

Minutes for Project Prison Reset Task Force

Thursday, April 3, 2025

South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance

1600 W. Russell St., Sioux Falls, SD 57501

Call to Order

- Lt. Governor Tony Venhuizen called the meeting to order and made introductory remarks
- The following task force members were present: Lt. Governor Venhuizen (chair), Sen. Chris Karr, Sen. Jim Mehlhaff, Sen. Jamie Smith, Sen. Steve Kolbeck, Sen. Ernie Otten, Sen. Mark Lapka, Rep. Jon Hansen, Rep. Scott Odenbach, Rep. Erin Healy, Rep. Greg Jamison, Rep. Jack Kolbeck, Rep. Karla Lems, Rep. Brian Mulder, Rep. Tim Reisch, Circuit Judge Jane Wipf Pfeifle, Minnehaha County Sheriff Mike Milstead, Minnehaha County State's Attorney Daniel Haggar, Yankton City Police Chief Jason Foote, Southeastern Behavioral Health CEO Tiffany Wolfgang. Excused were Attorney General Marty Jackley and Sen. Joy Hohn.
- Also present were Governor's Office Senior Policy Advisor Ryan Brunner, Secretary of Corrections Kellie Wasko, DOC staffer Carrie De Lange, and Jennifer Walz of the Office of the State Engineer.

Presentations

- Overview of all SDDOC Facilities – Secretary Wasko and Mr. Brunner
- Southeast Technical College Presentation – President Corey Clasemann and _____
- Pheasantland Industries Presentation – _____
- Behavioral Health Programs in Sioux Falls – _____
- Safer South Dakota Reentry Program – _____

Public Testimony

- Paul Ten Haken, Sioux Falls
- Joel Arends, Sioux Falls
- Karen Schwebach, Sioux Falls
- Steve Haugaard, Sioux Falls
- Douglas Putnam, Tea
- Bob Schatz, Aberdeen
- Mona Hohman, Canton
- Jerry LeClair, Sioux Falls
- Chad Achtenberg, Garretson
- Michelle Jensen, Canton
- Sam Eislad, Canton
- Mike Hoffman, Canton
- Kyah Broders, Canton
- Ryan Kolbeck, Sioux Falls
- Stephan Harrison, Harrisburg
- Pam Pakieser, Sioux Falls

- Lucas Waugh, Sioux Falls
- Kevin Jensen, Canton
- Sam Lint, SDSP inmate (via phone)
- Sam Dixon, Crooks
- Sarah Ulmer, Harrisburg (signed in but left before testifying)
- Darin Young, Sioux Falls
- Scott Kostel, Springfield

Task Force Discussion/Questions

The task force briefly offered reaction to the meeting and discussed plans for the next meeting, which will be held April 29, 2025 in Springfield.

The meeting was adjourned.