

## State of Oklahoma PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD

## Pardon and Parole Board Meeting Special Meeting Minutes November 2021

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

Adam Luck, Larry Morris, Kelly Doyle, Scott Williams, Richard

Smothermon

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 

None

**STAFF:** 

Tom Bates, Melinda Romero, Leroy Long, and Kyle Counts

**GUESTS:** 

None

- I. Call to Order Chairman Adam Luck- Following the Pardon and Parole Board special meeting, Chairman Luck called the Parole Meeting of the Pardon and Parole Board (PPB) to order at 9:00 a.m. on the Zoom Webinar ID # 99883191528.
  - **A. Roll Call** The members attending were Adam Luck, Larry Morris, Kelly Doyle, Scott Williams, Richard Smothermon, with the voting order being Scott Williams, Adam Luck, Richard Smothermon, Kelly Doyle, Larry Morris.
  - **B. Pledge of Allegiance** Chairman Luck invited all attendees to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - C. Assurance of Compliance with Open Meeting Act General Counsel Kyle Counts provided assurance of compliance with the Open Meeting Act. The business meeting of the Pardon and Parole Board was convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. This meeting was preceded by an advance notice of the date, time, and place filed with the Oklahoma Secretary of State on September 21, 2021. Notice of this meeting was also given at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting by posting notice of the date, time, virtual meeting place, and agenda of the meeting on November 15, 2021, on the Pardon and Parole Board's website, <a href="https://www.ok.gov/ppb">www.ok.gov/ppb</a>. The meeting is in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.
- II. Action Item: Clemency Hearing for Bigler Jobe Stouffer II, DOC #146930- Chairman Adam Luck-

Chairman Adam Luck explained that the purpose of the day's special meeting was to hold a clemency hearing for Bigler Jobe Stouffer II, DOC #146930, and briefly went over the order of events for the hearing.

Attorney Mark Barrett, presented on behalf of Mr. Stouffer and was accompanied by Gregory Laird, Howard Potts and Bigler Stouffer III for 35 minutes, having reserved five minutes for rebuttal. The meeting recessed briefly from 9:23 to 9:28 for technical issues.

The meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

Following the recess, Assistant Attorneys General Joshua Fanelli, Ashley Willis, and Assistant District Attorney Christy Miller gave a 40-minute presentation to the Board in opposition to elemency for Mr. Stouffer.

The meeting recessed at 11:13 a.m and reconvened at 11:18 a.m.

After the recess, Debby Wiens and Pam Korgan spoke on behalf of the victims, Doug Ivens, and Linda Reaves, for 20 minutes in opposition to clemency for Mr. Stouffer.

Attorney Mark Barrett presented a five-minute rebuttal.

Bigler Jobe Stouffer II elected to appear before the Board to address the Board members for 20 minutes. The Board then asked questions.

The meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

The Board discussed concerns over the state's execution protocol, how it might affect different members' voting, and questioned why clemency hearings were being conducted while there was still ongoing litigation surrounding the state's use of midazolam.

Chairman Luck called for a vote on clemency for Bigler Jobe Stouffer II. The Board voted 3-2 in favor of recommending clemency. Mr. Counts explained the rule on recommending commutation and further stated it was not necessary if the Board's recommendation was for life without the possibility of parole.

The final action of the Board was to make a recommendation for clemency for Bigler Jobe Stouffer II.

## III. Adjournment - Chairman Adam Luck

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The Special Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sicilia Talavera

Executive Assistant

The meeting minutes for the November 17, 2021 Pardon and Parole Board Special Meeting were approved by a majority vote on the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2021.