



State of Oklahoma
PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD

**Pardon and Parole Board Meeting
Parole Meeting Minutes
July 2023**

**Monday, July 10, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Smothermon, Richard Miller, Edward Konieczny, and Cathy Stocker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Calvin Prince

STAFF: Tom Bates, Melinda Romero, Leroy Long, Jennifer Pando, and Kyle Counts

GUESTS: None

I. Call to Order – Chairman Richard Smothermon

Following the Pardon and Parole Board business meeting, Chairman Smothermon called the Parole Meeting of the Pardon and Parole Board (PPB) to order at 9:43 a.m. on the Zoom Webinar ID# 1606229844.

II. Roll Call – Chairman Richard Smothermon

The members attending were Richard Smothermon, Richard Miller, Edward Konieczny, and Cathy Stocker. The voting order was announced as Richard Miller, Edward Konieczny, Cathy Stocker, and Richard Smothermon.

III. Discussion and Possible Action on Jacket Review: Commutations, S.I.R. Stage I, Parole, Parole Stage I, Reentry, Medicals, and Special Reviews – Chairman Richard Smothermon

The Board acted on inmates who were docketed for jacket review for Stage I commutations. The vote of the Board was recorded and is reflected on each inmate's ballot. The ballot for each inmate is available for reproduction at the Administrative Office of the PPB in accordance with the Open Records Act.

The Board took a brief break at 10:58 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

The Board took a lunch break at 12:57 p.m.

IV. Reconvening of the Meeting – Chairman Richard Smothermon

The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m. In attendance were Richard Smothermon, Richard Miller, Edward Konieczny, and Cathy Stocker. A quorum was present.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on Victim/Victim Representatives – Chairman Richard Smothermon

The Board heard protests from victims/victim representatives, for which inmates were being considered. There was one in person Victim Protests. The Board took the protests under advisement until the inmates' consideration. The ballots for the inmates are available in the Administrative Office in accordance with the Open Records Act.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on District Attorney Protests – Chairman Richard Smothermon

The Board heard protests from District Attorney's/representatives, for which inmates were being considered. There were seven in person DA Protests. The Board took the protests under advisement until the inmates' consideration. The ballots for the inmates are available in the Administrative Office in accordance with the Open Records Act.

The Board took a brief break at 1:42 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:49 p.m.

VII. Discussion and Possible Action on Pardon Applicants – Chairman Richard Smothermon

The Board heard presentations and interviewed pardon applicants. The vote of the Board was recorded and is reflected on each applicant's ballot. The ballot for each applicant is available for inspection at the Administrative Office of the PPB in accordance with the Open Records Act.

VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on Jacket Review: Commutations, S.I.R. Stage I, Parole, Parole Stage I, Reentry, Medicals, and Special Reviews – Chairman Richard Smothermon

The Board took action on inmates who had parole jacket reviews. The vote of the Board was recorded and is reflected on each inmate's ballot. The ballot for each inmate is available for reproduction at the Administrative Office of the PPB in accordance with the Open Records Act.

Chairman Smothermon recessed the meeting at 2:34 p.m. to reconvene on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom Webinar ID# 1606229844

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

9:00 a.m.

IX. Reconvening of the Meeting – Chairman Richard Smothermon

Chairman Smothermon reconvened the meeting of the Pardon and Parole Board (PPB) at 9:04 a.m. via Zoom Webinar ID# 1606229844

X. Roll Call – Melinda Romero, Deputy Director

Members in attendance were Richard Smothermon, Richard Miller, Edward Konieczny, and Cathy Stocker. A quorum was present.

XI. Discussion and Possible Action on Jacket Reviews for Inmates with Delegates – Chairman Richard Smothermon

The Board took action on inmates who were docketed for jacket reviews and had delegates. The vote of the Board was recorded and is reflected on each inmate's ballot. The ballot for each inmate is available for reproduction at the Administrative Office of the PPB in accordance with the Open Records Act.

XII. Discussion and Possible Action on Personal Interviews with Inmates and Delegates – Chairman Richard Smothermon

The Board continued interviews with inmates who had a personal appearance for a parole consideration and any delegate who signed up to present on their behalf. The vote of the Board was recorded and is reflected on each inmate's ballot. The ballot for each inmate is available for inspection at the Administrative Office of the PPB in accordance with the Open Records Act.

The Board took a brief break at 9:58 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:04 a.m.

The Board took a brief break at 11:40 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

XIII. Discussion and Possible Action on Jacket Review: Commutations, S.I.R. Stage I, Parole, Parole Stage I, Reentry, Medicals, and Special Reviews – Chairman Richard Smothermon

The Board took action on inmates who had parole jacket reviews. The vote of the Board was recorded and is reflected on each inmate's ballot. The ballot for each inmate is available for reproduction at the Administrative Office of the PPB in accordance with the Open Records Act.

XVIII. Discussion and Possible Action on Aging Prisoner's Parole, Administrative Parole, Stage II Commutations, S.I.R. Stage I, Parole, Parole Stage I, Reentry, Medicals, and Special Reviews – Chairman Richard Smothermon

For Stage II Commutations, the Board interviewed the inmates and any delegates present. The Board then voted whether to recommend each commutation to the Governor. The vote of the Board was recorded and is reflected on each inmate's ballot.

**XIV. Discussion and Possible Action on any unfinished business from agenda items III – XXI
– Chairman Richard Smothermon**

There was no unfinished business.

**XV. New Business Not Known or Which Could Not Have Been Reasonably Foreseen Before
the Posting of the Agenda – Chairman Richard Smothermon**

There was no new business.

XVI. Adjournment – Chairman Richard Smothermon

All votes were declared final at the adjournment of the meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 12:35 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Romero

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Deputy Director

The minutes for the July 2023 Pardon and Parole Board Meeting - Parole Meeting were approved by a majority vote on the 7th day of August 2023.