

**Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
Agenda**

December 17th, 2024
1:00 PM Capitol 120

I. Call to Order

II. The State of Prisons in Minnesota; Minnesota Department of Corrections

1. Paul Schnell, Commissioner, Dept. of Corrections

III. Office of the Ombuds for Corrections

1. Margaret Zadra, Ombudsperson for Corrections

IV. Corrections Officers and Program Staff

1. Jeff Vars, Corrections Officer, MCF-Oak Park Heights, President of AFSCME Corrections Policy Committee
2. Dan Gorman, Corrections Officer, MCF-Stillwater, President of AFSCME Local 600
3. Chrissy Gamst, Case Manager, MCF-Moose Lake *Virtual*
4. Ryan Patrick, Clinical Program Therapist, MCF-Moose Lake *Virtual*

V. Lived Experiences of Incarcerated People and Their Families

1. Alejandro Caceres-Aranda, Policy Assistant, MN Justice Research Center
2. Impacted person
3. Mario Jackson, Ambassador, Until We Are All Free
4. Zeke Caliguiri, Community Engagement Manager, MN Justice Research Center
5. Kevin Reese, Co-Founder, Co-Executive Director, Until We Are All Free
6. Aaron Ernst, The End Slavery Minnesota Coalition

VI. Promising Practices in Corrections

1. Dr. William Arbour, Assistant Professor in Economics at the University of Montreal *Virtual*
2. Eddie Miles, Assistant Commissioner, Dept. of Corrections
3. Tricia Everest, Secretary of Public Safety, Oklahoma *Virtual*

VII. Committee Discussion and Questions

VIII. Adjournment