

1 NYS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
2 AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION  
3 BOARD OF PAROLE

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5 Board of Parole Business Meeting  
6 (Public Session)

7 June 12, 2023

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9 PRESENT: Chairman Darryl C. Towns  
10 Commissioner Joseph P. Crangle  
11 Commissioner Marc Coppola  
12 Commissioner Otis Cruse  
13 Commissioner Tana Agostini  
14 Commissioner Erik Berliner  
15 Commissioner Tyece Drake  
16 Commissioner Charles Davis  
17 Commissioner Michael Corley  
18 Commissioner Chanwoo Lee  
19 Commissioner Sheila Samuels

20 Kathleen Kiley, Esq., Board of  
21 Parole Counsel

22 Elliott A. McIntosh, Esq., Associate  
23 Counsel

24 Dannielle Hille, Executive Assistant  
25 to the Board of Parole

Chelsea Vizvary, Special Assistant to  
the Chairman

Lorraine Morse, Administrative  
Specialist

Isabella Hussey, Intern

Christina M. Wolcott, Verbatim Reporter  
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Good afternoon,  
3 commissioners.

4 Before calling this meeting to order,  
5 I would like to acknowledge the Board Members that  
6 join from the Buffalo Community Supervision Area  
7 Office and Manhattan Community Supervision Area  
8 Office and from here, at the Department of  
9 Corrections and Community Supervision, Albany  
10 Training Academy.

11 At this time I would ask you all to  
12 stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

13 I pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the  
14 United States of America and to the republic for  
15 which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible  
16 with liberty and justice for all.

17 Thank you.

18 This meeting will come to order.

19 This is the June 2023 meeting of the  
20 New York State Board of Parole. The time is now  
21 1:12. I will now call the roll.

22 Commissioner Crangle?

23 COMMISSIONER CRANGLE: Present in  
24 Buffalo.

25 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Coppola?

1 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: Here.

2 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Cruse?

3 COMMISSIONER CRUSE: Present in New

4 York.

5 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner

6 Agostini?

7 COMMISSIONER AGOSTINI: Here.

8 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner

9 Berliner?

10 COMMISSIONER BERLINER: Present.

11 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Drake?

12 COMMISSIONER DRAKE: Present.

13 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner

14 Demosthenes?

15 (There was no response.)

16 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Davis?

17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Present.

18 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Corley?

19 COMMISSIONER CORLEY: Present in New

20 York.

21 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Lee?

22 COMMISSIONER LEE: Here in Albany.

23 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Samuels?

24 COMMISSIONER SAMUELS: Present.

25 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner

1 Mitchell?

2 (There was no response.)

3 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Segarra?

4 (There was no response.)

5 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Please be advised  
6 that Commissioner Crangle is joining virtually from  
7 the Buffalo area office; Commissioners Cruse and  
8 Corley are joining virtually from the Manhattan  
9 office; Commissioners Demosthenes, Mitchell and  
10 Segarra are excused. To establish, for the purposes  
11 of conducting business, also joining us on Board of  
12 Parole staff: Kathy Kiley.

13 MS. KILEY: Present.

14 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Dannielle Hille.

15 MS. HILLE: Present.

16 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Lorraine Morse.

17 Chelsea Vizvary.

18 Chelsea and Lorraine are present.

19 Christina Wolcott.

20 MS. WOLCOTT: Present.

21 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Okay.

22 MS. KILEY: And Elliot.

23 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Elliot; and our  
24 summer intern, Isabella.

25 Moving on to the agenda, I would again

1           like to ask you to join me at this time in a moment  
2           of silence.

3                               (Whereupon a moment of silence was  
4           taken.)

5                               CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Thank you.

6                               At this time I would acknowledge any  
7           members of the public joining us in person at the  
8           three locations, along with any members who have  
9           taken the time to watch the recorded version of this  
10          meeting.

11                              Are there any members of the public in  
12          Buffalo?

13                              COMMISSIONER CRANGLE: No.

14                              CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Any members of the  
15          public in Manhattan?

16                              COMMISSIONER CRUSE: None present,  
17          sir. None present, sir.

18                              CHAIRMAN TOWNS: And there are no  
19          members here at the Albany Training Academy.

20                              Just a reminder, in-person activities  
21          can only observe. Participation is not allowed at  
22          our public meetings.

23                              Moving on, you all have received a  
24          copy of the April 4th Business Board Meeting.  
25          Please take a moment to review these minutes for

1 accuracy.

2 Are there any questions regarding the  
3 minutes?

4 (There was no response.)

5 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: At this time I'll  
6 entertain the motion to accept the minutes as  
7 presented.

8 COMMISSIONER BERLINER: Motion to  
9 accept the minutes as presented.

10 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Second?

11 COMMISSIONER DRAKE: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Moved by Berliner;  
13 seconded by Drake.

14 Any further discussion?

15 (There was no response.)

16 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: All in favor to  
17 receive the minutes, "Aye"?

18 (Response of "Aye".)

19 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Opposed?

20 COMMISSIONER LEE: Abstain.

21 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: Abstain. I was  
22 not present.

23 COMMISSIONER LEE: I was not present.

24 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Okay.

25 MS. HILLE: Point of order. You don't

1 actually have to be present at the meeting in order  
2 to vote to adopt the minutes.

3 COMMISSIONER LEE: Again, I'll -- I'll  
4 vote --

5 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: How would I  
6 know if the record wasn't here?

7 COMMISSIONER LEE: Because of the  
8 minutes --

9 MS. HILLE: Because you read the  
10 minutes.

11 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: The minutes  
12 could have errors in them.

13 MS. HILLE: I understand.

14 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: That's okay.

15 MS. HILLE: You're absolutely welcome  
16 to abstain. I'm just -- just for --

17 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Recognize the  
18 abstentions.

19 All right. Thank you. Moving on to  
20 old business at this time. There's no --

21 MS. HILLE: I'm sorry. One more point  
22 of order. You just have to confirm that that motion  
23 carried.

24 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Motion carried.

25 At this time there's no old business

1 to discuss. We move on to new business.

2 Parole counsel will be discussing a  
3 proposed amendment to regulations related to Less is  
4 More for the purpose of voting published -- for  
5 public comment.

6 Counsel, please introduce yourself.

7 MS. KILEY: Thank you, Chair.

8 Kathy Kiley, Counsel for the Board of  
9 Parole.

10 MR. MCINTOSH: Elliot McIntosh,  
11 Associate Counsel to the Board.

12 MS. KILEY: What we are proposing  
13 today is to make a small amendment to Section 8017  
14 of Title 9 of the NYCRR, and we would ask that  
15 someone would move to propose these regulations to  
16 be published in the state register for the 60-day  
17 public comment period.

18 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: Motion to  
19 publish.

20 COMMISSIONER AGOSTINI: I will second.

21 MS. KILEY: Okay. Thank you very  
22 much.

23 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Further discussion?  
24 (There was no response.)

25 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Seeing none, all in

1 favor, "Aye".

2 (Response of "Aye".)

3 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Opposed, "No".

4 (There was no response.)

5 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Hearing none, motion  
6 carries.

7 Moving on to correspondence,  
8 announcements and invitations.

9 MS. HILLE: Chelsea is bringing you  
10 the -- the card, if you would like to announce  
11 the --

12 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: We received a card  
13 from the -- Executive Deputy Commissioner  
14 Martuscello. On behalf of the Board, we sent some  
15 flowers to recognize the life of his father who  
16 passed away; done great service to DOCCS and we just  
17 wanted to stay with our colleague during that  
18 moment. So, he sent us a letter of thanks. Let me  
19 just read it.

20 "During our time of sorrow, we realize  
21 how much our family and friends mean to us. Your  
22 kind expression of sympathy will always be  
23 remembered by the family Daniel F. Martuscello."

24 So, any other new business?

25 (There was no response.)

1 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: At this time I  
2 entertain a motion to close our public portion.

3 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: Motion to close  
4 the public portion.

5 COMMISSIONER LEE: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: We'll adjourn for the  
7 purpose of training and discussing items for  
8 documents.

9 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: Motion to enter  
10 into executive session.

11 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Yes.

12 Second?

13 COMMISSIONER LEE: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: All in favor "Aye"?

15 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Second, Lee.

16 (Response of "Aye".)

17 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Opposed?

18 (There was no response.)

19 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Motion carries.

20 Thank you very much.

21 (Whereupon, the hearing was

22 concluded.)

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