

## State of Oklahoma PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD

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

Wednesday, December 1, 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 # 98646636547.
  - **A. Roll Call** The members attending were Adam Luck, Larry Morris, Kelly Doyle, Scott Williams, Richard Smothermon, with the voting order being Richard Smothermon, Adam Luck, Larry Morris, Kelly Doyle, Scott Williams.
  - **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, <a href="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 Gilbert Ray Postelle, DOC #585999– Chairman Adam Luck-

Chairman Adam Luck explained that the purpose of the day's special meeting was to hold a clemency hearing for Gilbert Ray Postelle, DOC #585999, and briefly went over the order of events for the hearing.

Attorney Robert Nance presented on behalf of Mr. Postelle for 35 minutes, having reserved five minutes for rebuttal. The Board took a brief recess from 9:31 to 9:38 due to technical issues. Jacquelyn Thompson and Kayleigh Johnson were called as witnesses.

The meeting recessed at 10:04 a.m. and reconvened at 10:09 a.m.

Following the recess, Assistant Attorneys General Ashley Willis and Julie Pittman gave a 40-minute presentation to the Board in opposition to clemency for Mr. Postelle.

The meeting recessed at 10:58 a.m and reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

After the recess, Janet Wright, Shelli Milner, and Mary Jo Swindle spoke on behalf of the victims Amy Wright and Donnie Swindle, for 20 minutes in opposition to clemency for Mr. Postelle.

Attorney Robert Nance presented a five-minute rebuttal.

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

The meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

Chairman Luck called for a vote on clemency for Gilbert R. Postelle, and the vote was 4-1. Clemency was denied.

The final action of the Board was to not make a recommendation for clemency for Gilbert R. Postelle.

## III. Adjournment – Chairman Adam Luck

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Counts

General Counsel

The meeting minutes for the December 1, 2021 Pardon and Parole Board Special Meeting were approved by a majority vote on the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2021.