

**California Rehabilitation Oversight Board Minutes  
September 7, 2011 Meeting**

The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) met in open session at 9:48 a.m. on September 7, 2011, at the California State University, Sacramento Alumni Center, 6024 State University Drive South, Sacramento, California.

**Board Members:** Present at the meeting were Robert Barton, Inspector General (Chairman); Matthew Cate, Secretary, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR); Debra Jones, Administrator, Adult Education Programs, California Department of Education, (Designee for Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Public Instruction); Van Ton-Quinlivan, Vice Chancellor, California Community Colleges (Designee for Jack Scott, Chancellor, California Community Colleges); Susan Turner, Professor, University of California, Irvine (President of the University of California appointee); Bruce Bickle, Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chancellor of California State University appointee); William Arroyo, M.D., Regional Medical Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health; Michael Cunningham, Director (A), Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs; and Gary Stanton, Sheriff, County of Solano (Governor Appointee). Absent from the meeting was Wendy Still, Chief Adult Probation Officer for the City and County of San Francisco (Senate Committee on Rules appointee) and Cindy Radavsky (Designee for Cliff Allenby, Director, (A), Department of Mental Health).

**Office of the Inspector General staff:** Bruce Monfross, Counsel to the Board; Renee Hansen, C-ROB Executive Director; Celeste Olson, C-ROB Secretary and Ann Bordenkircher, Sr. Legal Analyst.

**Panel Presenters:** Elizabeth Siggins, Director (A), Division of Rehabilitative Programs, CDCR

**Public Comment:** John Kern, Steve Bowen and Susan Lawrence.

**Item 1. Call to Order.**

Chairman Barton called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

**Item 2. Introductions and Establish Quorum.**

Chairman Barton introduced himself as the newly appointed Inspector General and noted Office of the Inspector General staff participating in the meeting. Board members introduced themselves to the public attendees, and the Chairman noted that a quorum was present.

**Item 3. Review Agenda.**

Chairman Barton reviewed the agenda stating that the purpose of the meeting was to have a discussion on the September 15, 2011 draft report, a CDCR update on the 2011 Public Safety Realignment legislation implementation, and to receive public comments on any matter under its jurisdiction.

**Item 4. Review and Approval of the July 13, 2011 minutes.**

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the minutes of the July 13, 2011 C-ROB meeting were approved.

John Kern, SEIU 1000, representing teachers and librarians within CDCR, took a moment to comment that the prior minutes or the draft report stated teachers expressed positive comments about the academic education structures recently adopted. He stated he was unaware of any teachers present at the last board meeting and wondered who was actually quoted in the report.

**Item 5. Executive Director updates.**

Executive Director Hansen indicated that an additional board meeting to approve the September 15 C-ROB report would be required as a full review was not possible by the Report's due date. That date will be announced later in today's meeting.

**Item 6. Board discussion of the September 15, 2011 draft report.**

The board spent some time discussing the report and the proposed compelling statement to the September 15, 2011 C-ROB report. Elizabeth Siggins represented CDCR in expressing areas of concern within the report and covered several areas for potential edit.

Ms. Siggins commented that those portions of the report concerning milestone credits should be held until C-ROB's next reporting period so that the department could provide updated data.

**Public Comments, Item 6:**

John Kern, SEIU 1000, stated while the new education structures were a collaborative production between the teachers and the department, it is too early to comment on the structures' effectiveness. He would like to see a corresponding chart for vocational teachers similar to the one for academic teachers. Mr. Kern is pleased that hiring is going to be authorized. He closed by saying that problems still exist in getting the right inmate in the right program.

Steve Bowen, SEIU / ABE 1 teacher, commented on teacher vacancies and the need to get more programming out to the inmates. Mr. Bowen stated that the new structures are an improvement over the prior models, but they are too rigid. The mandated ratio of teachers to students is 1:27. Some students have dementia, while others are paranoid and hear voices and probably should not even be in a classroom yet. There are a lot of problems trying to teach these men and so the ratio becomes a problem.

Susan Lawrence, Catalyst Foundation, stated that the legislature must take a hard look at what funding is dedicated to rehabilitative programs to ensure inmates are ready for a successful reentry. She said that rehabilitative programming, no matter how evidence-based, how well constructed or planned, cannot be delivered effectively in lockdowns or in situations of violence, chaos and disorder. It is her hope that realignment will offer the opportunity for increased support of the Honor Program.

**Item 7. Board decision regarding the September 15, 2011 draft report.**

After much deliberation, the Board voted to postpone publication of the September 15, 2011 C-ROB report until October 7, 2011.

**Item 8. CDCR Update: 2011 Public Safety Realignment legislation implementation.**

While the board anticipated a panel presentation on the realignment issues, Elizabeth Siggins reported that CDCR staff are working full time with the counties, making presentations all across the State in preparation of the October 1 implementation date. She suggested CDCR staff present in more detail at a future C-ROB meeting. The board was agreeable to moving this agenda item to the October 31, 2011 information gathering meeting.

Ms. Siggins presented a summary of the realignment issue and suggested the Board review CDCR's website where the department has a realignment home page. She pointed out there are several videos, as well as detailed information about the funding of realignment, the happenings at the local level in terms of the planning process, details of post-release supervision and the final list of crimes that are excluded from AB 109.

**Item 9. Future board meeting schedule.**

Reneé Hansen proposed future board meeting dates and the board agreed to meet on September 29 (half day/a.m.); October 31 (all day); January 11, 2012 (half day/a.m.) and March 7 (full day). Meeting locations are yet to be determined.

**Item 10. Future agenda items.**

One potential topic for future meetings is to invite the State Auditor's office to talk on its recent COMPAS report, to include whatever staff drew the conclusions regarding COMPAS. It was suggested that board members receive a copy of the Auditor's report in advance of that meeting. Another suggestion was on the DJJ wards and how their education in the DJJ system correlates for those turning 18 and transitioning into the adult system. A recurring theme is to invite PIA to discuss its rehabilitative program.

**Item 11. Public comment.**

John Kern commented that the point of the State Auditor's report is hardly surprising and said that he believes the draft C-ROB report shows how poorly the COMPAS data is being applied to actual inmate programming slots.

**Item 12. Adjournment.**

In closing, Chairman Barton thanked Debra Jones for her service to the Board, stating this is Ms. Jones' last meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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C-ROB Secretary

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