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NEVADA BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

**Meeting of the
Board of Parole Commissioners**

November 12, 2024

MINUTES APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 27, 2025

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 November 12, 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 1:03 PM.

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

Support staff in attendance:

Forrest Harter, Hearings Examiner II
Darla Foley, Hearings Examiner I
Denise Davis, Hearings Examiner I
Colette Stammerjohn, Hearings Examiner I
Mary Flores, Administrative Assistant III

Members of the public present in Carson City included:

Tonja Brown, Advocates for the Inmates and the Innocent

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

Tonja Brown, Advocates for the Inmates and the Innocent

Public comment – Las Vegas, NV

No public comment.

III. For possible action: Review/Approval of minutes from the July 23, 2024, Board meeting.

Motion:	Approve the minutes from the July 23, 2024, Board meeting as distributed.
Made:	Commissioner Bailey
Seconded By:	Commissioner Christiansen
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Baker, Weisenthal, Mellinger, Christiansen, Bailey, Schmitt
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion passed

IV. For possible action: The board will discuss and may take action to update the list of persons eligible to serve as case hearing representatives pursuant to NRS 213.135.

Chairman DeRicco opened this agenda item and stated that per NRS 213.135, the Board may establish and maintain a list of persons to serve as case hearing representatives. He stated that due to Kelly Mellinger being appointed a commissioner from a hearings examiner, the Board has hired Collette Stammerjohn to fill that position. He requested the Board vote to approve the following individuals to serve as hearing representatives: Forrest Harter, Darla Foley, Denise Davis, Colette Stammerjohn, Jim Benedetti, Joni Billich, Jim Kingera, Debbie Noel, and Pete Gibson.

Chairman DeRicco opened the floor for discussion on this section. There was no further discussion.

Motion:	To approve the following individuals to the Board’s list of hearing representatives: Forrest Harter, Darla Foley, Denise Davis, Colette Stammerjohn, Jim Benedetti, Joni Billich, Jim Kingera, Debbie Noel, and Pete Gibson.
Made:	Chairman DeRicco
Seconded By:	Commissioner Weisenthal
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Baker, Weisenthal, Mellinger, Christiansen, Bailey, and Schmitt
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion passed

V. 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 has the opportunity to provide additional clarity to the Operation of the Board document that it will be addressed at a Board meeting. He stated that the section for review is ‘Parole Decisions.’ He further stated the Board’s Deputy Attorney General has reviewed the provided documents.

Chairman DeRicco read through the document in its entirety, including the additional language. Chairman DeRicco opened the floor for discussion on this section. There was no further discussion.

Motion:	To approve the Parole Decisions document as distributed.
Made:	Chairman DeRicco
Seconded By:	Commissioner Baker
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Baker, Weisenthal, Mellinger, Christiansen, Bailey, Schmitt
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion passed

- VI. 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

Tonja Brown, Advocates for the Inmates and the Innocent

Public comment – Las Vegas, NV

No public comment.

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

Motion:	To adjourn the November 12, 2024, meeting of the Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners.
Made:	Commissioner Baker
Seconded By:	Commissioner Mellinger
Votes in Favor:	DeRicco, Baker, Weisenthal, Mellinger, Christiansen, Bailey, Schmitt
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion passed