



1 COMMISSIONER SAMUELS: Present.  
2 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Mitchell?  
3 COMMISSIONER MITCHELL: Present.  
4 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Segarra?  
5 COMMISSIONER SEGARRA: Present.  
6 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Enright?  
7 COMMISSIONER ENRIGHT: Present.  
8 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: McCabe?  
9 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Present.  
10 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Henken?  
11 COMMISSIONER HENKEN: Present.  
12 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: El-Bahtity?  
13 COMMISSIONER EL-BAHTITY: Present.  
14 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Gomerez?  
15 COMMISSIONER GOMEREZ: Present.  
16 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: O'Donnell?  
17 COMMISSIONER O'DONNELL: Older.  
18 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Grant Bruce?  
19 COMMISSIONER GRANT BRUCE: Present.  
20 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Kase?  
21 COMMISSIONER KASE: Present.  
22 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Staff is also in the  
23 room. Counsel Kathy Kiley?  
24 KATHLEEN KILEY: Present.  
25 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Chelsea Vizvary?

1 CHELSEA VIZVARY: Present.

2 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Carol Williams?

3 CAROL WILLIAMS: Present.

4 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Jessica Camley?

5 JESSICA CAMLEY: Present.

6 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Ziran Guo?

7 ZIRAN GUO: Present.

8 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Anthony D'Ambrosio?

9 ANTHONY D'AMBROSIO: Present.

10 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Moving to the agenda.

11 I would again like to ask you to join me this time  
12 for a moment of silence.

13 (Whereupon, there was a moment of silence.)

14 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Thank you. I would  
15 like to acknowledge any members of the public  
16 joining us in person along with any members who have  
17 taken the time to watch our recorded version of this  
18 meeting.

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: I see no members of  
21 the public here at the training academy. Just a  
22 reminder, in person attendees can only observe,  
23 participation is not allowed at our public meetings.  
24 Moving on. You all have received a copy of the  
25 July 28th Business Board Meeting minutes. Please

1 take a moment to review these minutes for accuracy.

2 (Pause.)

3 I would entertain a motion to accept  
4 the minutes as presented.

5 COMMISSIONER GRANT BRUCE: Would we be  
6 deemed absent or excused, because we didn't start by  
7 June -- July 28th?

8 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Excuse me, say that  
9 again.

10 COMMISSIONER GRANT BRUCE: This  
11 indicates that we were absent, and I was asking,  
12 because we didn't start until August, so is this an  
13 excused or an absence?

14 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: So noted. Further  
15 questions?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: I'll entertain a  
18 motion.

19 COMMISSIONER BERLINER: Motion to  
20 accept.

21 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER MITCHELL: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Thank you. Berliner  
24 and Mitchell. Motion has been accepted by Berliner  
25 and seconded by Mitchell, move and seconded, the

1 July 28, 2025, Business Meeting minutes be adopted  
2 as presented. Is there any debate?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Seeing none, all in  
5 favor, aye?

6 (All members present responded "Aye.")

7 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: All opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Any abstentions?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: The ayes have it.

12 Moving on to old business. In September the Board  
13 underwent a training from the National Institute of  
14 Corrections on the structure decision making  
15 framework, the last and final steps are  
16 implementation and coaching which will start in the  
17 new year. There may be some adjustments needed  
18 because of the government shutdown, but we're  
19 looking forward to move forward. In other news, the  
20 Board recently attended a coffee and conversation  
21 event at Bedford Hills facility hosted by Hour  
22 Children. Those who attended were able to listen to  
23 the stories of the women who work in the nursery  
24 program, but it was an eventful opportunity to talk  
25 to the folks who were involved in that program. We

1 also took a great tour and we're looking for more  
2 opportunities in order to meet our clientele outside  
3 of the interview room. So, stay tuned to those  
4 opportunities. As a matter of fact, we have one  
5 coming up on the 18th of December where we will sit  
6 with members of the Marcus Garvey Housing Program  
7 sponsored by Osborne. We now move on to new  
8 business. Since our last meeting, our final two  
9 Commissioners have joined the Board and completed  
10 training. Join me in officially welcoming  
11 Commissioner Grant Bruce and Commissioner Kase.

12 (All members applaud.)

13 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Moving on to  
14 correspondences, announcements, and invitations.  
15 You received some great letters from folks who were  
16 formerly incarcerated just giving us updates in  
17 regard to the great works that they're doing now  
18 that they have this second chance, and I just wanted  
19 to pick out one to share with you.

20 I hope this letter finds you well.  
21 I'm writing in response to your recent interest in  
22 hearing from those of us who were released and have  
23 since made meaningful strides in our lives. I want  
24 to thank you for the opportunity to share my  
25 journey. I returned home in 2021 after serving

1 16 years in prison. My first steps were rooted in  
2 service. I began working as a mentor for Community  
3 Connections for Youth, helping justice-involved  
4 youth navigate the challenges of reentry and  
5 personal growth. Shortly after, I transitioned into  
6 a GED teaching role at the Fortune Society, where I  
7 supported individuals striving to reclaim their  
8 education and future. In the same spirit of giving  
9 back, I launched the Christmas Give Back initiative  
10 in Yonkers, NY, the very community where I committed  
11 the offense that led to my incarceration. Along  
12 with my friend, New York Times bestselling author  
13 and social commentator, we've held three successful  
14 Give Backs, raising over \$100,000 to provide food,  
15 clothing, toys, and essentials to families in need.  
16 This effort has become a symbol of redemption and  
17 community healing. In 2022, I entered the world of  
18 politics -- oh, boy -- working as a consultant for  
19 Adams Buckner Advisors and later WeBridge Solutions.  
20 Over two years, I advocated for policy reform,  
21 lobbied for budget access, and helped shape  
22 legislation that impacts underserved communities.  
23 Simultaneously, I ran nutrition and fitness programs  
24 inside juvenile centers, driven by my own experience  
25 of incarceration at a young age. Supporting young

1 people at the beginning of their journey through the  
2 system is a personal mission I hold close. Most  
3 recently, in April 2025, I returned to the Fortune  
4 Society to serve as Director of ATI and Family  
5 Services. This role allows me to continue working  
6 with young men and women seeking to rebuild their  
7 lives. My lived experience, combined with the  
8 dedication of the staff around me, makes this work  
9 both impactful and deeply fulfilling. I went before  
10 the Parole Board three times. I was denied twice,  
11 with the Board stating I was not fit to return to  
12 society and still a danger to others. Four years  
13 later, I stand as living proof of the opposite. I  
14 am the epitome of a success story, a testament to  
15 transformation, resilience, and the power of second  
16 chances. As author Bryan Stevenson once said, each  
17 of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done.  
18 My life today reflects that truth. I am not only  
19 rehabilitated, I am redeemed. And I believe my  
20 journey highlights both the potential within  
21 individuals and the need to reexamine how we assess  
22 readiness for release in New York's parole system.  
23 Thank you again for your time and consideration. I  
24 hope my story serves as a reminder of what's  
25 possible when individuals are given the opportunity

1 to grow, heal, and contribute.

2 So, I just wanted to share that. We  
3 are able to impact lives and think that when we give  
4 people second chances, it's always good to know that  
5 we're getting an update in regard to what they're  
6 doing with those second chances. So, not only  
7 congratulate this gentleman, but all of you in being  
8 a part of that type of choice. As I mentioned, last  
9 meeting, the Board has been invited back to the  
10 Osborne Association to visit Marcus Garvey, we had a  
11 small group that went originally -- Commissioner  
12 Mitchell, did you go with me -- and so, we decided  
13 to extend this to the grander Board. I'll talk more  
14 about that in the executive session. Having  
15 concluded all of our scheduled business, we'll  
16 entertain a motion to close the public portion of  
17 our meeting.

18 COMMISSIONER O'DONNELL: So moved.

19 COMMISSIONER GRANT BRUCE: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Okay. O'Donnell and  
21 Grant Bruce, motion being carried and seconded. Do  
22 we need further discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Hearing none, all in  
25 favor to close the meeting, aye?

1 (All members present responded "Aye.")

2 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Abstentions?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: The ayes have it, the  
7 motion is carried. The public meeting is adjourned  
8 at 11:22 a.m. Thank you all.

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11 BOARD OF PAROLE DELINQUENT TIME CASE REVIEWS:

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13 1. BETTS, HORACE III 00323627H 14B0744 Sustained  
14 2. BRODHEAD, JURESS T. 09777086H 19A2982 Sustained  
15 3. CHEST, LAWRENCE P. 09596872N 22B3843 Sustained  
16 4. HATSWELL, PATRICK 14669645H 20A1577 Sustained  
17 5. MACEDA, FERNANDO 04652263R 14A5357 Sustained  
18 6. MALSEPTIC, JANINA 14585233M 22G0609 Sustained  
19 7. NWAJEI, JUSTIN 00044612M 15B2583 Sustained  
20 8. REED, JOSHUA 09719172R 14B0169 Sustained  
21 9. RICHARDS, JAMIE 00148329L 08A2051 Sustained  
22 10. ROBINSON, NICHOLAS D. 09342986P 22B0369 Sustained  
23 11. SNYDER, DAVID 15411111Y 23B0984 Sustained  
24 12. SOUTAR, JEREMY 01902343R 15B0359 Sustained  
25 13. WARD, JAMES K. 06714281J 91B0433 Sustained

1	14. WILSON, KEVIN	09051247Z	13B3419	Sustained
2	15. STRECKER, STEVEN	09097217Q	22B4116	Sustained
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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.

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