MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING: July 23, 2026

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

PRESIDING: The Honorable Shannon Dion, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Shannon Dion, Chair
Dr. Kecia Brothers Hayes, Vice Chair
Tyrone Nelson, Board Member
Valerie Boykin, Board Member
Bishop Kevin White, Board Member

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:
Tina Bowen, Chief Parole Examiner
Rayelle Jackson-Sutton, Policy Analyst
Colleen Maxwell, Executive Director

DOC STAFF PRESENT: Christopher Randall, Video Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT (via teleconference):
Ralph Taylor
Herbert Foster
Leonard Arline

GUEST NOT PRESENT (case considered in absence):
Oscar Moore

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dion called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

ESTABLISHMENT OF MAJORITY

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Dr. Brothers Hayes, which was seconded by Mr. Nelson, the minutes of the July 9, 2026 meeting were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS - PAROLE CONSIDERATIONS

Chair Dion explained that after consultation with legal counsel, the Board determined that prior partial votes made by the previous members of the Parole Board will not be considered. As a result, those cases will be reviewed and decided by the presiding Board.

Ralph Taylor, 1064683

Mr. Taylor was considered for discretionary parole under the newly enacted Juvenile Offender Criteria and Procedures.

Victim input – the Board's Victim Services Team indicates that there is no opposition from one of the two victims. The other victim's family chose not to provide a statement about parole.

Mr. Taylor shared a statement with the Board.

Chair Dion stated that the Board gave substantial weight to the factors identified in Virginia Code Section 53.1-154.2. The Board also gave substantial mitigating weight to the applicable statutory factors.

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

> **Board Member White – Grant**, based on Mr. Taylor's age at the time of the offense, demonstrated rehabilitation, remaining infraction free for at least the last 24 months, a release is compatible with public safety, significant community support, stable release plan, the prosecuting attorney supports release, positive institutional leadership roles, conflict resolution and prosocial conduct, and improved coping and decision-making skills.
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> **Board Member Boykin – Grant**, based on Mr. Taylor's age at the time of the offense, demonstrated rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, infraction free since 2011, no current victim opposition, release is compatible with public safety, stable release plan, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs (even developing a program himself), and the Board member concludes that Mr. Taylor has served enough time.

Board Member Nelson – Grant, based on age at the time of the offense, demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction for at least last 24 months, release is compatible with public safety, stable release plan, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs, the Board member concludes that Mr. Taylor has served enough time, clear acceptance of responsibility, and improved coping and decision-making skills.

Vice Chair Brothers Hayes – Grant, based on age at the time of the offense, demonstrated rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, significant community support, stable release plan, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs, clear acceptance of responsibility, positive institutional leadership roles, emotional and behavior stability – maturity, improved coping and decision-making skills, realistic and structured reentry plan, documented prosocial support network, stable family relationships supporting reintegration, and the time served aligns with sentencing goals.

Chair Dion – Grant, based on all reasons previously stated by her fellow Board members, as well as her conclusion that Mr. Taylor has served enough time, that he has a sustained commitment to growth and lawful conduct, he has prosocial engagement through service, he has completed reentry programs, and the time served aligns with sentencing goals.

Final votes: 5 grant and 0 not grant.

Chair Dion called for a recess to allow DOC to connect the Board with the next offender's facility. Upon reconvening the meeting, all members certified that no public business was discussed during the recess.

<u>Herbert Foster, 1086003</u>

Mr. Foster was considered for discretionary parole.

Victim input – the closest living relative of the victim defers to the Board's decision.

Mr. Foster shared a statement with the Board.

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

Board Member White – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free for the last 10 years, release is compatible with public safety, low risk assessment score, significant community support, stable release plan, clear acceptance of responsibility, educational advancement achieved (GED), and vocational achievements improving employability.

Board Member Boykin – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free since 2012, significant community support, stable release plan, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs, clear acceptance of responsibility, emotional and behavioral stability and improved coping and decision-making skills.

Board Member Nelson – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free for at least the last 24 months, no victim opposition, stable release plan, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs, clear acceptance of responsibility, and participation in faith based or community programs.

Vice Chair Brothers Hayes – Grant, based on excellent institutional adjustment, infraction free since 2012, release is compatible with public safety, significant community support, stable release plan, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs, clear acceptance of responsibility, insight into causes of criminal behavior, sustained commitment to growth and lawful conduct, completion of treatment with demonstrated skills, positive institutional leadership roles, conflict resolution and prosocial conduct, improved coping and decision-making skills, participation in faith-based or community programs, realistic and structured reentry plan, and stable family relationships supporting reintegration.

Chair Dion – Grant, for the same reasons as stated by her fellow and she commended Mr. Foster for completing Victim Impact classes.

Final votes: 5 grant and 0 not grant.

Chair Dion called for a recess to allow DOC to bring the next parole candidate into the visitation room. Upon reconvening the meeting, all members certified that no public business was discussed during the recess.

<u>**Leonard Arline, 1128324**</u>

Mr. Arline was considered for considered for discretionary parole under the newly enacted Juvenile Offender Criteria and Procedures.

Victim input – after exhaustive efforts, the Board's victim services team were unable to locate any family members of the victim.

Mr. Arline shared a statement with the Board.

Chair Dion stated that the Board gave substantial weight to the factors identified in Virginia Code Section 53.1-154.2. The Board also gave substantial mitigating weight to the applicable statutory factors.

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

Board Member White – Grant, based on age at the time of the offense, demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free for at least the last 24 months, release is compatible with public safety, significant community support, stable release plan, clear acceptance of responsibility, insight into causes of criminal behavior and reduced dynamic risk factors.

Board Member Boykin – Grant, based on age at the time of the offense, demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free since 2020, stable release plan, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs, clear acceptance of responsibility, insight into causes of criminal behavior, and sustained commitment to growth and lawful conduct.

Board Member Nelson – Grant, based on age at the time of the offense, demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free for at least the last 24 months, stable release plan, clear acceptance of responsibility, improved coping and decision-making skills, consistent adherence to rules, and stable family relationships supporting reintegration.

Vice Chair Brothers Hayes – Grant, based on age at the time of the offense and his growth in maturity, demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free for at least the last 24 months, significant community support, stable release plan, clear acceptance of responsibility, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs, clear acceptance of responsibility, insight into causes of criminal behavior, sustained commitment to growth and lawful conduct, completion of treatment with demonstrated skills, educational advancement achieved, improved coping and decision-making skills, realistic and structured reentry plan, and stable family relationships supporting reintegration.

Chair Dion – Grant, based on all the reasons previously stated, as well as documented prosocial support network, and stable family relationships supporting reintegration.

Final votes: 5 grant and 0 not grant.

Chair Dion called for a recess to allow DOC to connect the Board with the next offender's facility. Upon reconvening the meeting, all members certified that no public business was discussed during the recess.

<u>Oscar Moore, 1054001</u>

Mr. Moore was considered for both discretionary parole and geriatric conditional release. Due to a medical condition, Mr. Moore was unable to participate in the meeting. His emergency contact was made aware of the meeting and was in attendance.

Victim input – the victim was not opposed to parole.

Chair Dion provided the public with a summary of Mr. Moore's achievements prior to his medical incident.

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

Board Member White – Grant, based on infraction free for at least the last 24 months, medical condition, no victim opposition, release is compatible with public safety, low risk assessment score, stable release plan, severe long-term disability limiting basic activity, reduced dynamic risk factors, and educational advancement achieved.

Board Member Boykin – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free for at least the last 24 months, stable release plan, and successful participation in correctional and vocational programs.

Board Member Nelson – Grant, based on infraction free for at least the last 24 months, medical condition, no victim opposition, significant community support, stable release plan, and severe long-term disability limiting basic activity.

Vice Chair Brothers Hayes – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, remaining infraction free for at least the last 24 months, medical condition, no victim opposition, low risk assessment score, stable release plan, strong work-assignment performance, educational advancement, and vocational achievements improving employability.

Chair Dion – Grant, based on reasons previously stated, as well as clear acceptance of responsibility, insight into causes of criminal behavior, completion of treatment with demonstrated skills, and stable family relationships supporting reintegration.

Final votes: 5 grant and 0 not grant.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Pastor Nelson, seconded by Dr. Brothers Hayes the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:59 AM.