



# Allegheny County

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## AGENDA

### ALLEGHENY COUNTY JAIL OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 4:00 P.M.

Board Members: In-Person

Public Viewing Link Located at [www.alleghenycourts.us/jail/oversight.aspx](http://www.alleghenycourts.us/jail/oversight.aspx)

1. **Welcome, Call to Order & Rules—Judge Howsie** (2 minutes)
2. **Community Corrections Reports** (3 minutes)
  - Passages to Recovery
  - The Renewal Center
  - Electronic Monitoring
3. **Warden's Report** (10 minutes)
  - Update on interoffice mail from incarcerated individuals
  - Training
  - Voting Access
  - Reentry Services
  - Discharge/release
  - Chaplain Department
  - Suicide Prevention Sub-Committee
    - Updates on status of re-inspection report from NCCHC – **Warden Harper**
4. **Chief Deputy Warden's Report** (20 minutes)
  - Staff promotions, new hires, and Cadet update
  - Status on remaining suicide resistant cells
  - COVID update (testing, vaccinations, dashboard, etc.)
  - Medication Assisted Treatment update
  - Tracking commitment to Torrance, incl. people removed from list due to re-evaluation
  - Tracking of Tier 4 and Tier 5
  - Report on individuals waiting to see mental health specialists, sick calls, and psychiatric care, to include wait times
  - October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Article
  - Books – **Deputy Toma**
  - Department of Health violations this year – **Deputy Toma**
  - List of educational curriculum based on age– **Deputy Warden Toma**
  - Update on award for Commissary RFP– **Deputy Warden Toma**
  - Allegheny County Legal Department responses to questions regarding Summit Commissary contract
5. **Public Comment** (30 minutes)
6. **Review of the Minutes for October 6, 2022** (2 minutes)

## 7. Old Business (30 minutes)

- IIWF Report to include: – **Judge Lazzara**
  - Update on liaison position, applications and application period
  - Update on compensation for work performed by incarcerated individuals at ACJ – **Bethany Hallam**
- ACJ and alternative housing population statistics, including BC holds– **Judge Lazzara**
- Update on NCCHC contract to audit deaths in the jail– **Mr. Pilarski**

## 8. New Business (6 minutes)

- Jail inspections
- *Motion to request money from the Incarcerated Individual Welfare Fund to be put on the joint tablet/commissary accounts of each person. There are 1,425 folks currently incarcerated in the jail, \$125 for each person, for a total cost of \$178,125.* – **Bethany Hallam**
- *Motion to authorize the following booksellers to provide books to people incarcerated in Allegheny County Jail:*
  1. *City Books*
  2. *White Whale Books*
  3. *City of Asylum*
  4. *Classic Lines*
  5. *Big Idea Bookstore*
  6. *Amazon* – **Bethany Hallam**
- *Motion to prohibit the Allegheny County Jail from refusing any book shipments for lack of a paper receipt from an authorized bookseller.* – **Bethany Hallam**
- *Motion to require the Allegheny County Jail accept book shipments from USPS, FedEx, and USPS.* – **Bethany Hallam**
- *Motion to require the Allegheny County Jail to notify incarcerated person in writing when their book(s) are rejected or confiscated, the reason why, and provide an opportunity to appeal the decision consistent with their rights to Due Process.* – **Bethany Hallam**
- *Motion to require Allegheny County Jail to provide the Jail Oversight Board with a list of all book titles that the Allegheny County Jail bans or confiscates.* – **Bethany Hallam**

## 9. Adjournment