

1 (No Response.)

2 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Mitchell.

3 COMMISSIONER MITCHELL: Present.

4 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Enright.

5 COMMISSIONER ENRIGHT: Present.

6 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Henken.

7 COMMISSIONER HENKEN: Present.

8 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: El-Bahtity.

9 COMMISSIONER EL-BAHTITY: Present.

10 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Gomerez.

11 COMMISSIONER GOMEREZ: Present.

12 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: O'Donnell.

13 COMMISSIONER O'DONNELL: Present.

14 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Grant Bruce.

15 (No Response.)

16 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Kase.

17 COMMISSIONER KASE: Present.

18 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Did I say Henken?

19 COMMISSIONER HENKEN: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Segarra and McCabe

21 are excused. A quorum has been established for the

22 purposes of conducting business. Also joining the

23 Board are the Board of Parole staff. 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: And Anthony

9 D'Ambrosio.

10 ANTHONY D'AMBROSIO: Present.

11 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Moving on to the
12 agenda. I would again like to ask you to join me,
13 this time in a moment of silence.

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

15 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Thank you. I would
16 like to acknowledge members of the public who are
17 joining us, I do see a public in the gallery. Just
18 a reminder, in person attendees can observe only,
19 participation is not allowed at our public meetings.
20 Moving on. You have all received a copy of the last
21 Board meeting minutes, please take a moment to
22 review these minutes for accuracy. And for the
23 record, that is the business meeting of November 17,
24 2025.

25 (Pause.)

1 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: I'll entertain a
2 motion to accept the minutes as presented.

3 COMMISSIONER MITCHELL: So moved.

4 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner
5 Mitchell. Do I hear a second?

6 COMMISSIONER LEE: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioner Lee.
8 The motion to accept has been made by Commissioner
9 Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Lee, motion
10 has been seconded, it is moved and seconded that the
11 November 17, 2025, business meeting be adopted as
12 presented. Is there any debate?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Having heard no
15 request for debate, those in favor say aye.

16 (All members present responded "Aye.")

17 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: No?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Any abstentions?

22 COMMISSIONER CRANGLE: I, Commissioner
23 Crangle, was absent.

24 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Okay. Ayes have it.
25 Moving on to old business. The Board has been

1 piloting the SDMF across all sites and we'll move to
2 full implementation in a couple of weeks. We'll now
3 move to new business. On Thursday of last week, I
4 was informed by Commissioner Segarra that she would
5 like to start the next chapter of her life and will
6 be resigning and retiring, resigning from the Board
7 and retiring from state service. We will find an
8 opportunity in order to express our thanks for her
9 service, but she has served well and we wish her
10 well in the next phase of her life. So, if you
11 would join me in just congratulating Commissioner
12 Segarra.

13 (All members applaud.)

14 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: She said she will not
15 be lost, but she's ready to move on with the next
16 phase of her life, which I'm sure will include a lot
17 of travelling, as we know she is the world traveler,
18 and probably right now she has a cocktail down in
19 Puerto Rico. Moving on to correspondences.

20 KATHLEEN KILEY: No.

21 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Still old business?

22 KATHLEEN KILEY: New business.

23 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Okay. Today I want
24 to recognize an accomplishment that has had
25 significant impact on this office. Every three

1 years the Board of Parole is audited by the American
2 Correctional Association for accreditation, also
3 known as ACA. The ACA is the leading organization
4 concerning corrections. As you may know, the New
5 York State Board of Parole, when it was the Division
6 of Parole, was the first paroling authority in the
7 nation to ever be accredited. The accreditation
8 process conducted by the ACA is a rigorous peer
9 review and audit of our records where they come to
10 our offices and review various records over a period
11 of two to three days. It requires not just
12 compliance, but documentation, consistency, and
13 institutional discipline over time. In 2024, the
14 ACA conducted their audit of the Board for the years
15 of 2021 to 2024. For that audit, not only did we
16 maintain accreditation, we increased our score.
17 That outcome did not happen by accident. In 2024,
18 when it became clear that three years worth of
19 process indicators had not been properly compiled by
20 a former employee, Chelsea Vizvary stepped in, she
21 took on the painstaking work of reconstructing
22 documentation, gathering data, verifying records and
23 ensuring that every required indicator was supported
24 and audit ready. This was not a simple
25 administrative clean up, it required organization,

1 persistence, and institutional knowledge and
2 commitment of doing things the right way. If she
3 didn't know the answer, she worked with others who
4 did have the institutional knowledge in order to
5 have it corrected. Because of her diligence, we
6 were able to present a complete and credible
7 submission for the auditors, the tally for the audit
8 was 96.2 percent, which is the highest rating the
9 Board has ever gotten. Additionally, she attended
10 the ACA -- yeah.

11 (All members applaud.)

12 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Additionally, she
13 attended the ACA conference in January of 2025 and
14 convinced a reviewing panel to give us additional
15 points for standards that would not comply -- that
16 did not comply with current New York State law.
17 Because we did not comply with the standard, she
18 essentially got the Board a perfect score. This
19 score strengthens the Board's reputation and
20 reinforces public confidence in our processes.
21 Excellence is not just about doing your assigned
22 job, it's about protecting the integrity of the work
23 when it matters and most when no one is looking.
24 For that reason, I am pleased to present Chelsea
25 Vizvary with the Excellence Award. Thank you for

1 your professionalism, your tenacity, and your
2 commitment to this office.

3 (All members applaud.)

4 COMMISSIONER O'DONNELL: Speech,
5 speech.

6 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Would you like to...

7 CHELSEA VIZVARY: I'm shocked, I
8 wasn't aware this was happening. Thank you, and
9 thank you all for, you know, just helping me grow
10 and excel in this chapter of my career, and it's
11 been a pleasure and an honor. Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Thank you. Thank
13 you.

14 CHELSEA VIZVARY: Thank you, and Kathy
15 too.

16 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: She was looking over
17 my shoulder and figuring out, what are those things.

18 CHELSEA VIZVARY: Yeah.

19 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Again, thank you
20 Chelsea for all you do for the Board.

21 CHELSEA VIZVARY: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Commissioners
23 Berliner and Samuels have been selected to join the
24 Board, an executive team, at the APA conference in
25 New Orleans in May and the Board will be doing a

1 presentation at the conference regarding our
2 experience with the Structured Decision-Making
3 Framework as the Board is expanding its presence at
4 these national and international organizations.
5 There'll be further opportunities for more
6 Commissioners to be involved, so stay tuned. Having
7 concluded all scheduled business, I will entertain a
8 motion to adjourn the public portion of today's
9 meeting and enter into our executive session to
10 conduct full Board case reviews and discuss
11 litigation matters with our counsel.

12 COMMISSIONER BERLINER. So moved.

13 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Do I hear a second?

14 COMMISSIONER EL-BAHTITY: I'll second.

15 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Thank you. Motion
16 has been made by Commissioner Berliner and seconded
17 by El-Bahtity. Is there any further discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Meeting has been
20 moved and properly seconded. All in favor, aye.

21 (All members present responded "Aye.")

22 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Against?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: No?

25 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Abstain?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN TOWNS: Well, thank you very
4 much, this concludes the public portion of the March
5 Board business meeting. Thank you very much. The
6 meeting is adjourned at 11:20. Thank you all.

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9 BOARD OF PAROLE DELINQUENT TIME CASE REVIEWS:

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11 1. FERRY, DONALD E. 04324734M 16A5262 Sustained
12 2. RUGER, CHARLES W. 06072888P 14A3592 Sustained
13 3. GREALIS, ZACHARY M. 12400465J 22B4911 Sustained
14 4. CARPENTER, MATTHEW D. 14974007L 23B0969 Sustained
15 5. PIERCE, PAUL W. 01089830Z 24B2101 Sustained
16 6. ANDERSON, MICHAEL T. 02042137Z 16B1376 Sustained
17 7. MCGUAY, WILLIAM S. 05898493P 00B1190 Sustained
18 8. RICKS, DAVID 08293349M 20B0476 Sustained
19 9. LIGHTHALL, WILLIAM JR. 12149598N 19B2311 Sustained
20 10. LAPRESS, CHRISTOPHER B. 15043359R 21B1116 Sustained
21 11. PERRICELLI, FRANK M. 00331963Z 22B0368 Sustained
22 12. PORTORREAL, ELIO 02389040M 20A0491 Sustained
23 13. MCGRIFF, JAMEL 09344813Y 06A4541 Sustained

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