



State of Oklahoma
PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD

**PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD
Clemency Hearing Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Reavis, Kevin Buchanan, Richard Miller, Susan Stava, Sean Malloy

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF: Tom Bates, Melinda Romero, Leroy Long, Kyle Counts

GUESTS: Federal Public Defenders Kristi Christopher & Tom Hird, Dr. Shawn Agharkar

Attorney General Gentner Drummond, Assistant Attorneys General Jennifer Crabb & Tessa Henry, 4th District Attorney Tommy Humphries, Former 4th District Attorney Mike Fields

Dreu Kopf, Courtney Fuston, Rick Johnson, Candice Eliosa

- I. **Call to Order –Chairman Richard Miller** – On Wednesday, February 5, Chairman Richard Miller called the special meeting of the Pardon and Parole Board (PPB) to order at 9:00 a.m.
 - A. **Roll Call** - The members in attendance were Robert Reavis, Kevin Buchanan, Richard Miller, Susan Stava, and Sean Malloy.

- II. **Action Item: Clemency Hearing for Wendell Grissom DOC #575281**
Chairman Richard Miller explained that the purpose of the day's meeting was to hold a clemency hearing for **Wendell Grissom, DOC # 575281**

Chairman Richard Miller briefly went over the order of events for the hearing.

Kristi Christopher and Tom Hird, legal counsel for Wendell Grissom, as well as Dr. Shawn Agharkar, presented on behalf of Mr. Grissom for 35 minutes, having reserved 5 minutes for rebuttal.

Oklahoma Attorney General Genter Drummond, and Assistant Attorneys General Jennifer Crabb and Tessa Henry made a 40-minute presentation to the Board in opposition of clemency for Mr. Grissom. The State waived its 5-minute summation period.

The meeting recessed at 10:23 AM and reconvened at 10:30 AM.

After the recess, Courtney Fuston, Rick Johnson, Candice Eliosa, and surviving victim Dreu Kopf presented to the Board for 20 minutes as representatives for the victim, Amber Matthews, in opposition of clemency for Mr. Grissom.

Wendell Grissom waived his personal appearance and did not address the Board.

Mr. Grissom's legal counsel provided a 5-minute rebuttal and answered questions from the Board.

The meeting recessed at 11:03 A.M and reconvened at 11:10 A.M.

Chairman Richard Miller called for a vote, and the vote was 1-4 on the question of recommending clemency.

The final action of the Board was to deny clemency for Wendell Grissom.

III. Adjournment – Chairman Richard Miller

The Clemency Hearing was adjourned at 11:08 A.M. on **February 5, 2025.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Kyle Counts
General Counsel

The Wendell Grissom Clemency Hearing minutes for February 5, 2025, Pardon and Parole Board Meeting were approved by a majority vote on the 3rd day of March 2025.