

Hearing Officer Hughes:

We're going to get started at this time. Good morning, today is Tuesday, December 30th, and the time is now 11:00 AM. My name is Lindsey Hughes, and I am with the Rhode Island Department of Corrections.

Joining me today from the Department of Corrections is Jessica Harrold, Principal Management and Methods Analyst, Brenda Baum, Acting Administrative and Legal Support Services Administrator and Michael Robillard, Program Assistant. We are here to receive public comment or public input with respect to the draft of Conduct of Public Hearings that the Rhode Island Department of Corrections has promulgated in a proposed rule for notice and comment. This meeting is being recorded. Jessica Harold from the Department of Corrections will be serving as a moderator of this session, which means she will be responsible for the proceedings orderly and efficient operations so that attendees have a full and fair opportunity to offer such comments as they desire regarding the Conduct of Public Hearings policy. Here are some ground rules for the proceedings. First, we will hear comments in the order that people signed up, there is a sign-up sheet located in the back of the room. Each speaker will be limited to five (5) minutes. If you are approaching the five (5) minute mark Jessica will give you a warning. I remind everyone to please speak clearly and loudly so that your comments can be heard. I'd ask that all attendees identify themselves, stating their full names for the record and whether they are speaking on behalf of any organization or entity. Lastly, we asked that your comments be limited to the proposed adoption of the Conduct of Public Hearings policy. That is the sole purpose of today's meeting. Discussions not related to this topic will not be permitted and may result in the forfeiture of your time to speak. Also, it should go without saying disrespectful or inappropriate behavior will not be permitted and will result in the removal from the meeting. If anyone has any questions about the proceedings, please ask at this time. Seeing none I will turn it over to Jessica to call on attendees to offer comment.

Moderator Harrold:

At this time there are no attendees present. We will keep this hearing open for an additional ten (10) minutes until 11:11 AM to see if anyone joins us and would like to provide comment.

Moderator Harrold:

The time is now 11:11, this hearing is now closed.