

1 NYS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

2 BOARD OF PAROLE

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4 Business Meeting

5 (Public Session)

6 September 16, 2024

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- 8 PRESENT: Chairman Darryl C. Towns
- 9 Commissioner Joseph P. Crangle
- 10 Commissioner Tana Agostini
- 11 Commissioner Erik Berliner
- 12 Commissioner Tyece Drake
- 13 Commissioner Chanwoo Lee
- 14 Commissioner Sheila Samuels
- 15 Commissioner Elsie Segarra
- 16 Commissioner Michael Corley
- 17 Commissioner Carlton Mitchell
- 18 Commissioner Charles Davis
- 19 Commissioner Erin McCabe
- 20 Commissioner Ana M. Enright
- 21 Commissioner Donna Henken
- 22 Commissioner Laura El-Bahtity

23 Kathleen Kiley, Esq., Board of Parole Counsel

24 Chelsea Vizvary, Assistant Deputy Director

25 Lorraine Morse, Administrative Specialist

Ziran Guo, Excelsior Fellow

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1 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Good morning,
2 Commissioners, and thank you all for joining me at
3 the Department of Corrections and Community
4 Supervision Albany Training Academy. At this time,
5 I would ask you all to stand and join me as we
6 recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

7 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is recited.)

8 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Thank you. Please
9 be seated. This meeting will come to order. This
10 is the September 2024 meeting of the New York State
11 Board of Parole. The time is now 11:08 on
12 September 16th, 2024. I will now call the roll.
13 I'm Chairman Towns, present. Commissioner Crangle.

14 COMMISSIONER J. CRANGLE: Present.

15 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Commissioner
16 Coppola is excused. Commissioner Agostini.

17 COMMISSIONER T. AGOSTINI: Present.

18 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Commissioner
19 Berliner.

20 COMMISSIONER E. BERLINER: Present.

21 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Commissioner Drake
22 is excused for the moment. Commissioner Davis.

23 COMMISSIONER C. DAVIS: Present.

24 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Commissioner
25 Corley.

1 COMMISSIONER M. CORLEY: Present.
2 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Commissioner Lee.
3 COMMISSIONER C. LEE: Present.
4 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Commissioner
5 Samuels.
6 COMMISSIONER S. SAMUELS: Present.
7 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Commissioner
8 Mitchell.
9 COMMISSIONER C. MITCHELL: Present.
10 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Commissioner
11 Segarra.
12 COMMISSIONER E. SEGARRA: Present.
13 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Commissioner
14 Enright.
15 COMMISSIONER A. ENRIGHT: Present.
16 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Commissioner
17 McCabe.
18 COMMISSIONER E. McCABE: Present.
19 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Commissioner
20 Henken.
21 COMMISSIONER D. HENKEN: Present.
22 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: And for the first
23 time, Commissioner El-Bahtity.
24 COMMISSIONER L. EL-BAHTITY: Present.
25 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Let the record

1 show that Drake is in the building and we'll
2 recognize her presence as soon as she joins us at
3 the room. A quorum has been established for the
4 purpose of conducting the meeting. Also joining us
5 is Board of Parole staff. Kathy Kiley.

6 ATTY. K. KILEY: Present.

7 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Chelsea Vizvary.

8 MS. C. VIZVARY: Present.

9 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Lorraine Morse.

10 MS. L. MORSE: Present.

11 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Ziran Guo.

12 MR. Z. GUO: Present.

13 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Anthony
14 D'Ambrosio. Moving on to the agenda. I would again
15 like to thank you for joining me. At this time,
16 please join me for a moment of silence.

17 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was held.)

18 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Thank you. I
19 would also acknowledge the members of the public
20 joining us in person, along with those watching the
21 live stream. We do have some visitors with us, we
22 have representatives from the Incarcerated Gender
23 Violence Survivors Initiative who are joining us
24 today both to observe the public portion of the
25 meeting and then also offer a training as well, but

1 welcome. Just a reminder, in person attendees can
2 only observe, participation is not permitted at all
3 by our public members. Moving on, you all have
4 received a copy of the June 10, 2024, board business
5 meeting. Please take a moment to review these
6 minutes for accuracy. At this time, I'd like to
7 entertain a motion to accept the minutes.

8 COMMISSIONER J. CRANGLE: I make a
9 motion to accept the minutes.

10 COMMISSIONER E. BERLINER: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: It's been moved
12 and second. It's been moved and second that the
13 June 10, 2024, business meeting minutes will be
14 adopted as presented. Is there any debate? Having
15 heard no request for debates, those in favor, say
16 aye.

17 (All Commissioners respond aye.)

18 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Oppose, no. Any
19 abstentions?

20 COMMISSIONER C. MITCHELL: Abstain, I
21 was not present.

22 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Okay. But also
23 record Commissioner El-Bahtity as not present during
24 that time, absentia. Moving on to old business. It
25 was mentioned at -- do you have something? The

1 motion is carried. Thank you. Moving on to old
2 business. As mentioned at our last meeting,
3 Commissioner El-Bahtity has now joined the board.
4 We will now move on to new business. The Board of
5 Parole is nationally accredited by the American
6 Correctional Association and we undergo a three year
7 audit. Our 2021-'24 audit is scheduled for October
8 31st and November 1st at the central office. More
9 information will be shared internally as it
10 approaches, but I encourage all available
11 Commissioners and staff to be present at the
12 presentation. Moving on to correspondence,
13 announcements, and invitations. I see nothing, but
14 as we stated in the last minutes, Commissioner Lee
15 and Commissioner Samuels were both chosen to present
16 at the Heritage ceremonies that we've been having
17 periodically, and it seems that members of the board
18 have been received very well, so those of you who
19 are sitting around the table, be ready to be chosen,
20 and certainly the board will make the adjustments in
21 order to be there to support you. Is there any
22 other business? Having concluded all scheduled
23 business, we'll entertain a motion to adjourn the
24 public portion of today's meeting and enter into
25 executive session to conduct a full board case

1 review and discuss litigation matters with our
2 counsel.

3 COMMISSIONER C. MITCHELL: So moved.

4 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: Do we have a
5 second?

6 COMMISSIONER J. CRANGLE: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: It's been moved
8 and properly second. Any discussion? Seeing none,
9 all in favor, aye.

10 (All Commissioners respond aye.)

11 CHAIRMAN D. TOWNS: All oppose.

12 Having heard no request for debate, all in favor,
13 aye. Any abstain? The ayes have it and the motion
14 is carried. The public meeting is adjourned, 11:15.
15 Thank you all.

16 (Whereupon, the Public Session of the
17 Board of Parole Business Meeting was then
18 concluded.)

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I, Tony D'Ambrosio, a *Certified Shorthand Reporter*, hereby certify that the proceeding in the above matter was taken by me stenographically and then transcribed to the best of my ability.

Tony Dambrosio

Tony D'Ambrosio, C.S.R.