

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING: April 23, 2025

LOCATION: Meeting conducted electronically and in person 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 Dermyer, Board Member Samuel Boone, Board Member

C. Phillips Ferguson, Board Member

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Tina Bowen, Chief Parole Examiner

Colleen Maxwell, Legal Services Specialist Cindy Yadav, Victim Input Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT: Anthony Gregory

Kevin Gibson Stefan Rodgers

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 Board members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Vice Chair Banks, with a second by Mr. Boone, the agenda was unanimously approved as written.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion by Ms. Dermyer, with a second by Vice Chair Banks, the minutes of the April 9, 2025 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.

Anthony Gregory, #1055693

Mr. Gregory was considered for Geriatric Conditional Release and Discretionary Parole.

Chair West provided an overview of Mr. Gregory's circumstances and period of incarceration.

Chair West provided the Board members with an opportunity to ask Mr. Gregory questions.

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

Board Member Boone – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, a stable release plan, and significant community support.

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, stable release plan, and excellent institutional adjustment.

Board Member Ferguson – **Grant,** demonstrated rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, infraction free for at least the last 24 months, risk assessment score, medical condition, significant community support, successful participation in correctional and vocational program, and no victim opposition.

Board Member Dermyer – **Not Grant**, as release at this time would diminish the seriousness of the crime and considering his past violation of parole.

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

Final votes to grant Discretionary Parole/Geriatric Conditional Release were four in favor and one opposed.

Chair West congratulated Mr. Gregory, as the majority of members voted to grant parole. She then reminded him that he must remain of good behavior throughout the re-entry process, as any infraction could put his release in jeopardy. Mr. Gregory would also be provided with conditions upon his release.

Kevin Gibson, #1209369

Mr. Gibson was considered for Geriatric Conditional Release.

Chair West provided an overview of Mr. Gibson's circumstances and period of incarceration.

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

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

Board Member Boone – Grant, based on a stable release plan and release is compatible with public safety.

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, based on a stable release plan and excellent institutional adjustment.

Board Member Ferguson – **Grant,** based on demonstrated rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, infraction free for at least the last 24 months, release is compatible with public safety, risk assessment score, the prosecuting attorney supports release and, successful participation in correctional and vocational program.

Board Member Dermyer – Not Grant, due to extensive criminal history.

Chair West – Not Grant, due to extensive criminal history, history of violence, and past failures.

Final votes were three in favor and two opposed to granting geriatric conditional release.

Chair West congratulated Mr. Gibson, as the majority of members voted to grant 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. Mr. Gibson would also be provided conditions upon his release.

Stefan Rodgers, # 1052381

Mr. Rodgers was considered for Geriatric Conditional Release.

Chair West provided an overview of Mr. Rodgers' circumstances and period of incarceration.

Chair West provided the Board members an opportunity to ask Mr. Rodgers questions.

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

Board Member Boone – **Grant**, based on a stable release plan, release is compatible with public safety, and medical condition.

Vice Chairman Banks – **Grant**, based on excellent institutional adjustment, a stable release plan, and medical condition.

Board Member Ferguson – **Grant,** based on Mr. Rodgers being infraction free for at least the last 24 months, release is compatible with public safety, medical condition, stable release plan, and the length of time served is sufficient.

Board Member Dermyer – Grant, based on release being compatible with public safety, stable release plan, excellent institutional adjustment, and medical condition.

Chair West – Grant, based on medical condition and being infraction free for at least the last 24 months.

Final votes to grant Geriatric Conditional Release were unanimous.

Chair West congratulated Mr. Rodgers, as the decision to grant parole was unanimous. 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. Mr. Rodgers would also be provided with conditions upon his release.

NEW BUSINESS

None

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Banks and seconded by Mr. Boone, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m. The next meeting is to be determined.