

ENFIELD PRISON/TOWN LIAISON COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 6:00 PM
ENFIELD ROOM

Call to Order

Chairperson Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call of Members

Chairperson Nelson Rodriguez, Kenneth Edgar, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Timothy Slade, Mike Arnone and Nanci Harvey.

Present from the Town: Cynthia Mangini and Bob Hendrickson Town Council and Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary

Absent: Ken Nelson, Jr. - Mayor

Also Present:

Nicole Thibeault, Warden Cybulski Correctional

Brian Moore, Warden Osborn Correctional

Chief Alric Fox, Enfield Police Department

Review of Minutes

- a. March 12, 2025 – Mr. Slade made a motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2025. Councilor Mangini seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vote: 6-0-0

New Business

Mr. Arnone had sent a letter to Warden Thibeault regarding the interstate compact and immigration.

Warden Thibeault asked Mr. Arnone to clarify. She explained that while they do have transfers with other states, they do not conduct mass transfers. If inmates request to transfer to their home state, they sometimes can accommodate.

Warden Thibeault noted that the population increase is due to the closure of several prisons. During COVID, the population dipped significantly (due to court closures and other factors), but it is now normalizing. If the population reaches 12,000, they may need to reopen the Willard building. The greatest need is for bed space in maximum-security facilities. While she is not confident it will happen, they are preparing the facility to be turnkey ready. There are various discussions about how it might reopen.

Regarding the Trust Act and immigration detainees, the DOC must follow the Trust Act when communicating with ICE. They can only detain individuals for ICE if they meet specific criteria—namely if they are charged with an A or B felony. The DOC is not allowed to communicate directly with ICE, but discharge information is publicly available on the website.

Mr. Arnone expressed concern that ICE could request to use or transfer detainees to Connecticut facilities.

The wardens confirmed that the federal government cannot send federal detainees to state detention centers.

Mr. Slade asked if good behavior credits transfer with inmates to other states.

Warden Thibeault confirmed that they do.

Old Business

- a. *Update on the physical agility training moved from Enfield CI to Willard Building* – The last session was held in the fall, and the next is scheduled for fall 2025.
- b. *Update on new soccer field location (Bob Hendrickson)* – The state is conducting an assessment. If the state plans to charge the town, the town will not proceed with the purchase.
- c. *Update on solar field* – The only project pending is at Cybulski, awaiting timing to break ground.
- d. *Food shelf (Bob Hendrickson)* – Warden Thibeault noted they are waiting for a signed contract from the Enfield Food Shelf and a few outstanding items. Councilman Hendrickson mentioned that Mike Bell has been assigned to assist.

The Appreciation Day event went well despite poor weather. Chairperson Rodriguez noted he has gift cards for the DOC.

Warden Thibeault also noted that the DOC participated in the Memorial Day parade.

Items for Discussion:

- b. Projects at Facilities Somers, CRCI, Cybulski.
 - **Somers:** Ongoing window replacement project; five housing units completed. Work is also being done on the chapel. The kitchen has been fully renovated. No major incidents or injuries reported.

- **Cybulski:** No current projects.
- **Carl Robinson:** Undergoing a major bathroom renovation, which required temporary shutdown.

c. Report of Population Counts (Wardens)			
<u>Report of Population Counts</u>		<u>03/25</u>	<u>Current Qtr.</u>
Warden Thibeault	Cybulski Correctional Institute	616	603
Closed	Enfield Correctional Institute	0	0
Warden Caron	Carl Robinson Correctional Institute	1061	1067
Osborn		1198	1209

d. Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes at Prisons

- i. There was a water main break between Willard and Cybulski. All three prisons are impacted when this occurs.

Mr. Slade asked if the town is being reimbursed based on meter or based on pilot. Councilor Mangini said she will look into it.

Date of Next Meeting: September 10, 2025

Adjournment

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall motioned to adjourn at 6:30 PM, Councilor Mangini seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Vote: **6-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Nai
Recording Secretary