

Monday, November 18, 2024
Wyatt Detention Facility
935 High Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
TDD/TTY 401-727-7450

A meeting of the Central Fall Detention Center Facility Corporation Board of Directors was held on the above date in the Training building and called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Call to order/roll call

Present: Chairman James Lombardi III
Director Anthony Goes
Director Anthony Manfredi

Absent: Director Herman Yip
Director Gary Berdugo

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Mr. Thomas Lazieh stated he hoped the Mayor would fill the outgoing board member's position quickly so the board would have a full complement. Mr. Lazieh again asked for a copy of the annual budget and the annual quarterly report. These documents had previously been emailed and Mr. Lazieh will double check for the email. Mr. Lazieh asked if the Chairman could elaborate on any pending litigation and whether there has been any communication with the City of Central Falls, and whether in light of the results of the federal elections and the discussions of increased border control and immigration arrests does the board foresee additional usage of the facility.

Chairman Lombardi stated the pending litigation with the bondholders is moving forward and the Facility is working with both the bondholders and the City. As far as capacity goes, the Facility is somewhat close to it and the Facility does not anticipate January as anything different than today. Mr. Lazieh stated he feared that we would have a repeat of the immigration riots and protests. He hopes there is a better system in place to protect the employees and the facility. Chairman Lombardi stated we will do our best to manage this if it occurs.

Chairman Lombardi asked if there were any other comments, there were none.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2024

Chairman Lombardi asked if there was any discussion regarding the October 21, 2024 meeting minutes. There was none. Director Goes made a motion to accept the minutes, and Director Manfredi seconded the motion. All board members voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

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Report of the Warden

Today's Detainee Census

US Marshal Male Count: **570**
US Marshal Female Count: **25**
ICE Male Count: **111**
ICE Female Count: **3**
FBOP: **15**
Navy: **0**
Total Population: 724

October ADP: **698**

Staffing FTE's 260 = 258 currently, 2 of those staff are on leave:

Personal Leave – 0

Admin Leave – 0

Workers' Compensation – 1

FMLA Leaves – 0

Military - 1

CURRENT POPULATION: 724

Total available capacity: 770

Title	#Authorized	#Filled	#Vacant	#Active	% Staffed (based on average population of 700) Active/Authorized
Correctional Officers	162	121	41	120	74%
Sergeants	23	23	0	23	100%
Lieutenant	9	8	1	8	89%
Captains	5	5	0	5	100%

as of:11/18/2024

NEW HIRES/ PROMOTIONS

Since the last Board meeting (October 2024) there have been eleven (11) new hires/re-hires:

- 9 – Cadets
- 1 – LPN
- 1 – IT Director

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Since the last Board meeting (October 2024) there have been six (6) Terminations/Resignations/Retired:

- 2 – Correctional Officers
- 2 – Cadets
- 1 – Health Services Administrator
- 1 – Custodian (Academy)

GENERAL OPERATIONS

- Class 67 will graduate on November 27th with 9 Cadets.

Warden Nessinger stated he had spoken with the Federal Bureau of Prisons Chief of Transportation. His staff has no issues with this facility and they will be picking up from the Facility again. Warden Nessinger also stated that the Facility had applied for a \$350,000, grant for bodycameras and just received the news it was awarded to the Facility, this is for a three (3) year project.

Chairman Lombardi asked if there were any other questions, there were none.

Report of the Director of Finance – financial report of the Corporation and Facility for the period ending October 31, 2024

Director Vuono presented the month of October 31, 2024. Mr. Vuono stated the average daily population was 698 and the budgeted number was 625. The year to date revenue was approximately \$40M, the month to date revenue is \$4M which is consistent with most months this year. Expenses were as expected. The operating income was \$791k and the non-operating expenses were \$749k, which yielded a small surplus of \$42k. The cash balances are a little over \$13M. Mr. Vuono asked if there were any questions. Chairman Lombardi asked if the general fund balance was \$11M. Mr. Vuono stated yes, in the operating fund. Chairman Lombardi asked if there were any other questions, there were none.

New Business

Presentation of report of Marcum LLP – 2021 Financial Audit (2021)

James Wilkinson from Marcum LLP presented the Draft of the December 31, 2021 Audit. The Audits for 2022 and 2023 would be done simultaneously. The audit summary was for the year ended December 31, 2021. Mr. Wilkinson walked through and summarized the draft findings relating to the Facility's finances, revenues, controls, and other related matters with respect to the Audit year 2021.

Discussion, vote, or other action regarding extension of agreement with financial advisor (\$15,000)

Steven Maceroni from PFM Financial Advisors, LLC stated the PFM original contract went from May 2023 to May 2024 and was extended to March of 2025 as an hourly engagement with a cap of \$25,000.

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If PFM reached that cap, PFM would come back to the board for an increase. Year to date PFM is currently at approximately \$19,000. Today, PFM was seeking an increase of \$15,000 that should carry PFM through the end of the agreement.

Chairman Lombardi asked for a motion to approve the extension of the agreement with PFM for an additional \$15,000. Director Goes made the motion to adjourn, and Director Manfredi seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Executive Session

Chairman Lombardi asked for a motion for the Board to move into executive session pursuant to Pursuant to o R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) (Sessions pertaining to litigation):

- i. *UMB Bank, NA as Trustee v. Central Falls Detention Facility Corporation et al.* 19-182 (USDC-RI)
- ii. *Michael Medeiros v. Central Falls Detention Facility Corporation*

Each Board member affirmatively voted to convene into executive session and a quorum was reached.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM APPROXIMATELY 5:55 p.m. to 6:24 p.m.]

Chairman Lombardi asked for a motion to seal the minutes from the Executive Session. Director Manfredi made a motion to seal the minutes from Executive Session and Director Goes seconded the motion. All board members voted in the affirmative and the motion to seal the minutes from Executive Session passed.

Once back in open session, Chairman Lombardi reported that two votes were taken, one for item i. and one for item ii.

Motion to Adjourn

Chairman Lombardi asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Goes made the motion to adjourn, and Director Manfredi seconded the motion. All Board members voted in the affirmative and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.