



VIRGINIA PAROLE BOARD

**MEETING MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING: September 18, 2024

LOCATION: Meeting conducted electronically with Board Members and designated staff assembled at 6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: The Honorable Patricia West, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: The Honorable Patricia West, Chair  
Lloyd Banks, Vice Chairman  
Michelle Dermeyer  
Samuel Boone  
C. Phillips Ferguson

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Tracy Schlagel, Parole Board Administrator  
Charlene Gresham, Executive Secretary  
Colleen Maxwell, FOIA/Legal Services Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Richard Vorhis, Office of the Attorney General  
Tywone Briscoe  
Charles Hagan

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Patricia West, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MAJORITY

Chair West determined that all members of the Board were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

PAROLE CONSIDERATIONS

Chair West provided an explanation of the change to § 53.1-136 of the *Code of Virginia* effective July 1, 2024, which requires a public meeting be convened to conduct the final deliberation and vote regarding whether the Board will grant parole to a prisoner.

Tywon W. Briscoe, 1025117

Mr. Briscoe was considered for Discretionary Parole.

Chair West explained to Mr. Briscoe that although not required by *Code*, he had the opportunity to make a statement to the Parole Board. Mr. Briscoe then thanked the Board members for opportunity to meet with them. He expressed remorse. He stated he worked to change himself during the period of incarceration.

**Vice Chair Banks made motion to call for the vote, which was seconded by Mr. Boone.**

Discussion and deliberation followed. Chair West then called upon each member to give their vote and reason(s) for their vote.

**Vice Chairman Banks – Grant**, based on age at time of crime, length of time served, excellent institutional adjustment, low risk, and stable release plan.

**Mr. Boone – Grant**, based on demonstrated rehabilitation and release is compatible with public safety.

**Ms. Dermeyer – Grant**, based on age at time of offense, demonstrated rehabilitation, stable release plan, and release is compatible with public safety.

**Mr. Ferguson – Not grant**, based on serious nature and circumstances of the offense.

**Chair West – Not grant**, as release would diminish the seriousness of the crime.

**Final vote was 3 in favor of granting parole and 2 not in favor.**

Chair West congratulated Mr. Briscoe, as the majority of members voted to grant him parole. She then reminded him that he must continue to remain of good behavior throughout the re-entry process, as any infraction could put his release in jeopardy. She added that he must also be of good behavior on the outside as well.

#### RECESS

Chair West called a recess to prepare for the next parole consideration scheduled for 2:00 PM.

#### RECONVENE

At approximately 1:55, Chair West called the meeting back to order. She called for a vote to certify that no substantive discussion or business of the Board occurred during the break. All members certified on an individual basis.

Chair West again provided an explanation of the change to *Code of Virginia* § 53.1-136 effective

July 1, 2024, which requires a public meeting be convened to conduct the final deliberation and vote regarding whether the Board will grant parole to a prisoner.

Charles A. Hagan, 1420156

Mr. Hagan was considered for both Discretionary Parole and Geriatric Conditional Release (dual eligibility).

Chair West explained to Mr. Hagan that although not required by *Code*, he had the opportunity to make a statement to the Parole Board. Mr. Hagan declined to make a statement.

**Vice Chair Banks made a motion to call for the vote, which was seconded by Mr. Boone.**

Discussion and deliberation followed. Chair West then called upon each member to give their vote and reason(s) for their vote.

**Vice Chairman Banks – Grant**, based on low risk and stable release plan.

**Mr. Boone – Grant**, based excellent institutional adjustment, stable release plan, and release is compatible with public safety.

**Ms. Dermeyer – Grant**, based on institutional adjustment, low risk, stable release plan, and release is compatible with public safety.

**Mr. Ferguson – Grant**, based on low risk, good institutional adjustment, and release compatible with public safety.

**Chair West – Grant**, based on excellent institutional adjustment and a stable release plan.

**Final vote was 5 in favor of granting parole with none opposed.**

Chair West congratulated Mr. Hagan on the unanimous decision to grant him parole/geriatric conditional release. She then reminded him that he must continue to remain of good behavior throughout the re-entry process, as any infraction could put his release in jeopardy. She added that he must also be of good behavior on the outside as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Vice Chair Banks and seconded by Chair West the meeting was adjourned.