

HIGHLIGHTS  
COOK COUNTY CORRECTIONS BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2006  
HELD AT THE COOK COUNTY CORRECTIONS FACILITY – DIV.5

PRESENT: Chair Iola McGowan, Vice-Chair Munir Muhammad, Board Members Esequiel Iracheta, Gilbert Marchman and Howard Brookins Sr., Assistant Director Dennis Andrews, Department Legal Advisor Joseph Consolo, Board Secretary Shirley Moore, Vera Bonds, Observer for County Commissioner Bobbie Steele, and Frances Sowa, LWV Observer.

The meeting came to order at 12:30 p.m. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

**Directors' Report:**

As of 8 A.M., April 14<sup>th</sup>, there were 8,920 detainees. An additional 2,266 defendants were on community supervision and intervention. 20 inmates were in various hospitals. 439 inmates had been transferred to other corrections facilities during the previous week.

In addition, 102 women were housed in the Women's Justice Services program, at the Old Cermak Hospital, 150 women were on Sheriff's furlough, and 14 pregnant detainees were housed elsewhere.

**Unusual Occurrences:**

No unusual incidents were reported since the last Board meeting. Board members Brookins and Marchman questioned the accuracy of this item, since the media had reported that four inmates were hospitalized after a fight. Assistant Director Andrews replied that only one inmate, who injured his leg playing basketball had been taken by ambulance to a hospital for treatment. In a separate incident, two inmates suffered bruises during a fight, for which they were treated, on site, at Cermak Hospital. According to Mr. Andrews, the media monitors 911 calls, and since a number of ambulances had responded, the media assumed that all had been transported to an outside hospital.

**Officer Cadet Classes:**

Assistant Director Andrews reported that a class of 46 cadet officers had graduated on April 13<sup>th</sup>. He gave the ethnic breakdown: Female officers - 2 Caucasian, 7 African-American, 1 Hispanic; Male officers - 15 Caucasian, 9 African American, 12 Hispanic. Another class of 57 cadets are expected to graduate on May 12.

The Board accepted the Directors' Report with the necessary amendments.

**Inmate Aging Report**

The report on inmate aging was unavailable, since Director Kurtevich, who had been expected to make the report, was absent. Mr. Marchman stressed the importance of providing the requested report to the Board.

**Personnel Morale:**

Mr. Brookins stated that he had information about poor morale among jail personnel, and this might be related to some of the other problems at the Jail. Chair McGowan requested that Assistant Director Andrews arrange that a Human Resources administrator

be present at the next Board meeting to discuss the issue. The Board would decide in the future whether it was necessary to confer with an outside agency for more information.

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:50, after which the Board met in Executive session.

Respectfully submitted, Frances Sowa