



VIRGINIA PAROLE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED 01/07/2026

REGULAR MEETING: December 17, 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
Shirley Smith, Victim Input Staff
Cindy Yadav, Victim Input Coordinator
Howard Taylor, Parole Examiner

DOC STAFF PRESENT: Vanessa Carter-West, Video Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT: Donald Jones
Carlton Wright
Carlos Campos

CALL TO ORDER

Chair West called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.; however, due to technical difficulties involving the Polycom connection with DOC facilities, the meeting was delayed until 1:38 p.m. when it was reconvened.

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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion by Ms. Dermyer, with a second by Mr. Ferguson, the minutes of the November 12, 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.

Donald Jones, #1054877

Mr. Jones was considered for both discretionary parole and geriatric conditional release.

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

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

Chair West provided Mr. Jones with the opportunity to make a statement to the Board.

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

Board Member Boone – Grant, based on significant community support, demonstrated rehabilitation, and length of time served.

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, based on demonstrate rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, length of time served, and wants to allow Mr. Jones an opportunity to redeem himself.

Board Member Ferguson – Grant, based on institutional adjustment, demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free for at least 24 months, low risk, significant community support, and the lack of victim opposition.

Ms. Dermyer – Not Grant, due to the serious nature of the crimes committed and release would diminish the seriousness of the crimes.

Chair West – Not Grant, due to the serious nature of the crimes committed, release would diminish the serious nature, and due to his prior conviction of a similar offense.

Final votes were 3 in favor of granting discretionary parole/geriatric conditional release with 2 opposed.

Chair West congratulated Mr. Jones, 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. Jones will be given conditions of parole upon his release.

Carton Wright, #1109534

Mr. Wright was considered for discretionary parole.

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

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

Chair West provided Mr. Wright an opportunity to make a statement to the Board.

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, stable release plan and a medical condition.

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, based on a medical condition, a stable release plan, and no victim opposition.

Board Member Ferguson – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, infraction free since incarceration, medical condition, no prior felonies, low risk, stable release plan, and successful participation in correctional and vocational programs.

Ms. Dermeyer –Grant, based on significant community and family support system, demonstrated rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, release is compatible with public safety, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs, and a stable release plan.

Chair West –Grant, based on his excellent institutional adjustment, as well as the fact that none of his crimes involved physically harming another person.

Final votes were unanimously in favor of granting discretionary parole.

Chair West congratulated Mr. Wright, all members 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. Wright will be given conditions of parole upon his release.

Carlos Campos, #1003759

Mr. Campos was considered for discretionary parole.

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

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

Chair West provided Mr. Campos an opportunity to make a statement to the Board.

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

Board Member Boone – Grant, based on medical condition and length of time served.

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, based on medical condition and demonstrated rehabilitation.

Board Member Ferguson – Grant, based age at the time of the offense, demonstrated rehabilitation, infraction free for last 24 months, and medical condition.

Board Member Dermeyer – Abstained.

Chair West – Grant, subject to Mr. Campos being released to the ICE detainer.

Final votes were 3 in favor of granting grant discretionary parole/geriatric conditional release, 1 conditional vote subject to the detainer, and 1 abstention.

Chair West congratulated Mr. Campos, as the majority members 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. Campos will be given conditions of parole upon his release.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is to be determined at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Banks and seconded by Ms. Dermeyer, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:17 PM.