

# **PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD**

## ***Meeting Minutes***

***February 2012***

- I. **Call to Order** – This meeting of the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board was convened at 9:00 a.m. on February 21, 2012 at Hillside Community Correctional Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice was given to Secretary of State and an Agenda posted at the Board's Administrative office twenty-four hours prior to meeting pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 301, et seq.
- II. **Roll Call** - Members present: Currie Ballard, Marc Dreyer, Richard Dugger, Lynnell Harkins, and David Moore.
- III. **Elections** - Election of Chairperson. Lynnell Harkins was elected Chairperson of the Pardon and Parole Board. Currie Ballard was nominated for Vice Chairman but he declined. Dr. Marc Dreyer was then elected Vice-Chairman of the Pardon and Parole Board.
- IV. **Victims/Representatives & District Attorneys** – The Board heard presentations from and conducted interviews with Victims/Representatives and District Attorneys.
- V. **Offender Personal Appearances** – On Tuesday, February 21, 2012, Chairperson Harkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Throughout the Meeting (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), the Board heard presentations from and interviewed offenders who made personal appearances and the delegates accompanying them. The Board took action on each offender, as recorded in and reflected on each offender's ballot. The ballot for each offender is documented as a part of these minutes.

- VI. **Jacket Review Delegations/Voting** – Throughout the meeting, the Board took action on offenders who did not make a personal appearance. The Board took action on each offender, as recorded in and reflected on each offender's ballot. The ballot for each offender is documented as a part of these minutes.
- VII. **Business Meeting** – The Business meeting began at 3:21 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2012. The following matters were considered by the Board at the Business meeting:

### **A. Old Business:**

1. **Security for Parole Board Meeting** - Mr. Jenks reported that the Oklahoma County Sheriff will not be able to provide security due to budget restraints. Further discussion was held regarding how to make the Board Meetings more secure. The

Agency may schedule a meeting with Justin Jones, Director, ODOC, and Reginald Hines, Deputy Director, ODOC, to discuss options and resources for providing security at the monthly Board Meetings.

2. Clemency Hearing for Timothy S. Stemple #261686 – scheduled on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., at Hillside Community Corrections Center

**B. Current Business:**

1. **Approval of January 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Dr. Dreyer moved to approve the January 2012 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Ballard seconded the motion. All Members voted ‘Yes’ - motion carried.
2. **Draft of Policy Regarding Postponement Request** – Tracy George provided a handout and discussion was held. Dr. Dreyer made a motion to make changes to the language of the policy. Ms. Harkins seconded the motion. All members votes ‘Yes’ – motion carried. (See Handout.)
3. **Feedback from Board Members who ‘Shadowed’ members of Staff** – Mr. Moore shadowed Mr. Bill Malone at Joseph Harp CC and Dr. Dreyer shadowed John Penix at Dr. Eddie Warrior CC. Both Mr. Moore and Dr. Dreyer remarked on the situation of morale and the working conditions, as well as the interviewing process.

**C. Agency Update**

1. Personnel Update -
  - a. Administrative Programs Officer (APO) – Interviews were held for the position of APO I (OKC Office). Ms. Esther Bucci was selected to fill this position. Ms. Bucci will transfer into that position beginning March 1, 2012. Ms. Harkins received a special thank you for sitting on that Interview Panel.
2. Legislative Update -
  - a. Justice Reinvestment Act Bill – Ms. George stated that the Bill currently does not contain much substance, and is a ‘shell’ bill. Ms. George will continue to ‘watch’ for substantive language and if/when any is added, she will provide the information to the Board Members.
  - b. SJR 25- Taking Governor Out of Parole Process for Non-Violent Offenders - Ms. George stated that Governor Fallin seems to be agreeable to the Act and may sign it, passing it to a vote of the people.
3. Budget Update - Feedback from Meeting with House Appropriations Sub-Committee – Feedback was positive.

- D. Docket Modifications – J.D. Daniels** - Of the three proposed PDIs, two were withdrawn. Consideration of Nikisha Farris #370945 was withdrawn by Ms. Harkins. Consideration of Melvyn Felton #577493 was withdrawn by Mr. Ballard.

Jack A. Logsdon #581018 was considered for early placement on an upcoming docket. Mr. Ballard moved to give Mr. Logsdon early parole consideration. Dr. Dreyer seconded the motion. All Members voted 'Yes'. Mr. Logsdon will be placed on the May 2012 Parole Docket.

**VIII. Business Meeting Adjournment** – The business meeting recessed at 5:21 p.m. on February 23, 2012.

**IX. Convene/Adjournment** – The monthly meeting of the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board was recessed and convened as follows: Tuesday, February 21, 2012, convened at 9:00 a.m. and recessed at 5:04 p.m.; Wednesday, February 22, 2012, convened at 8:09 a.m. and recessed at 6:14 p.m.; and Thursday, February 23, 2012, convened at 8:02 a.m. with final adjournment at 5:21 p.m.