MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES
BOARD MEETING
(VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELECONFERENCE)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

REGULAR SESSION

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (Board) met in open session on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at3:00 p.m. via videoconference and the public access to the meeting was made available through teleconference.

Central Office, 8610 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas;
Amarillo Board Office, 5809 S. Western, Suite 200, Amarillo, Texas;
Angleton Board Office, 1212 N. Velasco, Suite 201, Angleton, Texas;
Austin Board Office, 4616 W. Howard Lane, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78728;
Huntsville Board Office, 1022 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., Huntsville, Texas;
Palestine Board Office, 133 E. Reagan St., Palestine, Texas; and
San Antonio Board Office, 2902 N. E. Loop 410, Suite 206, San Antonio, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Gutiérrez
D'Wayne Jernigan
Carmella Jones
James LaFavers
Brian Long
Ed Robertson
Fred Solis

OTHERS PRESENT

Bettie Wells, General Counsel
Jessica Dillard, Board Administrator
Rachel Alderete, Director of Administrative Support
Terence Hall, System Analyst, IT
Estela DeHoyos, Program Supervisor

Board Meeting No. 20-0924

CONVENED – TEXAS BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Presiding Officer (Chairman) David Gutiérrez convened the meeting of September 24, 2020 at 3:00 p.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 meeting open.

Chairman Gutiérrez stated the meeting of the Board is called specifically for discussion and consideration of the Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for the 87th Legislature, Fiscal Years 2019 through 2023.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST (LAR) *(ATTACHMENT A)*

Chairman Gutiérrez introduced Kyle Britt, Budget Director, to present the LAR.

Mr. Britt presented the Board's LAR for the 87th Legislature, including the Board's FY 2020 Expenses; Board/Clemency/Grant/ and Capital Operations; Hearing/Revocation Operations; Institutional Parole Operations; Exceptional Items; Federal Funds Schedule; and Capital Budget, Historically Underutilized Business. He stated the Board previously approved portions of the LAR concerning Fiscal Years 2019 through 2021, including the 5% reduction requested by the Governor.

Chairman Gutiérrez re-emphasized the Board is following the Governor's, Lt. Governor's and Speaker's recommendation for the 5% reduction for the baseline budget for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. In the Exceptional Items, the Board is only requesting a 5% restoration of those areas that have been reduced. Although 50% was added for capital expenditures (computers and vehicles) it is still within the 5% reduction for the next biennium.

Motions

Mr. Robertson moved to adopt the Board's Legislative Appropriations Request for the 87th Legislature, Fiscal Years 2019 through 2023, as presented, subject to any and all appropriate revisions to the Exceptional Items as determined by the Chairman.

Mr. LaFavers seconded the motion, which prevailed when called for a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed all posted items on the agenda, Chairman Gutiérrez adjourned the Board Meeting at 3:15 p.m.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE BOARD ON THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

DAVID GUTIÉRREZ, PRESIDING OFFICER (CHAIR)