

TEXAS BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

MINUTES

Board Workshop No. 24-0118



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Austin, Texas

TEXAS BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

WORKSHOP

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Cambria Hotel Austin Uptown
(Uptown AB Room)
13205 Burnet Road
Austin, Texas

8:00 AM

Order of Business

1. Call Workshop to Order
2. Special Conditions
 - A. Sanctions in General – Texas Government Code Section 508.283
 - B. Special Condition Sanctions – Board Policy, BPP-POL. 145.267 Special Condition “ISF” (Intermediate Sanction Facility) and Board Policy BPP-POL. 146.251 Special Condition “SAFP” (Substance Abuse Felony Program)
 - C. Mandatory and Discretionary Conditions – Texas Government Code Subchapter F and Subchapter G
3. Adjourn



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TEXAS BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES
BOARD WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024**

REGULAR SESSION

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (Board) met in open session on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 8:00 a.m., Cambria Hotel Austin Uptown, 13205 Burnet Road, Austin, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Gutiérrez
Elodia Brito
Carmella Jones
Brian Long
Marsha Moberley
Linda Molina
Ed Robertson

PAROLE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Michael Adams
Richard Aiello
Jacqueline Bishop
Joel Butler
Edward Davila
Lee Ann Eck-Massingill
Mary Farley
Sandra Fletcher
Troy Fox
Raymond Gonzalez
James Paul Kiel
Jeffrey Marton
Anthony Ramirez
Alfredo Salcido

Roel Tejada

BOARD STAFF PRESENT

Bettie Wells, General Counsel
Timothy McDonnell, Chief of Staff
Jessica Dillard, Board Administrator
Rachel Alderete, Director, Support Operations
Eugene Stroud, Deputy Director of Financial Operations
Wadella Murphy, Director, Hearing Operations
Clinton Gunnels, Director, Institutional Parole Operations
Libby Hamilton, Director, Victim Liaison
Kelsey Stratton, Director, Staff Development
Rodney Sigler, Director, Human Resources
Jessica Guerrero, Manager of Administration
Heather Penick, Manager of Business Operations
Carla Rodriguez, Clemency Administrator
Pamela Pacher, Program Specialist
Angel Malone, Parole Officer
Jeremy Reed, Parole Officer
Emelea Velasquez, Parole Officer
Terence Hall, Systems Analyst
Estela DeHoyos, Program Supervisor
Oliver Cui, Executive Assistant
Elizeth Willaker, Executive Assistant
Matthew Schlosser, Multimedia Technician

TDCJ STAFF PRESENT

Rene Hinojosa, Director, Parole Division
Monica DeVelasco, Deputy Director, Parole Division
Chris Cirrito, Director, Internal Audit
Lauren Montgomery, Director, Review & Release Processing
Lela Smith, Director, Specialized Programs
Grenita Winston, Program Specialist, Specialized Programs
Matt Jug, OIG

OTHERS PRESENT

Sadie Smeck, Sunset Advisory Commission

CONVENED – TEXAS BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Presiding Officer (Chairman) David Gutiérrez convened the workshop of January 18, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act. After roll call, the Chairman stated a quorum was present and declared the workshop open.

RECOGNITIONS

Chairman Gutiérrez recognized the Board Members, and guests present.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (ATTACHMENT A)

Chairman Gutiérrez yielded the floor to Timothy McDonnell, Chief of Staff and Bettie Wells, General Counsel to present agenda item #5 Special Conditions, A-C for discussion.

Mr. McDonnell discussed the sanctions to address violations. He provided the Board background information, identified the Board’s authority to impose sanctions, defined graduated sanctions, identified the sanctions available to parole panels, and provided guidance in determining an appropriate sanction.

He discussed the Board’s Mission Statement, Government Code 508.283, Board Rules 146.5 and 146.10, Board’s Vision Statement – Violations, Graduated Sanctions, How Violations Are Brought to the Attention of the Board, Voting Options, Intermediate Sanction Facility (ISF), Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility (SAFPF), Factors to be Considered When Determining Appropriate Action, TDCJ Assessment Report, and the Board Resource Manual.

Bettie Wells, discussed the Special Condition Sanctions, including Board Policies, BPP-POL. 145.26 Special Condition “ISF” (Intermediate Sanction Facility), BPP-POL. 146.251 Special Condition “SAFP” (Substance Abuse Felony Program). She also discussed the Mandatory and Discretionary Conditions, BPP-POL.145.264 Special Condition “Z” (Not To Reside In Or Enter A Specified County), BPP-POL.145.259 Special Condition “S” (Substance Abuse), BPP-POL. 1453.263 Special Condition “X” (Sex Offender Condition). She noted the Board has a total of 40 policies, 18 special conditions, and 22 general policies.

Chairman Gutierrez thanked Mr. McDonnell and Ms. Wells for their presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed all posted items on the agenda, Chairman Gutiérrez adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:01 a.m.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE BOARD ON THE 25th DAY OF APRIL 2024.



DAVID GUTIÉRREZ, PRESIDING OFFICER (CHAIR)