



State of Oklahoma
PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD

Pardon and Parole Board Meeting
Clemency Hearing Minutes
November 2021 Parole Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 30, 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# 99236272027.
 - 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, Kelly Doyle, Richard Smothermon, and 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 23, 2021, on the Pardon and Parole Board's website, www.ok.gov/ppb. The meeting is in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

- II. **Action Item: Clemency Hearing for Donald A. Grant, DOC #522436 (Donald A. Grant will make a personal appearance via video conference from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester, Oklahoma)** -Chairman Adam Luck explained that the purpose of the day's meeting was to hold a clemency hearing for Donald A. Grant, DOC #522436, Chairman Adam Luck briefly went over the order of events for the hearing.

Assistant Federal Public Defenders Emma Rolls and Susan Otto presented on behalf of Mr. Grant for 35 minutes, having reserved five minutes for rebuttal.

The meeting recessed at 9:54 a.m. and reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

Following the recess, Assistant Attorneys General Caroline Hunt, Tessa Henry, and Retired Chief of Police for Midwest City Brandon Claves presented in opposition to Mr. Grant's clemency for 40 minutes.

The meeting recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

After the recess, Shirl Pilcher and Susie Webster spoke on behalf of victim Brenda McElyea as victim representatives in opposition to clemency for Mr. Grant for 20 minutes.

The meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:19 a.m.

Assistant Federal Public Defenders Emma Rolls and Susan Otto provided a five-minute rebuttal for Mr. Grant.

Donald Grant elected to appear before the Board to address the Board members for 20 minutes. The Board then asked questions.

The meeting recessed at 11:57 a.m. and reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

Chairman Luck called for a vote on clemency for Donald A. Grant, and the vote was 4-1. Clemency was denied.

The final action of the Board was to not make a recommendation for clemency for Donald A. Grant.

III. Adjournment – Chairman Adam Luck

The Clemency Hearing was adjourned at **12:12 p.m.** on **November 30, 2021.**
Respectfully Submitted,



Sicilia Talavera
Executive Assistant

The Donald A. Grant Clemency Hearing minutes for the November 30, 2021 Pardon and Parole meeting were approved by a majority vote on the 6th Day of December 2021.