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PAROLE COMMISSION
Staff Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 13, 2023
3099 East Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

Presiding: Christopher Blythe, Chair

Present: Doug Drankiewicz, Jennifer Kramer, Shannon Pierce, Sara Tome, Oliver Buchino

Guests: Alaina Bunger, Amanda Readman, Ashley Payne-OVSP, Elizabeth Lucas-OVSP

The meeting began at approximately 10:00 AM.

Chairman Blythe opened by introducing himself and members of the Commission. The Chair noted that this would be his last day as Chairperson, and that a new Chairperson would be announced by the Governor's Office later that day. The Chair thanked members of the Commission staff for their work during his time as Chair.

The Chair mentioned the upcoming yearly conference for the Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) in Kansas City in April. The Chair and Commissioners agreed to submit the forms for the full Commission staff to attend. Commissioners Drankiewicz and Kramer noted that it would be an important educational opportunity, as it is a chance to meet with Parole authority members from other states.

Commissioner Drankiewicz described the need for an assistant to the parole chair position to be created for the Commission, noting this is a position that previously existed, and would be able to assist with the transition to a new Chair. In discussion with Chairman Blythe and the other Commissioners, it was decided to elevate one of the Commission office staff to this position, and to fill the current LTE office opening.

Commissioner Pierce mentioned her participation with the Council on Offender Reentry, and that she would share further information on this at the next staff meeting.

The meeting concluded at approximately 10:10am. The meeting then transitioned into closed session, and the no-action case presented by Commissioner Pierce was reviewed.