

# Board of Parole Commissioners



## **Governor's Recommended Budget for the 2019-21 Biennium**

Christopher P. DeRicco, Chairman

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## Mission

In an effort to ensure public safety, the Board of Parole Commissioners (Board) renders fair and just decisions on parole matters based on the law, the impact on victims and the community, and the goal of successfully reintegrating offenders back into society.



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## Agency Goals:

- Conducting and completing prompt, fair and impartial hearings on parole release and parole violation matters.
- Maintaining the safety of the general public as the top priority in the decision making process.



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## Enhancements

### Expansion of the Board's Main Office

- E225      FY20: \$115,526      FY21: \$69,224  
Move Annex Office and Records Department to the Main Office to expand the records department, bring Carson City staff to one location and avoid injury crossing a road with ever increasing traffic.
  - Records Department holds over 40,000 files and needs room for expansion. Retention for these files is three years.
  - Pardons Board files have a 25 year retention schedule.
  - Approximately 100 confidential inmate files are moved across Research Way several times a day.



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## Revalidation of the Parole Risk Instrument

- E225            FY20: \$25,000  
Revalidation is required for the Board to comprehensively review the standards adopted by the Board on or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, per NRS 213.10885.
  - Last revalidation was completed in 2017.
  - In FY2018, \$25,000 was reverted back to the General Fund.



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## Computer Software

- E230            FY20: \$25,132  
Initial purchase and subsequent renewal of Microsoft Office 365, Adobe, webcam, and headsets with microphones

## Alarm and camera monitoring upgrade

- E712            FY20: \$3,421  
Upgrade and installation of camera and alarm monitoring equipment.
  - Existing alarm monitoring equipment purchased in 2006.
  - Current camera monitoring equipment is inoperable.



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## Areas of Importance/Concern

### Computer Replacement

- FY20 \$79,392

Due to the transfer of desktop services to EITS in fiscal year 2014, and the migration to Windows 7, the Board replaced all of their existing desktop and laptop computers. EITS will be changing to the Windows 10 operating system and Windows 7 expires in 2020. The computers purchased five years ago did not come with Windows 10 licensing. The new computers will come with Windows 10 licensing and will not support Windows 7, unless a premium is paid to downgrade. The Board is budgeted sixteen laptops and eleven desktops, but the actual need is for sixteen laptops and twenty-seven desktops (G02 – Dec Unit E890).



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## Computer Replacement (Cont.)

- Laptops are used in parole hearing rooms and taken to institutions for parole violation hearings.
- Desktop computers are used by staff, hearing representatives and in our scanning bay.
- EITS has indicated Windows 365 can be run on our existing computers with the purchase of Windows 10 operating licenses, but warned if any hardware fails they are out of warranty.
- The computers need to be replaced per the EITS five year replacement recommendation.



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## Video Conference Equipment and Software

- FY20 \$87,555

Most parole hearings are held via video conferencing between the Board's hearing rooms and the institutions where the inmates are housed. The Board has four parole hearing rooms with video equipment. Two of the video conference rooms have equipment purchased in 2013 and are out of warranty. There were 6,988 video conference hearings held in FY2018. (G02 – Dec Unit E888).

- Two of our video conference units are over five years old. As such, there are no warranties or maintenance agreements.
- Current recording software performs poorly on the Microsoft Windows 10 platform and needs upgrading.

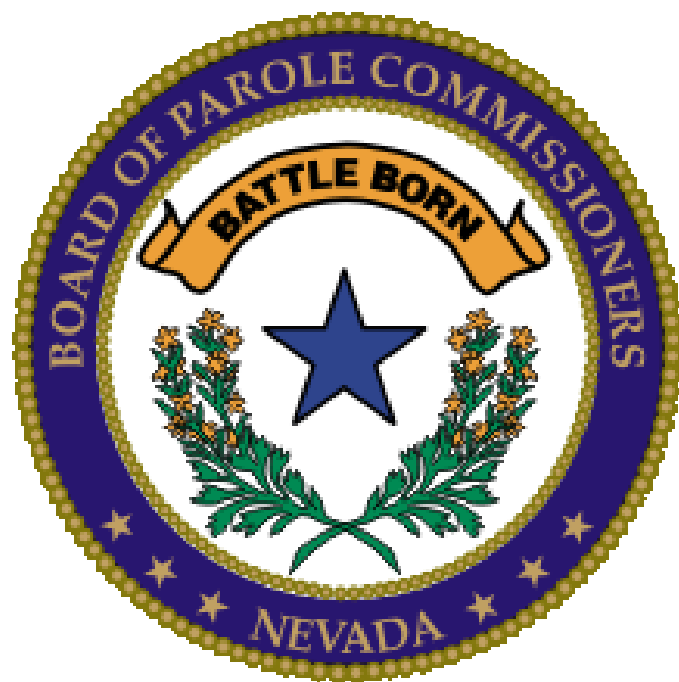


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## Video Conference Equipment and Software (cont.)

- We are unable to get replacement parts for the Antex DMX8 audio mixer because Antex is no longer in business.
- New audio mixers are available by network, so changes or repairs to the configuration and software programming can be accessed remotely.
- If a video conference unit goes down, parole hearings will be delayed.





Thank You!