



State of Oklahoma  
**PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD**

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

**Monday, August 7, 2023  
9:00 a.m.**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**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 9:09 a.m. on the Zoom Webinar ID# 1601748990.

**II. Roll Call – Chairman Richard Smothermon**

The members attending were Richard Smothermon, Richard Miller, Edward Konieczny, Calvin Prince, and Cathy Stocker. The voting order was announced as Cathy Stocker, Calvin Prince, Richard Miller, Edward Konieczny, 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 9:34 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:46 a.m.

The Board took a brief break at 11:38 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

The Board took a lunch break at 12:44 p.m.

**IV. Reconvening of the Meeting – Chairman Richard Smothermon**

The Board reconvened at 1:32 p.m. In attendance were Richard Smothermon, Richard Miller, Edward Konieczny, Calvin Prince, 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.

**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 2:30 p.m. to reconvene on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom Webinar ID# 1601748990

**Tuesday, August 8, 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 9:00 a.m. via Zoom Webinar ID# 1601748990

**X. Roll Call – Melinda Romero, Deputy Director**

Members in attendance were Richard Smothermon, Richard Miller, Edward Konieczny, Calvin Prince, 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 10:22 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:31 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, August 8, 2023, at 12:45 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Melinda Romero*

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Deputy Director

The minutes for the August 2023 Pardon and Parole Board Meeting - Parole Meeting were approved by a majority vote on the 11th day of September 2023.