

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 10, 2024.

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9 PRESENT: Chairman Darryl C. Towns  
10 Commissioner Joseph P. Crangle  
11 Commissioner Marc Coppola  
12 Commissioner Erik Berliner  
13 Commissioner Tyece Drake  
14 Commissioner Chanwoo Lee  
15 Commissioner Sheila Samuels  
16 Commissioner Elsie Segarra  
17 Commissioner Ana M. Enright  
18 Commissioner Donna Henken

15 Kathleen Kiley, Esq., Board of  
16 Parole Counsel

17 Dannielle Hille, Executive Assistant  
18 to the Board of Parole

19 Chelsea Vizvary, Special Assistant to  
20 the Chairman

21 Lorraine Morse, Administrative  
22 Specialist

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

CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Good morning, commissioners, and thank you all for joining me at the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Albany Training Academy. I would ask you all to stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Be seated. Thank you, color guard.

This meeting will come to order. This is the June 2024 meeting of the New York State Board of Parole. The time is now 11:04, on June 10th, 2024. I will now call the role.

Chairman Towns; present.

Commissioner Crangle.

COMMISSIONER CRANGLE: Present.

CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Coppola.

COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: Present.

CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Berliner.

COMMISSIONER BERLINER: Present.

CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Drake.

COMMISSIONER DRAKE: Present.

1 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Corley.

2 (There was no response.)

3 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Lee.

4 COMMISSIONER LEE: Present.

5 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Samuels.

6 COMMISSIONER SAMUELS: Present.

7 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Segarra.

8 COMMISSIONER SEGARRA: Present.

9 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Enright.

10 COMMISSIONER ENRIGHT: Present.

11 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Henken.

12 COMMISSIONER HENKEN: Present.

13 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioners

14 Agostini, Mitchell, Davis and McCabe are excused. A

15 quorum has been established for the purposes of

16 conducting business.

17 Also joining us are the Parole Board

18 Staff; Kathleen Kiley, Counsel.

19 MS. KILEY: Present.

20 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Chelsea Vizvary.

21 MS. VIZVARY: Present.

22 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Dannielle Hille.

23 MS. HILLE: Present.

24 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Lorraine Morse.

25 MS. MORSE: Present.

1 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Christina Wolcott.

2 MS. WOLCOTT: Present.

3 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Moving on to the  
4 agenda. I would, again, like you -- ask you to join  
5 me this time in a moment of silence.

6 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was  
7 taken.)

8 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Thank you.

9 I would also like to acknowledge  
10 members of the public, which I do see joining us,  
11 along with those watching the live stream or who  
12 have taken the time to watch a recorded version of  
13 this meeting. I'd also like to acknowledge the  
14 presence of Assemblyman Erik Dilan, the Chair of the  
15 New York State Assembly's Correction Committee. Not  
16 only do we thank you for attending today, but also  
17 thank you for your leadership throughout the years.

18 Just a reminder, in presence --  
19 in-person attendees can observe only. Participation  
20 is not permitted at our public meetings.

21 Moving on. You have all received a  
22 copy of the April 15th, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes.  
23 Please take a minute to review these minutes for  
24 accuracy.

25 I will entertain a motion to accept

1 the minutes as presented.

2 COMMISSIONER BERLINER: Motion to  
3 accept the minutes.

4 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Motion has been  
5 accepted by Berliner and seconded by Lee. It's been  
6 moved and seconded that the April 15th, 2024,  
7 Business Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

8 Is there any debate?

9 (There was no response.)

10 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Having heard no  
11 request for debate, those in favor "aye".

12 (Response of "Aye".)

13 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Those opposed "no"?

14 (There was no response.)

15 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Any abstentions?

16 (There was no response.)

17 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: The "ayes" have it.  
18 The motion is carried.

19 Thank you.

20 Moving on to old business. No old  
21 business to discuss. We will move to new business.

22 Last week the Senate confirmed one new  
23 member to the Board, Commissioner Laura El-Bahtity.  
24 Commissioner Bahtity will be stationed in our  
25 Buffalo office and will officially begin her

1 training later this week. We send our  
2 congratulations to the commissioner and look forward  
3 to her joining our team. You'll have the  
4 opportunity to meet the new commissioner in short  
5 order.

6 Moving on to correspondences.

7 Earlier this month, Commissioner Lee  
8 was honored at the Randall Eng Awards for her  
9 exemplary public service within the Asian-American,  
10 Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Community, so join  
11 me in congratulating her.

12 Thank you. You continue to make us  
13 proud and then, later this week, I believe Tuesday,  
14 at the DOCCS' main building, they will be  
15 celebrating Caribbean-American Heritage and from  
16 time to time the DNI portion of DOCCS take time in  
17 order to celebrate the great diversity that we have  
18 in DOCCS and this will be their time to celebrate  
19 Caribbean-American Heritage; and the keynote for  
20 that occasion will be none other than our own  
21 Commissioner Sheila Samuels, who will take time to  
22 share her experiences as a Caribbean-American and we  
23 -- certainly, those of us who are working in Albany  
24 this week will take a pause to come down and support  
25 you on that occasion. So, we look forward to it.

1 Thanks again.

2 As Chairman, I am honored to work with  
3 such a divorce group of professionals and proud that  
4 our different cultures begin to be recognized and  
5 celebrated.

6 Having concluded all scheduled  
7 business -- before we go there, let me just -- if  
8 it's in order -- just give our guest; Assemblyman  
9 Dilan an opportunity to bring greetings or anything  
10 else that you, you know, maybe want to bring.

11 ASSEMBLYMAN DILAN: Just very simply  
12 thank you for the opportunity --

13 MS. HILLE: Louder. Sorry.

14 ASSEMBLYMAN DILAN: Thank you for the  
15 opportunity to attend the meeting. It's my first  
16 that I'm able to observe as a member or as chair. I  
17 look forward to learning in more depth and detail  
18 the work that you guys do on a daily basis and this  
19 is the first step in just learning what you guys go  
20 through in helping our population reform in society  
21 who is -- who is working with release and who isn't.  
22 Certainly, we appreciate the tough job that you do  
23 and the changes that our state has been going  
24 through in this avenue, and I look forward to  
25 meeting every one of you on a personal basis and

1 forming a professional relationship.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Thank you. Thank you  
4 very much, Senator. And, again, welcome.

5 Having concluded all our scheduled  
6 business, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the  
7 public portion of today's meeting and enter into  
8 Executive Session to conduct full-case reviews and  
9 discuss litigation matters with our counsel.

10 Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

11 COMMISSIONER COPPOLA: Motion.

12 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Coppola.

13 Do I have a second?

14 Commissioner Crangle.

15 It's been moved and seconded that the  
16 Board adjourn the public portion of today's meeting  
17 and enter into Executive Session.

18 Is there any debate?

19 (There was no response.)

20 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Seeing no request;  
21 all in favor "aye".

22 (Response of "Aye.")

23 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: All opposed "no"?

24 (There was no response.)

25 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Any abstentions?



1 (There was no response.)

2 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Thank you very much.

3 The "ayes" have it. The motion is  
4 carried. The public meeting -- the public portion  
5 of our meeting is adjourned at 11:12.

6 Thank you, all.

7 (Whereupon, the hearing was  
8 concluded.)

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