

State of Oklahoma

PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD

Pardon and Parole Board Meeting

Clemency Hearing Minutes

August 3, 2022, Parole Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 3, 2022 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Scott Williams, Larry Morris, Cathy Stocker, Edward Konieczny, and Richard Smothermon
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
STAFF:	Tom Bates, Melinda Romero, Leroy Long, and Kyle Counts
GUESTS:	Attorney Emma Rolls Assistant Attorneys General Caroline Hunt and Sheri Johnson Mitch and Michelle Hale, Dr. Michael Hale, and Patricia Carey

- I. Call to Order Chairman Scott Williams- Following the Pardon and Parole Board special meeting, Chairman Scott Williams called the Parole Meeting of the Pardon and Parole Board (PPB) to order at 9:00 a.m. on the Zoom Webinar ID# 96056590939.
 - A. Roll Call The members attending were Scott Williams, Larry Morris, Cathy Stocker, Edward Konieczny and Richard Smothermon with the voting order being Scott Williams, Richard Smothermon, Larry Morris, Edward Konieczny and Cathy Stocker.
 - **B.** Pledge of Allegiance Chairman Scott Williams 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 July 25, 2022. 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 July 25, 2022, on the Pardon and Parole Board's website, <u>www.ok.gov/ppb</u>. The meeting is in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

- **D. Pardon and Parole Board Mission Statement-** Chairman Williams read Pardon and Parole Board Mission Statement
- II. Action Item: Clemency Hearing for James Coddington, DOC # 194169 (James Coddington will make a personal appearance via video conference) Chairman Scott Williams explained that the purpose of the day's meeting was to hold a clemency hearing for James Coddington, DOC # 194169.

Chairman Williams briefly went over the order of events for the hearing.

Attorney Emma Rolls presented on behalf of Mr. Coddington for 35 minutes, having reserved five minutes for rebuttal.

Assistant Attorneys General Caroline Hunt and Sheri Johnson made a 40-minute presentation to the Board in opposition to clemency for Mr. James Coddington. (Assistant Attorneys General Caroline Hunt and Sheri Johnson joined via Zoom.)

The meeting recessed at 10:24 AM and reconvened at 10:30 AM.

After the recess, the Hale Family presented to the Board as the victim representatives for the victim, Albert Troy Hale, in opposition to clemency for Mr. James Coddington. Patricia Carey, Mitch and Michelle Hale, and Dr. Michael Hale attended via Zoom. Mitch Hale was the families' spokesperson and shared the time with Dr. Michael Hale.

Attorney Emma Rolls, legal representative for James Coddington, provided a five-minute rebuttal.

James Coddington elected to appear before the Board to address the Board members for 20 minutes.

The meeting recessed at 11:06 A.M and reconvened at 11:19 A.M.

Chairman Williams called for a vote on clemency for James Coddington, and the vote was 3-2 to recommend clemency.

The final action of the Board was to make a recommendation for clemency for James Coddington.

III. Adjournment – Chairman Scott Williams The Clemency Hearing was adjourned at 11:27 a.m. on August 3, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The James Coddington Clemency Hearing minutes for the August 3, 2022 Pardon and Parole meeting were approved by a majority vote on the 8th Day of August, 2022.