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NEVADA BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

Meeting of the

Board of Parole Commissioners

March 31, 2021

NOTE: The following minutes have not been approved and are subject to revision at the next meeting of the Board.

The Board of Parole Commissioners held a public meeting on March 31, 2021, beginning at 1:00 PM at the following locations:

Conference room at the central office of the Board of Parole Commissioners, located at 1677 Old Hot Springs Road, Ste. A, Carson City, NV and video conference at the Parole Board Office, 4000 S. Eastern Avenue, Ste. 130, Las Vegas, NV.

I. Open Meeting, call to order, roll call 1:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman DeRicco. Present in Carson City were Chairman DeRicco, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Baker, and Commissioner Weisenthal. Present in the Las Vegas office were Commissioner Christiansen, Commissioner Verchio, and Commissioner Bailey.

Support staff in attendance:

Darla Foley, Executive Secretary
Mary Flores, Administrative Assistant III

Members of the public present in Carson City included:

Katie Brady, Deputy Attorney General

Members of the public present in Las Vegas included:

II. Public Comment. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (2) of NRS 241.020.

Public comment – Carson City, NV

Written public comment received from John Quintero NDOC# 93782. Mr. Quintero submitted public comment concerning Agenda Item VIII from the January 29, 2018 meeting of the Parole Board. Mr. Quintero’s concern is the practice of not disclosing the name of the individual who prepares the Static-99 risk assessment submitted by the Nevada Department of Corrections to the Parole Board for consideration at Parole Board hearings.

Public comment – Las Vegas, NV
No public comment.

Chairman DeRicco welcomed Commissioner Scott Weisenthal to the Board.

III. For possible action: Review/Approval of minutes from the February 25, 2021 Board meeting.

Motion:	Approve the minutes from the February 25, 2021 Board meeting.
Made:	Commissioner Jackson
Seconded By:	Commissioner Baker
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Jackson, Baker, Weisenthal, Christiansen, Verchio, Bailey
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion passed

IV. For possible action: The Board will discuss and may take action to update/modify the “Operation of the Board” document that outlines the procedural functioning of the Board. This document may be updated and modified in the future as needed.

Chairman DeRicco discussed the Boards ongoing project of updating and reviewing selected sections in the Operation of the Board manual as discussed at the February 25, 2021 Board meeting. Chairman DeRicco provided that Deputy Attorney General, Katie Brady, reviewed proposed changes and suggested language changes as well. The three sections to be discussed are Parole Violation Hearings, Reconsideration of Unfavorable Action, and Mandatory Parole Release.

Chairman DeRicco introduced the first section for review, Parole Violation Hearings, he referred to the suggested changes as noted in the handout “Parole Violation Hearings.” The Board members agreed that the suggested language changes were appropriate.

Chairman DeRicco asked if anyone would care to request further discussion or make a motion to approve the Parole Violation Hearings section as distributed.

Motion:	Approve the Parole Violations section as distributed.
Made:	Commissioner Bailey
Seconded By:	Commissioner Christiansen
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Jackson, Baker, Weisenthal, Christiansen, Verchio, Bailey
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion Passed

Chairman DeRicco introduced the next section for review, Reconsideration of Unfavorable Action. He referred to the suggested changes as noted in the handout “Reconsideration of Unfavorable Action.” The Board members agreed that the suggested language changes were appropriate.

Chairman DeRicco asked if anyone would care to request further discussion or make a motion to approve the Reconsideration of Unfavorable Action section as suggested.

Motion:	Approve the Reconsideration of Unfavorable Action section as distributed.
Made:	Commissioner Baker
Seconded By:	Commissioner Jackson
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Jackson, Baker, Weisenthal, Christiansen, Verchio, Bailey
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion passed

Chairman DeRicco introduced the final section for review, Mandatory Parole Release, he referred to the suggested changes as noted in the handout “Mandatory Parole Release NRS 213.1215.” The Board members agreed that the suggested language changes were appropriate.

Chairman DeRicco asked if anyone would care to request further discussion or make a motion to approve the Mandatory Parole Release section as distributed.

Motion:	Approve the Mandatory Parole Release section as distributed.
Made:	Commissioner Verchio
Seconded By:	Commissioner Weisenthal
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Jackson, Baker, Weisenthal, Christiansen, Verchio, Bailey
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion passed

- V. **Public Comment.** No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (2) of NRS 241.020.

Public comment – Carson City, NV

No public comment.

Public comment – Las Vegas, NV

No public comment.

- VI. **For possible action:** The Board may act to adjourn the meeting.

Motion:	To adjourn the March 31, 2021 meeting of the Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners
Made:	Commissioner Christiansen
Seconded By:	Commissioner Weisenthal
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Jackson, Baker, Weisenthal, Christiansen, Verchio, Bailey
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion passed

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