

1 **NYS BOARD OF PAROLE**

2 **BUSINESS MEETING**

3 **September 25, 2023**

4 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Good afternoon, Commissioners.  
5 Before calling this meeting to order, I would like to  
6 acknowledge the board members joining from the Buffalo  
7 Community Supervision area office and from here in the  
8 Department of Corrections Community Supervision Albany  
9 Training Academy. I would like you all to ask -- ask  
10 you all to stand and join us for the pledge of  
11 allegiance.

12 (Whereupon, the pledge of the allegiance took  
13 place.)

14 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: This meeting will come to  
15 order. This is the September 2023 meeting of the New  
16 York State Board of Parole. The time is now 1:05 on  
17 September 24, 2023. I will now call the role.  
18 Commissioner Crangle?

19 COMMISSIONER CRANGLE: Present.  
20 September twenty fifth, thank you. Commissioner  
21 Crangle? Present.

22 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Coppola

23 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: Present.

24 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commission Agostini?

25 COMMISSIONER AGOSTINI: Present.

1 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Berliner.  
2 COMMISSIONER BERLINER: Present.  
3 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Drake?  
4 COMMISSIONER DRAKE: Present.  
5 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Demosthenes?  
6 Commissioner Davis? Commissioner Corley?  
7 COMMISSIONER CORLEY: Present.  
8 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Lee?  
9 Commissioner Samuels?  
10 COMMISSIONER SAMUELS: Present.  
11 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Mitchell?  
12 COMMISSIONER MITCHELL: Present.  
13 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Enright.  
14 COMMISSIONER ENRIGHT: Present.  
15 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner McCabe?  
16 COMMISSIONER MCCABE: Present.  
17 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Please be advised that  
18 Commissioners Crangle, Coppola and McCabe are joining  
19 virtually from Buffalo. Commissioners Segarra,  
20 Stratford and Henken are excused. Quorum has been  
21 established for the purposes of conducting business.  
22 Also joining us today -- we will move on. Also  
23 joining us are the Board of Parole staff; Cathy Kiley  
24  
25 KATHLEEN KILEY: Present.

1 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Elliot Mcintosh.  
2 ELLIOT MCINTOSH: Present.  
3 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Chelsea Vizvary.  
4 CHELSEA VIZVARY: Present.  
5 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Dannielle Hille.  
6 DANNIELLE HILLE: Present.  
7 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Lorraine Morse.  
8 LORRAINE MORSE: Present.  
9 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: And Paige Fiacco.  
10 THE COURT REPORTER: Present.  
11 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Moving on to the agenda.  
12 I would again like to ask you to join me this time in a  
13 moment a silence.  
14 (Whereupon a moment of silence occurred.)  
15 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Thank you. I would like  
16 to acknowledge that today is also Yom Kippur and  
17 September is Hispanic Heritage Month. I would also like  
18 to acknowledge any members of the public joining us in  
19 person here at the training academy or at the Buffalo  
20 office and I see none. Just a reminder in person can  
21 observe only. Participation is not permitted at a  
22 public meeting.  
23 DANNIELLE HILLE: Chairman, acknowledge  
24 to see if there is any public attendees at the Buffalo  
25 office.

1 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Any public attendees at  
2 Buffalo?

3 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: There are not.

4 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Thank you.

5 DANNIELLE HILLE: You have one here.

6 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: Mr. Chairman?

7 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: In case you  
9 haven't gotten it. I received a message from  
10 Commissioner Lee. She is running late, her flight was  
11 delayed.

12 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Got it, thank you.  
13 Y'all received a copy of the July 24th Business Board  
14 meeting minutes. Please take a minute to review for any  
15 corrections. At this time, I will entertain a motion to  
16 accept the minutes.

17 COMMISSIONER MITCHELL: So moved.

18 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Second?

19 COMMISSIONER BERLINER: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Berliner  
21 seconded. Is there any debate? I heard no requests.  
22 Those in favor say I.

23 (Whereupon, all said I in unison.)

24 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Those opposed? Any  
25 abstain. The I's have it; thank you.

1 Moving on to old business the Board of Parole's counsel  
2 will provide an update on the proposed amendment to the  
3 regulation of section eight thousand five point  
4 seventeen. Related to the less is more for the purposes  
5 of voting to adopt the amendment.

6 KATHLEEN KILEY: Thank you, sir. As you  
7 may recall, we voted back in I believe it was June of  
8 2023 to submit a thousand five point one seven of the  
9 regulations concerning the scheduling of final  
10 revocation hearings to publish in the state register for  
11 public comment; sixty-day public commentary period.  
12 That public commentary has concluded. We received one  
13 public comment. However, that does not warrant any  
14 changes to our regulation.

15 Therefore, I am asking that the Board vote to adopt  
16 the regulation today. So Chair, I am asking that the  
17 Board vote to adopt nine NYCRR eight thousand five point  
18 one seven scheduling of final revocation hearings to  
19 submit in the state register and also publish on our  
20 regulations.

21 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Do I hear a motion?

22 COMMISSIONER AGOSTINI: I move that we  
23 adopt revocation --

24 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: What she said?

25 COMMISSIONER AGOSTINI: Submitted.

1 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Second?

2 COMMISSIONER SAMUELS: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Do we need further  
4 debate? I see no request. All in favor I?

5 (Whereupon, all said I in unison.)

6 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: All opposed; nay? Any  
7 abstain? The I's have it, the motion is carried. We  
8 will now move on to new business. At this time there is  
9 no new business to discuss. Do we have any  
10 correspondences or announcements, or invitations?

11 DANNIELLE HILLE: It would just be the  
12 addition of our two new commissioners that have started.

13 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Even in their absence  
14 although they are not here we will recognize the fact  
15 that Commissioner Brandon Stratford and Donna Henken  
16 have joined us and are in the process of onboarding and  
17 look forward to them joining us at the table soon.  
18 Having concluded all scheduled business we will take a  
19 motion to adjourn the public portion of today's meeting  
20 and enter into executive session and to conduct full  
21 case reviews and discuss litigation matters with our  
22 counsels.

23 COMMISSIONER BERLINER: So move.

24 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Second?

25 COMMISSIONER MITCHELL: Second.

1                   CHAIRMAN TOWNS:  It's been moved and  
2 seconded.  Do we need a debate?  No, excellent.  All in  
3 favor I?

4                   (Whereupon, all said I in unison.)

5                   CHAIRMAN TOWNS:  All opposed, nay?  The  
6 I's have it.  We will close this portion of the meeting.  
7 Thank you very much.

8                   (Public meeting is adjourned at 1:12 p.m.)

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