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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTION
MAY 17, 1977

A regular meeting of the Board of Correction was held on Tuesday, May 17, 1977, in the 20th floor conference room at 645 Madison Avenue, New York. Present were Peter Tufo, Peggy Davis, Angelo Giordani, Rev. Samuel Holder, John Horan, Wilbert Kirby, Marjorie Kogan, David Schulte, and Rose Singer. Also present by invitation of the Board were Marc Rosen, Executive Director, and Michael D. Cleary, Dan Pochoda, and Joseph V. Smith of the staff.

Mr. Tufo served as Chairman and Mr. Smith as Secretary of the meeting. Chairman Tufo called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Chairman Tufo opened the meeting with a discussion on the goals of the Board, its responsibility and intent to promulgate minimum standards, its demand on its members, and a summary of the governmental environment in which it is currently operating. It was the consensus of the meeting that the promulgation of minimum standards was the Board's most important undertaking to date and one that would be seen to completion by its members.

There was extensive discussion regarding the process by which the Board's minimum standards committee had developed the present drafts. There was some dissatisfaction expressed with the committee approach as it failed to fully involve each Board member and as a result some felt less than completely familiar with the standards. Various suggestions including adding other members to the committee, dissolving the committee and establishing a committee of the whole, or having educational sessions for the entire Board were proposed. The Board members agreed to meet at

9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 1977, at 1185 Park Avenue, New York, to extensively discuss the standards.

The Board scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, May 31, 1977, at 1 p.m. in the 14th floor conference room, 100 Centre Street, New York, with Commissioner Malcolm and the executive staff of the Department of Correction.

Marc Rosen informed the Board that Judge Pierce had ruled in favor of single-detainee-per-cell housing at the Adolescent Reception and Detention Center beginning June 1, 1977. This decision had been reached before a letter from the Board to Judge Pierce endorsing such a decision could be forwarded.

Rev. Holder informed the Chairman that he had requested an excused absence from the February 7, 1977 Board meeting and the minutes had not reflected that request. Upon motion duly made by David Schulte and seconded by Rose Singer, the request for an excused absence from the February 7, 1977 meeting for Rev. Holder was approved.

David Schulte requested a schedule of employees of the Board's staff. Chairman Tufo directed Marc Rosen to distribute it to the Board.

Rev. Holder requested information on the relationship between the State Commission of Correction and the Board. Chairman Tufo reported on the history of the relationship with its two most recent Chairman, Herman Schwartz and Stephen Chinlund, and the understandings on operating procedures which had been reached with them. Marc Rosen added that the State was going to defer to the Board's grievance procedure in New York City matters.

Upon motion duly made by Rose Singer and seconded by Marjorie Kogan, a vote of confidence in the Chairman was initiated. With the Chairman

abstaining, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board members had
full confidence in Chairman Peter Tufo.

Upon motion duly made by Rose Singer and seconded by Peter Tufo,
the meeting was closed at 4:30 p.m.