

Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board

Allegheny County Courthouse | Gold Room

436 Grant Street | Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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Meeting Agenda

Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Attendance

2. Community Corrections Reports

- a. Passages to Recovery
- b. Renewal Center
- c. Electronic Monitoring

3. Public Comment on Board Actions and Motions (3 minutes per comment)

4. Review of the Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2025

5. Old Business

- a. Updates from Incarcerated Welfare, Health Services Advisory, and Lockdown & Use of Force Subcommittees
- b. JOB solicitor

6. New Business

- a. Employee Welfare Subcommittee recommendation for Board vote
 - i. *Motion Recommending That Allegheny County Consider Transferring Responsibility for Medical Transports from Allegheny County Jail Staff to the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office (full motion attached)*

7. Warden's Report

8. Deputy Wardens' Reports

9. Public Comment on General Matters (3 minutes per comment)

10. Adjournment

11. Additional Announcements

- a. *For applicants interested in the JOB solicitor position, please review the online application and submit materials electronically, here: <https://tinyurl.com/JOB-Solicitor-App>.*

ALLEGHENY COUNTY JAIL OVERSIGHT BOARD

MOTION RECOMMENDING THAT ALLEGHENY COUNTY CONSIDER TRANSFER OF INCARCERATED PERSON MEDICAL TRANSPORTS FROM ALLEGHENY COUNTY JAIL STAFF TO THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Jail has experienced chronic staffing shortages;

WHEREAS, the staffing shortages negatively impact correctional officers and their families: (a) requiring officers work excessive overtime hours; which (b) impacts requests for Family Medical Leave Act requests; (c) negatively affects new officer retention rates; and (d) compels job resignation;

WHEREAS, the staffing shortages also negatively impacts incarcerated persons and their families, because among other reasons, the staff shortages result in necessary jail lockdowns thereby limiting visitor contacts, restricting programming and other normal procedures;

WHEREAS, the Board has received evidence that assigning correctional officers to 'medical transports' burdens local taxpayers because, among other reasons, (a) there is a current redundancy of County personnel assigned to medical transport as an Allegheny County deputy sheriff must accompany at least two correctional officers during medical transport; which (b) due to the frequency and duration of medical transports drives the need for excessive correctional officer overtime hours and unnecessary expense;

WHEREAS, the Board has received evidence and testimony from correctional officers that escape attempts during medical transports and within medical facilities has created an unsafe situation for hospital staff, patients, correctional officers, incarcerated persons, and the public;

WHEREAS, Allegheny County deputy sheriffs have unique institutional expertise in safely, securely, and humanely transporting incarcerated persons to and from court proceedings, medical visits, and other similar settings;

WHEREAS, Allegheny County deputy sheriffs have access and training for the safe use of condition appropriate restraint devices, such as shackles that can be employed where appropriate to prevent escape attempts during medical transports and at medical facilities;

WHEREAS, there is compelling evidence that transferring responsibility for medical transports from Allegheny County Jail staff to the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office will: (1) protect the safety of hospital staff, patients, correctional officers, incarcerated persons, and the public; (2) reduce the burden on correctional officers by helping to relieve the staffing shortage; and (3) save taxpayer money by eliminating redundancies, excessive overtime hours, and related personnel and economic consequences.

IT IS HEREBY THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS that:

1. The County Executive, County Manager, County Council, and colleagues in County government promptly study the logistics and funding requirements to transfer responsibility for medical transports from Allegheny County Jail staff to the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office; and
2. If the study results are consistent with the evidence discussed above, the responsibility for medical transports should be transferred as soon as practicable from Allegheny County Jail staff to the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office.