

City of New York

November 14, 2025

Notice of Changes to the Board

Board Member Jacqueline Pitts resigned from the New York City Board of Correction ("BOC" or "Board") on November 13, 2025.

The Board expresses our heartfelt gratitude to Board Member Pitts for her steadfast commitment to promoting the safety and wellbeing of all individuals living and working on Rikers Island and in all facilities under the New York City Department of Correction's ("DOC" or "Department") jurisdiction. Appointed to the Board on April 19, 2022, Ms. Pitts brought invaluable insight from her years of experience working for the Department to guide her service.

Throughout her tenure, Ms. Pitts underscored the importance of sound, strategic staffing practices as the foundation of a secure and well-managed Department of Correction. She emphasized that the Department must address its shortcomings to enable more effective corrective action and lasting reform.

As Chair of the Committee on Programs & Education, Ms. Pitts championed programming opportunities for people in custody. She was a strong advocate for the Persons in Custody Council and helped establish a creative writing competition that encouraged incarcerated individuals to participate in educational and self-reflective pursuits.

Ms. Pitts also served on the Committee on Women in City Jails, where she previously held the role as Chair. In collaboration with the Department, she helped to launch its first Women's History Month Annual Conference to celebrate and uplift female correctional staff. Her dedication to addressing the distinct challenges faced by uniformed women, non-uniformed women—as well as women in custody—reflects her commitment to equity, dignity, and opportunity within the correctional system.

The Board extends our deepest thanks to Ms. Pitts for her three and a half years of commitment to the Board, wishing her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.