



## VIRGINIA PAROLE BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING: May 14, 2025

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

PRESIDING: Lloyd Banks, Vice Chairman

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lloyd Banks, Vice Chairman  
Michelle Dermeyer, 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: Gregory Widener

#### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Banks called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF MAJORITY

Vice Chairman Banks determined that all members of the Board were present.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Ferguson, with a second by Mr. Boone the agenda was approved as written.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion by Ms. Dermeyer, with a second by Mr. Ferguson, the minutes of the April 23, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

#### PAROLE CONSIDERATIONS

Vice Chairman Banks 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.

Gregory Widener, #1083217

Mr. Widener was considered for both Discretionary Parole and Geriatric Conditional Release.

Vice Chairman Banks provided an overview of Mr. Widener's circumstances and period of incarceration.

Vice Chairman Banks provided the Board members an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Tynes.

Vice Chairman Banks then called upon each member to give their vote and reason(s) for their vote.

**Board Member Boone – Grant**, based on demonstrated rehabilitation and release being compatible with public safety.

**Board Member Ferguson – Grant**, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free for 24+ months, no history of violence, release is compatible with public, low risk assessment score, and Board member believes he has served enough of his sentence.

**Ms. Dermeyer – Not Grant**, due to extensive criminal history and Board member believes he should serve more of his sentence.

**Vice Chairman Banks – Grant**, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, release being compatible with public safety, and no history of violence.

**Final votes were 3 in favor of granting parole/geriatric conditional release and 1 opposed.**

Vice Chairman Banks congratulated Mr. Widener, as the majority of members present voted to grant parole/geriatric conditional release. He 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. Vice Chairman Banks also explained that Mr. Widener will be given conditions of his parole upon his release.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation of Laura Hall.



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## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION

**WHEREAS,** Laura H. Hall has dedicated nearly 30 years to the service of citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia through her work with the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Department of Corrections, and the Virginia Parole Board;

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Hall has consistently demonstrated professionalism, integrity, kindness, and compassion to the individuals she has assisted throughout her career;

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Hall has earned the respect of her coworkers and the citizens she served because of her steadfast commitment to the fair treatment of all individuals;

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Hall has seamlessly coordinated Board appointments for approximately 10,000 citizens during her 22 years with the Virginia Parole Board;

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Hall has consistently excelled in her daily responsibilities and assisted others in learning the skills necessary to serve; and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Hall has served under five separate Virginia Parole Board Chairmen and provided them with valuable insight of Board operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Virginia Parole Board extend their sincere appreciation to Laura H. Hall and commend her for outstanding dedication to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is saved in the minutes of the Virginia Parole Board and a copy of this Resolution is given to Laura H. Hall.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2025



Patricia L. West, Judge (Ret.)

Chairman  
Virginia Parole Board

### ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Ms. Dermeyer and seconded by Mr. Boone, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM.