



STATE OF IDAHO

COMMISSION OF PARDONS AND PAROLE

Brad Little
Governor
Ashley Dowell
Executive Director

COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

DATE/TIME: March 20, 2020 12:30p.m. MT
LOCATION: Call in number: 1-888-585-9008
Conference Room Number: 851231708

Commissioners: Cortney Dennis R. David Moore
Janie Dressen Tony Plott
Mike Matthews Patricia Young
Terry Kirkham

Executive Director: Ashley Dowell

Commission Staff Present:

Felicia Forbus, Violations Hearing Officer Supervisor
James Keller, Parole Hearing Investigator Supervisor
Lissa Duncan, Hearings Manager

Others Present:

Jared Larsen, Governor's Office Liaison
Mark Kubinski, Deputy Attorney General

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 12:32pm
2. COVID-19 Update and Planning –
 - a. Many criminal justice agencies are modifying their practices to use maximum discretion during the COVID outbreak. Law enforcement is utilizing discretion in arrests and IDOC is utilizing discretion in violations, limiting in person contacts, and focusing on high risk offenders.
 - b. As such, the Commission is encouraged to also utilize maximum discretion for those deemed not to be an immediate public safety risk. This may include open TPDs, modifications to the schedule to complete reviews of those who are parole eligible, reviewing reinstatements more regularly, and canceling non-urgent Commission matters to increase time available to review eligible cases. Victim notifications will still occur as normal for any schedule changes.
 - c. One area to discuss is granting the Executive Director authority to modify TPDs with specific dates to open. This would include those who are parole eligible with TPDs in the next several months. Individual parole decisions have already been made in all of those cases. Conditions, program requirements and DOR reviews would remain the same.
 - i. Action Item: Commissioner Dennis moved to grant authority for the Executive Director to modify tentative parole dates to open through September 2020 with a focus on drug and property crimes, those at a CRC and the elderly. Commissioner Kirkham seconds. All vote aye, motion passes.
3. Meeting Adjourned: 1:05pm