

Parole Denial Reasons

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Richard Stroker, Director of the National Parole Resource Center, recently provided training on best practices for Parole Boards and how Parole Boards are implementing criminal justice reforms. The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board decided to begin documenting and communicating a Board member's reasons for parole denial. Please note that there is no requirement for Board members to give a reason for denial and participation by Board members is strictly voluntary in order to assist the offender in their rehabilitation efforts. The Board identified five common reasons for parole denial. During Balloting, Board members may choose to record one or more of the following primary reasons for their vote to deny parole which will be communicated to the inmate through their case manager and recorded on the ballot:

Denial Reason:

- A. The aggravating factors associated with the original crime, including any DA or victim protests, currently outweigh any mitigating factors in support of parole at this time.
- B. Disruptive institutional behavior.
- C. Failure to fully or successfully engage in recommended programming.
- D. Prior Community Failure
- E. Continued risk to the public.
- F. Forthcoming projected release or parole date.