



VIRGINIA PAROLE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING: October 29, 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: Amos Darden
Donnie Stokes
John Broadnax
Craig Harris
Trevon Olds

CALL TO ORDER

Chair West called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MAJORITY

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Banks, with a second by Mr. Boone the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion by Ms. Dermyer, with a second by Mr. Banks, the minutes of the July 23, 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.

Amons Darden, #1008158

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

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

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

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

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

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, based on medical condition and release being compatible with public safety.

Board Member Ferguson – Recused.

Ms. Dermyer –Grant, based on release being compatible with public safety, medical condition, and no victim opposition.

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

Final votes were 4 in favor of granting discretionary parole/geriatric conditional release and 1 recusal.

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

Donnie Stokes, 1177844

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

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

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

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 release being compatible with public safety.

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

Board Member Ferguson – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, infraction free since incarceration, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs, and believes he has served enough time.

Ms. Dermeyer – Grant, based on excellent institutional adjustment, demonstrated rehabilitation, release being compatible with public safety, stable release plan, and because she believes he is not the same person today as he was at the time of the offense.

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

Final votes were unanimous to grant discretionary parole/geriatric conditional release.

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

John Broadnax, #1036129

Mr. Broadnax was considered for geriatric conditional release.

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

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

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, community support, and release being compatible with public safety.

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, wants to give him a second chance based on demonstrated rehabilitation, a stable release plan release, and compatible with public safety.

Board Member Ferguson – Grant, based on significant community support, demonstrated rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, release compatible with public safety, stable

release plan, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs, low risk assessment, and support of the Commonwealth's Attorney.

Ms. Dermyer – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, release being compatible with public safety, stable release plan, and successful participation in correctional and vocational programs.

Chair West – Grant, based on significant family and community support, excellent institutional adjustment, demonstrated rehabilitation, release is compatible with public safety, and a stable release plan.

Final votes were unanimous to grant geriatric conditional release.

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

Craig Harris, #1206452

Mr. Harris was considered for geriatric conditional release.

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

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

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 release being compatible with public safety.

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, a stable release plan, and significant community support.

Board Member Ferguson – Grant, based on, demonstrated rehabilitation, release compatible with public safety, low risk assessment score, stable release plan, and infraction free for at least the last 24 months

Ms. Dermyer – Not Grant, as release would diminish the seriousness of the crime and she feels he needs to serve more time.

Chair West – Not Grant, as release would diminish the seriousness of the crime, she feels he needs to serve more time, and lengthy criminal history.

Final votes were 3 grant and 2 not grant for geriatric conditional release.

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

Trevon Olds, #1162659

Mr. Olds was considered for discretionary parole.

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

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

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

Board Member Boone – Grant, based on stable release plan, release is compatible with public safety, and significant community support.

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, based on significant community support and stable release plan.

Board Member Ferguson – Grant, based on, demonstrated rehabilitation, medical condition, release compatible with public community support stable release plan, and belief that he has served enough time.

Ms. Dermeyer – Not Grant, due to prior failure under supervision and a history of substance abuse.

Chair West – Not Grant, due to prior failure under supervision, lengthy criminal record, and a history of substance abuse.

Final votes were 3 grant and 2 not grant for discretionary parole.

Chair West congratulated Mr. Olds, as the majority of members voted to grant discretionary 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 he will be given conditions of parole upon his release.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 12, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Ms. Dermeyer and seconded by Vice Chairman Banks, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:16 PM.