



VIRGINIA PAROLE BOARD

**MEETING MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING: October 9, 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 Patrica West, Chair  
Lloyd Banks, Vice Chairman  
Michelle Dermyer  
Samuel Boone  
C. Phillips Ferguson

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Romer Slone  
Andre Robison  
Perry Kellam

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Patrica 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 required one correction, as the spelling of one inmate's name was incorrect. Upon motion by Vice Chairman Banks, with a second by Mr. Boone, the agenda was approved unanimously as corrected.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Banks, with a second by Mr. Boone, the minutes of the September 18, 2024 meeting were unanimously 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.

Romer Slone, 1847855

Mr. Slone was considered for Geriatric Conditional Release.

Ms. Dermeyer provided an overview of Mr. Slone's circumstances and period of incarceration.

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

Chair West provided the Board members an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Slone. Hearing none, Chair West then called upon each member to give their vote and reason(s) for their vote.

**Chair West – Grant**, based on Mr. Slone remaining infraction free throughout his incarceration, no drug use, a stable release plan, he is 78 years old, and his release would be compatible with public safety.

**Vice Chairman Banks – Grant**, based on Mr. Slone remaining infraction free and his stable release plan.

**Mr. Boone – Not grant**, based serious nature of the offense.

**Mr. Ferguson – Grant**, based on health, current age, non-violent offense, infraction free, stable release plan, and release compatible with public safety.

**Ms. Dermeyer – Grant**, based on infraction free, release compatible with public safety, and a stable release plan.

**Final vote was 4 in favor of granting geriatric conditional release and 1 not in favor.**

Chair West congratulated Mr. Slone, as the majority of members voted to grant him 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.

Andre Robison, 1750140

Mr. Robison was considered for Geriatric Conditional Release.

Vice Chairman Banks provided an overview of Mr. Robison's circumstances and period of incarceration. He stated that Mr. Robison is also known as John Hardy.

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

Chair West provided an opportunity for the Board members to ask questions of Mr. Robison.

Following the questions, Chair West then called upon each member to give their vote and reason(s) for their vote.

**Chair West – Grant**, so that he can serve time in Georgia, which is consistent with public safety.

**Vice Chairman Banks – Grant**, solely based on being released to the Georgia detainer.

**Mr. Boone – Not grant**, due to the serious nature of his offense.

**Mr. Ferguson – Grant**, release to Georgia due to his age, medical needs, and institutional adjustment.

**Ms. Dermeyer – Not grant**, due to his history of infractions in the facility.

**Final vote was 3 in favor of granting parole with 2 opposed.**

Chair West explained to Mr. Robison that he was granted geriatric conditional release from Virginia; however, he would be transferred to custody of the state of Georgia. She also explained that he must remain of good behavior, as infractions may place his transfer in jeopardy.

Perry Kellam, 1157454

Mr. Kellam was considered for Geriatric Conditional Release.

Mr. Ferguson provided an overview of Mr. Kellam's circumstances and period of incarceration.

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

Chair West provided an opportunity for the Board members to ask questions of Mr. Kellam.

Following the questions, Chair West then called upon each member to give their vote and reason(s) for their vote.

**Chair West – Grant**, based on time served, remaining infraction free, program participation, stable release plan, and release being compatible with public safety.

**Vice Chairman Banks – Grant**, based on Mr. Kellam's institutional adjustment, infraction free, and a stable release plan.

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

**Mr. Ferguson – Grant**, based on institutional adjustment, program participation, stable release plan, and no guns used during offense.

**Ms. Dermeyer – Abstain.**

**Final vote was 4 in favor of granting geriatric conditional release and 1 abstention.**

Chair West congratulated Mr. Kellam, as the majority of members voted to grant him 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.

#### ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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