

Minutes of the Monthly  
Meeting of the  
Lancaster County Prison Board  
February 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Joshua Parsons at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Lancaster County Administrative Office Building.

Members Present: Commissioner Joshua Parsons, Commissioner Ray D'Agostino, President Judge Leonard Brown, Sheriff Chris Leppler, District Attorney Heather Adams, and Controller Scott Wiglesworth.

Not present: Commissioner Alice Yoder

Others Present: Cheryl Steberger, Miguel Castro, Joseph Shiffer, Brian Secor, Bob Devonshire, Christina Pedigree, Kim Wolfe, Kent Kroehler, Mike Fitzpatrick, Jen Nissley, Jen Luciano, Kim McDevitt, Dan Flynn, Jacquelyn Pfursich, Dennis Dougherty, Lydia Kovalchuk, Ginny Gible, Dorothy Nestle, Kathy Lettanzio, Jose Diaz, John Herr, Matthew Pierotti, Steven Breza, Peg Newcomer, Jo Barr, Cheryl Desmond, Rose Ernest, Beth Reeves, Doug Hill, Gloria Hawkes, Connie Hazeltine, Tracy Downey, Erika Williams, Perry Hazeltine, Michelle Hines, Lori Johnson, Ann Royer, Raquel Rivera, Nikki Rivera, Barb Verrier, Joel Leshar, Sue Wagner Fields, John Weigel, Jill Barnes, Dan Flynn, Miguel Albino, Katelyn Hibbard, Cody Hawkes, Elisabeth Hoffman, Bruce Walton, Marcia Stoner, Kent Kingan, Sandi Verbin, Liz Shaffer, Gina Burkhart, Stephen Sauer, Noah Althoff, Trudi Ellenberger, Gail Grove Scott, Rebecca Weybright, Judy Blouch, Jason Perkowski, J.E. Davis, Beth Proffitt, Mary Lou Weaver Houser, Valarie Shenk, Perry Hazeltine, Tracy Wise, Marsha Stoner, Kathy Walker, Michele Fines, Pat Stratton, Leif Weigel and Kathy Kunkel.

Note: there were others present who did not sign in and whose identity is unknown.

Commissioner D'Agostino moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2026, Prison Board meeting. President Judge Leonard Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Cheryl Steberger, Warden; Miguel Castro, Deputy Warden of Operations; Joseph Shiffer, Deputy Warden for Inmate Services; Brian Secor, Deputy Warden of Administration, Bob Devonshire Director of General Services; and Scott Wiglesworth, Controller, gave reports on their areas of responsibility. All these reports, including operations and statistical information, are posted on the County's website.

Warden Steberger gave her report on the Prison in-house population. In January 2025, 783 was the average population compared to January 2026, the average population

was 819. This morning the total is 786. Warden Steberger noted that the population during the 18 days of February thus far, that 15 have been in the 700's. The Warden noted the approved population for the jail is 1085.

Warden Steberger stated as reported to the media, the death of an inmate who was found unresponsive in his cell at 6:30 am on January 30, 2026. The medical staff called 911 and the inmate was transported to Lancaster General Health Penn Medicine. The prison was notified later on February 2, that the inmate passed away on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Warden Steberger noted that the Prison Investigator Gregory Hahn is working with the Coroner's Office who are investigating and will provide a report on the manner and cause of death.

Warden Steberger wished to thank Brian Pasquale, Executive Director of Public Safety and Zachary Gibbons, Emergency Management, for their assistance for organizing and overseeing the prison's continuity of services and safe staffing level during the recent weather snow emergency. In addition, she thanked the General Services Department for keeping the prison lots cleared of snow. She also thanked Bryan Hubbard, Director of YIC, for allowing a parking shuttle at his agency.

Warden Steberger noted that Brian Secor took the place of Arla Brown, Director of Administration who retired in December. She introduced Brian in his new position title as the Deputy Warden of Administration. Deputy Warden Secor thanked the Board and Warden, and stated his success is the success of the prison staff.

Deputy Warden, Miguel Castro, reported on the Officers of the Month for January 2026: 1<sup>st</sup> shift Officer Joseph Dewitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> shift Officer Timothy Rittinger, and 3<sup>rd</sup> shift Officer Austin Jones. Deputy Warden Castro stated that they all showed exemplary skills and abilities in their work duties.

Deputy Warden Castro stated the Operations Officer selected for the Month of January was Officer Dylan Swanson.

Deputy Warden Castro provided staffing updates.

Deputy Warden Shiffer reported that 19 individuals graduated from the New Direction, Drug & Alcohol Program (14 males and 5 females. Deputy Warden Shiffer was pleased to report 10% recidivism rate at 90 days. He noted that 20 individuals graduated from the MRT program since June 2025 with a 0% recidivism rate.

Deputy Warden Shiffer reported that the Prison received 54 donations as of last week from the Bleed Blue Blood challenge Drive that kicked off on January 20<sup>th</sup>. He noted the Drive continues until the end of February.

Deputy Warden Secor gave his report on the Administration.

Bob Devonshire, Director of General Services, gave the Facilities Management Report. Mr. Devonshire reported that they are working on the new correctional facility project. Work orders in January 2026 were 256; with 256 work orders year to date. There were 256 work orders per month on average and 188 work orders per month for a 5-year average.

Scott Wiglesworth, Controller, presented the Financial Report as of January 31, 2026.

The Prison's Operating:

Total revenue received to date was \$15,975.

Expenditures to date: Personnel Services \$3,429,825; Supplies \$107,295;

Purchased Services \$2,708,099; for a total year to date of \$6,245,218.

For the Prison Maintenance Category:

Supplies \$357; and Purchased Services \$8,073 for a total year to date of \$8,430.

For the Inmate General Welfare Fund (IGWF):

Revenues to date \$111,758; Expenditures \$85,953. The current Inmate Welfare Fund balance is \$44,144.

Warden Steberger gave a Design Development update on the new facility project. She stated that following the public presentation on the Design draft of the Facility, the Project Team (comprised of the Warden, Linda Schreiner, Bob Devonshire, GFT Incorporated, Rettew Associates, and Skanska USA), has compiled the feedback received thus far and has provided public comments to the Board of Commissioners for review. The Warden noted that feedback is still being accepted, and members of the public are encouraged to submit their comments via the LCCF email or QR code.

Based on feedback received, the Project Team is working on providing additional detail on the proposed add alternates.

Commissioner D'Agostino noted that the prison team has met with Lancaster Township officials and the Lancaster Township Planning Commission to review the Design preliminary/final Land Development plans. He also stated that the county finance team is working with the Financial Advisor regarding funding of the prison project with an initial presentation to be made to the Board of Commissioners by the end of March.

President Judge Leonard Brown stated that Correctional Officer Miguel Albino was nominated the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025 with a Certificate of Excellence in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding contributions and dedication to the Courts. President Judge Brown stated that even though Mr. Albino is not a court employee, he is an

adjacent part of the court team by supporting the courts by providing video conferencing.

In business from guests, Jason Perkowski stated that the recidivism rates of 0% and 10% for the D&A and MRT programs as noted by Deputy Warden Joe Shiffer earlier in the meeting are excellent. He asked President Judge Brown about the Rapid Resolution Court (RRC).

Gail Groves Scott, Health Policy Network, asked if the prison could increase reporting and oversight on such topics as the temperatures in the prison, dental exam data and HIV and other infectious disease testing. In addition, she asked that the prison board meetings held at the prison be video recorded as she has requested in the past.

The following individuals came to the podium to urge the County Sheriff to withdraw from an agreement with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency allowing deputies in his office to assist federal authorities with immigration enforcement.

Valerie Shenk spoke and presented the Sheriff with a copy of an online petition with 2700 signatures to end the 287G agreement.

Other speakers were: John Herr, Perry Hazeltine, Tracy Wise, Marsha Stoner, Kathy Walker, Nikki Rivera, State Representative House District 96, Connie Hazeltine, Susan Wagner Fields, Trudi Ellenberger, Michele Fines, Pat Stratton, and Leif Weigel.

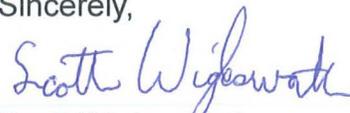
Sheriff Leppler stated that the deputies utilize the power authorized by ICE only to question people that they are already pursuing on outstanding warrants. He stated that the memo of understanding (MOU) is a task force model and enforcement actions would continue with or without the ICE agreement in place.

Both Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner D'Agostino commented that they fully support the District Attorney and Sheriff in their enforcement of the law.

District Attorney Heather Adams stated that her office is preparing a statement addressing her office's ICE agreement.

Commissioner D'Agostino moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. President Judge Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The next meeting will be held on March 19, 2026, at 9:15 a.m.

Sincerely,



Scott Wiglesworth  
Controller