



VIRGINIA PAROLE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES **APPROVED March 19, 2025**

REGULAR MEETING: February 26, 2025

LOCATION: Meeting conducted electronically and in person with Board Members and designated staff, assembled at 6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: The Honorable Patricia West, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: The Honorable Patrica West, Chair
Lloyd Banks, Vice Chairman
Michelle Dermeyer, Board Member
Samuel Boone, Board Member
C. Phillips Ferguson, Board Member

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Tina Bowen, Chief Parole Examiner
Colleen Maxwell, Legal Services Specialist
Cindy Yadav, Victim Input Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT: Shane Dean

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Patrica West, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MAJORITY

Chair West determined that all members of the Board were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was initiated by Vice Chairman Banks, with a second by Board Member Boone. The agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion by Board Member Dermeyer, with a second by Board Member Boone, the minutes of the January 29, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

PAROLE CONSIDERATIONS

Chair West provided an explanation of the change to § 53.1-136 of the *Code of Virginia* effective July 1, 2024, which requires a public meeting be convened to conduct the final deliberation and vote regarding whether the Board will grant parole to a prisoner.

Shane Dean, #1083921

Mr. Dean was considered for Discretionary Parole.

Chair West provided an overview of Mr. Dean's circumstances and period of incarceration.

Chair West provided the Board members an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Dean.

Chair West then called upon each member to give their vote and reason(s) for their vote.

Chair West – Grant, based on Mr. Dean's remaining infraction free since 2018, a stable release plan, his community support, and his release would be compatible with public safety.

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, based on Mr. Dean's remaining infraction free, stable release plan, and his release is compatible with public safety.

Board Member Boone – Grant, based on Mr. Dean's stable release plan, his release is compatible with public safety, and his demonstrated rehabilitation.

Board Member Ferguson – Grant, based on Mr. Dean's demonstrated rehabilitation, remaining infraction free, his community support, and stable release plan.

Ms. Dermeyer – Grant, based on Mr. Dean's stable release plan, his release is compatible with public safety, and his demonstrated rehabilitation.

Final votes to grant discretionary parole were unanimous.

Chair West congratulated Mr. Dean, as the decision to grant parole was unanimous. She then reminded him that he must continue to remain of good behavior throughout the re-entry process, as any infraction could put his release in jeopardy. Mr. Dean would also be provided conditions upon his release.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Ms. Dermeyer and seconded by Mr. Boone, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 19, 2025.