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NEVADA BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

Meeting of the

Board of Parole Commissioners

January 31, 2024

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 January 31, 2024, 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 the Carson City office were Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Weisenthal, and Chairman DeRicco. Present in the Las Vegas office were Commissioner Christiansen, Commissioner Bailey, and Commissioner Schmitt. Commissioner Jackson was absent, excused.

Support staff in attendance:

Kelly Mellinger, Hearings Examiner II
Sirya Niemiec-Pearson, Administrative Assistant I

Members of the public present in Carson City included:

Paul Corrado

Members of the public present in Las Vegas included:

Adam Honey, Deputy Attorney General

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

Paul Corrado – See attached written public comment.

Public comment – Las Vegas, NV
No public comment.

III. For possible action: Review/Approval of minutes from the September 27, 2023, Board meeting.

Motion:	Approve the minutes from the September 27, 2023, Board meeting as distributed.
Made:	Commissioner Bailey
Seconded By:	Commissioner Christiansen
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Baker, Weisenthal, Christiansen, Bailey, Schmitt
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion passed

IV. For discussion and possible action: The Board will discuss and may take action to update, modify, or approve 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 opened this agenda item by stating that when the Board becomes aware of an opportunity to provide additional clarity to the Operations of the Board, it will be addressed at a meeting. He stated that the section to be reviewed is Reconsideration of Unfavorable Action. He then thanked Kelly Mellinger and Katie Fraker for initiating this change and suggesting language changes. Chairman DeRicco provided that Deputy Attorney General, Adam Honey, reviewed the provided document. He then read through the revised document in its entirety.

Chairman DeRicco explained that the Board conducts RPO (Review Previous Order) hearings and Reconsideration of Unfavorable Actions (RUA) hearings, and that sometimes these hearings are confused. He stated that the revised document is to delineate the two types of hearings. He explained that when the Board conducts a Reconsideration of Unfavorable Action hearing, this additional language will allow the Board to consider any additional information available to the Board at the time of the new hearing. He further explained that this clarifies that the Board can review any information that they have at the time of the Reconsideration hearing, whether that information is new or old, or good or bad.

Commissioner Baker asked for clarification of the phrase, “... for advancement,” in sections 5 and 6. She asked if “for advancement” meant advancement to the Board for a request for a rehearing. Chairman DeRicco answered in the affirmative.

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

Chairman DeRicco stated that he would instruct staff to create a box on the worksheet for Reconsideration of Unfavorable Action hearings to negate further confusion.

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 January 31, 2024, meeting of the Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners.
Made:	Commissioner Baker
Seconded By:	Commissioner Bailey
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Baker, Weisenthal, Christiansen, Bailey, Schmitt
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion passed