recovery support. Handouts are provided in the packets, which identify the different services that are provided. Among the recovery support services are client advocacy, community recovery, peer counseling, pre-vocational services, referral, short term emergency shelter, socialization, and transportation. The DMHSAS is also working to add child care and dental services. The initial focus geographically was the Oklahoma County area. The intent is to include the Tulsa area in September. All the community corrections centers in the OKC area are providing referrals to the program. Probation and Parole is currently working on a referral system for Central District. To date, 88 assessments have been done, 87 were positive for need of services and one did not qualify for services. So far of the 88 assessments, 22 have been positive for meth, which is at the 25% target. A unique aspect of this grant is the involvement of grass roots and religious organizations, which formally hasn’t been done under federal funding. This is an opportunity to provide a number of support services that help people achieve and maintain their recovery and by doing so divert them from coming to DOC in the first place or enable them to sustain pro-social activity once they are released from DOC. In terms of measurement, the program is being evaluated based on the Government Performance Results Act. It’s an instrument supplied by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Outcome measures will be performed 6 months post release. Parts of that measure involve things like abstinence from substance use, employment, education, reincarceration, rearrest, family and living conditions, social connectedness and retention.

Chairman Henneke asked how many inmates they would be able to provide services to. Dr. Pitman responded that that question is difficult to answer. At present there are 4 organizations that are able to access clients. Since the initial focus for services was on Oklahoma County, those assessors are located in the Oklahoma County area. She is continuing discussions with the Department of Mental Health to expand the number of assessors which will impact the number of offenders accommodated. In terms of the number of offenders being released that are eligible for services, it is estimated that 70% of offenders discharging from DOC’s facilities within this next year have a need for services. Inmates can be assessed

before they leave DOC custody, but they cannot receive federal funding for an extended period of time while incarcerated. Probation and Parole does not have that restraint. The cap on the time of the program is 6 months.

## **12. FEMALE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Deputy Director Debbie Mahaffey provided the following Female Offender Management update.

She thanked the members of the Female Offender Management group. They have worked tirelessly since the mid 1990's to address the issues of female offenders and keep their issues on the forefront. This group started in response to national issues that arose over females being abused in the prisons across the country. Also, in 1993, Oklahoma first became the state to incarcerate the highest rate of female offenders. Parity and programs, training staff who work with female offenders, addressing the needs of the children of incarcerated mothers, female classification system validation, are just naming a few that have captured the time and passion that this group puts in to impacting the lives of women in Oklahoma who are incarcerated. A fact sheet is provided in the Board packets to give information about admissions, releases, arrest rates, drug courts, probation and parole successes and failures and recidivism rate. The most recent recidivism study done by the Evaluation and Analysis Unit shows that the recidivism rate for females released during 2004 and studied last year in 2007, is 18.5%. We have got to start making an impact on the lives of women in this state before they are sent to prison. The Female Offender Management group along with other officials of this agency will need to work in local communities, law enforcement, and judicial environments as well as our own probation and parole units to ensure best practices and gender response is included in our efforts with reducing the female incarceration rate in Oklahoma. The Female Offender Management group has recommended a revision to policy so that we might have this new focus. We cannot rely on prison based treatment; we need community based programs to treat addiction and mental health.

Chairman Henneke commented on the handout that was provided regarding Oklahoma's adult female arrest rate between 1990 and 2000 increasing by 25% compared with U.S. total female arrest rate which decreased by 15%. There is no question that we are locking up more nonviolent offenders. It is clear we have to do something different in Oklahoma. Chairman Henneke asked if there was a task force dealing with the female issues. Ms. Mahaffey said they were working on getting on the DAC conference agenda and judicial conferences to make them aware of these facts. They will also look within the agency at Probation and Parole to determine why women are getting revoked at the rate they are.

Mr. McBee asked what percentage of the female releases in FY 04 received treatment or services in prison. Ms. Mahaffey was not sure but would find out.

Mr. Godlove asked Ms. Mahaffey if the recommendations at the end of her report were things DOC could do or if outside assistance would be needed and at what point would she provide the Board a list of things that need to be worked on. Ms. Mahaffey felt like outside assistance would be needed to have enough resources in the community to allow women opportunities for treatment prior to coming into contact with the criminal justice system. The Female Offender Management group meets quarterly but will increase the meetings to bimonthly. In between those months, the subcommittee's such as those that can work on arrest, pretrial services, community diversions, etc., would be expected to meet and report back every other month as to their progress. She is hopeful that recommendations can be provided to the Board in June. Director Jones said this will involve DOC securing a lot of collaboration at the local level for resources. Conversations have taken place with Commissioner Terri White from DMHSAS and Director Howard Hendricks with DHS. Mr. Godlove commended the director and his staff for their efforts.

Mr. Logan said it was a good thing to have the women's assessment center at MBCC, separate from the men. He also invited those in the meeting to attend the Grandchildren raising Grandparents conference being held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church later in the month.

Chairman Henneke felt that going to the DAC and judicial conferences could make the quickest impact short term. He asked that his county judges and DA's get a copy of the bullet points.

Below are the bullets provided to the Board.

- With around 2400 incarcerated females in Oklahoma Department of Corrections, the female population makes up about 10% of the total incarcerated in DOC. 1715 of the females are ages 25 – 44. (*Oklahoma Department of Corrections Evaluation and Analysis Unit*)
- During fiscal year 2007, 1,247 females were admitted into the Department of Corrections. Of these, 868 were new court admissions and 47 were parole violators. 1193 females were released during this time period. (*Oklahoma Department of Corrections Evaluation and Analysis Unit*)
- During calendar year 2007, 246 female probation and parole violators were returned to prison with no new sentence. 151 were received on a violation with a new sentence. (*Oklahoma Department of Corrections Evaluation and Analysis Unit*)
- The recidivism rate for females released in FY'04 and returning within 3 years is 18.5%. (*Oklahoma Department of Corrections Evaluation and Analysis Unit*)
- Oklahoma's adult female arrest rate between 1990 and 2000 increased by 25% compared with U.S. total female arrest rate which decreased by 15%. In Oklahoma the total female arrest rate in 2001 was 54% higher than the U.S. total female arrest rate. (*Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center*)
- Both Oklahoma and U.S. report 21% of crime arrests of females were for violent offenses. (*Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center*)
- Drug and other non-violent offenses account for 79.4% of female offender convictions in Oklahoma. (*Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center*)
- 98.1% of felony convictions in Oklahoma are the result of a plea agreement. (*Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center*)
- States with the lowest female incarceration rates have a pattern of incarcerating fewer non-violent offenders. (*Bureau of Justice Statistics*)
- Low incarceration states spend more on state supported alcohol and drug treatment programs than high incarceration states. (*Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center*)
- There is a correlation between lower spending on judicial and legal services and higher female incarceration rates. (*Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center*)
- Males in Oklahoma Drug Courts have a 5.3% higher retention rate than females. (*ODMHSAS Performance and Outcome Report 2001 – 2005*)

### 13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Henneke asked if there were any committees that wished to report.

Budget – Robert Rainey: No report

Female Offender – Ted Logan: No report

Legislative – Earnest Ware: This is the halfway point in the legislative session. More than 3,000 bills were introduced, but a significant number were not heard, particularly in the Senate. Last week was the Senate committee deadline and this week is the House committee deadline for hearing bills from the opposite body. The original 16 initiatives were combined into 11 bills. Seven of these bills successfully passed the House but only one was heard in Senate committee and is still active. Four Senate bills were sent to the House and are still active; one of these has the same language as the sole Senate bill. The initiatives still pending are:

1. Offender Banking System
2. Offender Canteen System
3. Reducing minimum correctional officer age from 21 to 20
4. Allowing facility staff to eat meals at no cost
5. Offender trade licensing

HB 2253 is our \$24 million supplemental appropriation. It passed the Senate on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and House on April 7<sup>th</sup> and was signed by the Governor on April 8<sup>th</sup>. FY 09 budget discussions are ongoing and the director and our financial staff have been very active in this process. A budget agreement is expected soon.

Population/Private Prison – Matthew McBee: No report

Public Affairs/State Boards Interface – Ernest Godlove: Joyce Jackson and her staff have produced a tape that is intended to be used throughout the state as an educational tool making use of volunteers to take into church groups, community groups, etc., to help deal with DOC issues. Their committee got a short preview and he suggested the tape be presented in total for the Board's review at the next meeting. Joyce Jackson said it would be ready.

Executive – David Henneke: No report

### 14. NEW BUSINESS (“ANY MATTER NOT KNOWN ABOUT OR WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN REASONABLY FORSEEN PRIOR TO THE TIME OF POSTING.” 25 O.S. § 311)

None

### 15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Henneke again thanked OPEA and Mr. Rogers for their efforts at the press conference today.

### 16. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Henneke sought a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith made the motion followed with a second by Mr. Rainey. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. McBee, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; and Mr. Ware, yes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.

I hereby certify that these minutes were duly approved by the Board on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008, in which a quorum was present and voting.

Approved by:

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Secretary of the Board

Date: June 13, 2008

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes Clerk