



VIRGINIA PAROLE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED 10/29/2025

REGULAR MEETING: July 23, 2025

LOCATION: Meeting conducted electronically and in person with Board Members and designated staff, assembled at 6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: The Honorable Patricia West, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia West, Chair
Lloyd Banks, Vice Chairman
Michelle Dermeyer, Board Member
Samuel Boone, Board Member
C. Phillips Ferguson, Board Member

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Tina Bowen, Chief Parole Examiner
Colleen Maxwell, Legal Compliance Manager
Cindy Yadav, Victim Input Coordinator

DOC STAFF PRESENT: Vanessa Carter-West, Video Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT: Simon Staples
Robert White

CALL TO ORDER

Chair West called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MAJORITY

Chair West determined that all members of the Board were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Ms. Dermeyer, with a second by Mr. Boone the agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion by Ms. Dermeyer, with a second by Mr. Banks, the minutes of the June 11, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

PAROLE CONSIDERATIONS

Chair West provided an explanation of the change to § 53.1-136 of the *Code of Virginia* effective July 1, 2024, which requires a public meeting be convened to conduct the final deliberation and vote regarding whether the Board will grant parole to a prisoner.

Simon Staples, #1095392

Mr. Staples was considered for geriatric conditional release.

Chair West provided an overview of Mr. Staples' circumstances and period of incarceration.

Chair West provided the Board members an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Staples.

Chair West then called upon each member to give their vote and reason(s) for their vote.

Board Member Boone – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation and release being compatible with public safety.

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, based on excellent institutional adjustment, demonstrated rehabilitation, and release being compatible with public safety.

Board Member Ferguson – Grant, based on excellent institutional adjustment, a medical condition, Board member believes he has served enough of his sentence, and Board member believes the sentence was excessive.

Ms. Dermeyer – Not Grant, as Board member believes release would diminish the seriousness of the crime and needs to serve more of sentence prior to release.

Chair West – Grant, based on medical condition, excellent institutional adjustment, and release being compatible with public safety.

Final votes were 4 in favor of granting geriatric conditional release and 1 opposed.

Chair West congratulated Mr. Staples, as the majority of members present voted to grant parole. She then reminded him that he must continue to remain of good behavior throughout the re-entry process, as any infraction could put his release in jeopardy. Chair West also explained that Mr. Staples will be given conditions of his parole upon his release.

Robert White, #1089964

Mr. White was considered for geriatric conditional release.

Chair West provided an overview of Mr. White' circumstances and period of incarceration.

Chair West provided the Board members an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. White.

Chair West then called upon each member to give their vote and reason(s) for their vote.

Board Member Boone – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free for entire period of incarceration, and release being compatible with public safety.

Vice Chairman Banks –Grant, based on excellent institutional adjustment, demonstrated rehabilitation, and a stable release plan.

Board Member Ferguson – Grant, based on excellent institutional adjustment, demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free since incarceration, release is compatible with public safety, low risk assessment score, and successful participation in correctional and vocational programs.

Ms. Dermyer – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free since incarceration, release being compatible with public safety stable release plan, stable release plan, and significant community support.

Chair West – Grant, based on excellent institutional adjustment, demonstrated rehabilitation, demonstrated rehabilitation, and a stable release plan.

Final votes were unanimous to grant geriatric conditional release.

Chair West congratulated Mr. White, as all members voted to grant conditional release. She then reminded him that he must continue to remain of good behavior throughout the re-entry process, as any infraction could put his release in jeopardy. Chair West also explained that Mr. White will be given conditions of his parole upon his release.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Ms. Dermyer and seconded by Vice Chairman Banks, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM.