



State of Oklahoma
PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD

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Clemency Hearing Minutes for Phillip Hancock, DOC #126307

Wednesday, November 8, 2023
9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward Konieczny, Richard Miller, Calvin Prince, Kevin Buchanan, and Robert Reavis

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

GUESTS: Attorneys for Phillip Hancock: Hunter Labovitz and Jessica Tsang
Attorneys for State of Oklahoma: First Assistant Amie Ely, Joshua Lockett, and Sherri Johnson
Representatives for the Victims: Ryan Jett, Robert Lynch, and Carol Thompson
Oklahoma State Representatives Kevin McDugle and Justin Humphrey
Dr. Katherine Porterfield

XVIII. Reconvening of the Meeting – Edward Konieczny, Acting Chairman

The November Meeting of the Pardon and Parole Board (PPB) was reconvened at 9:01 a.m. by Acting Chairman Edward Konieczny on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

A. Roll Call

The members attending were Edward Konieczny, Richard Miller, Calvin Prince, Robert Reavis, and Kevin Buchanan. The voting order was announced as Richard Miller, Kevin Buchanan, Calvin Prince, Robert Reavis, and Edward Konieczny.

XIX. Action Item:

- **Clemency Hearing for Phillip Dean Hancock, DOC #126307 (Inmate will make a personal appearance via video conference from Oklahoma State Penitentiary)**

Acting Chairman Ed Konieczny explained that the Board's November 2023 meeting was being reconvened to hold a clemency hearing for Phillip D. Hancock, DOC #126307, and went over the order of events.

Attorneys for Mr. Hancock—Hunter Labovitz and Jessica Tsang—presented in support of Mr. Hancock's clemency petition for 35 minutes, after reserving five minutes for rebuttal. Mr. Hancock's attorneys were joined by Rep. Kevin McDugle, Rep. Justin Humphrey, and Dr. Katherine Porterfield for portions of the presentation.

The meeting recessed at 9:49 A.M. and reconvened at 9:58 A.M.

Attorneys from the Office of the Attorney General—First Assistant Amie Ely, Joshua Lockett, and Sherri Johnson—represented the State of Oklahoma in opposition to Mr. Hancock’s clemency petition, for 40 minutes.

The meeting recessed at 10:38 A.M. and reconvened at 10:47 A.M.

Representatives for the victims—Ryan Jett, Robert Lynch, and Carol Thompson—represented the families of victims Robert Jett and James Lynch in opposition to Mr. Hancock’s clemency petition, for 20 minutes. The Board thanked the families for their participation.

Attorneys Mr. Labovitz and Ms. Tsang provided a five-minute rebuttal.

Mr. Hancock elected to appear before the Board to address the Board members for 20 minutes.

The meeting recessed at 11:16 A.M. and reconvened at 11:24 A.M.

- **Discussion on Clemency Consideration for Phillip Dean Hancock**
Acting Chairman Konieczny asked if there was any discussion prior to moving on to the vote. There was no discussion.
- **Vote on Clemency Consideration for Phillip Dean Hancock**
Acting Chairman Konieczny called for a vote on clemency for Mr. Hancock, and the vote was 3-2 to recommend clemency.

The Board’s General Counsel, Kyle Counts, briefly explained the rules for clemency recommendations.

The final action of the Board was to recommend clemency for Mr. Hancock.

XX. Adjournment

The Board’s November 2023 meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Counts", written over a horizontal line.

Kyle Counts
General Counsel

The minutes for Phillip D. Hancock's November 8, 2023 clemency hearing were approved by a majority vote on the 4th day of December, 2023.