

Board of Paroles and Pardons Administrative Meeting

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
SCDPPPS Headquarters, Virtual via Webex Application

I. The Board of Paroles and Pardons Administrative Meeting was called to order by Chair Henry Eldridge on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 8:55 am in the Virtual Parole and Pardon Boardroom. Members attended via the Webex application. The meeting was hosted from the Central Office of SC Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services located at 293 Greystone Blvd., Columbia, SC.

II. The following Board Members were present.

First Congressional District	Member	Chris Gibbs
Second Congressional District	Secretary	Mollie DuPriest Taylor
Third Congressional District	Member	Frank D. Wideman
Fourth Congressional District	Member	Reno R. Boyd
Fifth Congressional District	Chair	Henry S. Eldridge
Sixth Congressional District	Member	Lonnie Randolph
Seventh Congressional District	Vice Chair	Kim Frederick

III. Items A through D listed below were the topics of discussion.

A. 2022 Parole and Pardon Hearing Calendar

- Chair Eldridge requested motion to approve the 2022 Calendar in its current version. Secretary Taylor motioned to approve the calendar. Vote was held and motion passed.

Approval of 2022 Parole and Pardon Hearing Calendar	Yea	Nay	Not Voting: Present	Not Voting: Absent
Christopher F. Gibbs	X			
Mollie DuPriest Taylor, Secretary	X			
Frank D. Wideman	X			
Reno R. Boyd	X			
Henry S. Eldridge, Chair	X			
Lonnie Randolph	X			
Kim Frederick, Vice Chair	X			

B. Review of Procedure for Board Attendance

Chair Eldridge requests that as soon as Board members know they cannot attend meetings, that they inform Chairman and Mrs. Jacobs via telephone or text and that they follow up with an e-mail to confirm the coming absence.

C. Review of Votes Needed for Parole and Pardon Hearings

Chair Eldridge indicated that the vote count changes depending upon the number of Board Members present and the year of the offense.

Deputy Director for Legals and Policy Management Ben Aplin provided an explanation to Board members regarding the statute changes that control the number of votes needed for parole. Mr.

Aplin, mentioned the finding the 2/3 majority required prior to 1977 and indicated that the Office of General Counsel will prepare memo to the Board to implement changes.

Chairman Eldridge also reminded Board members to text staff when they have technical difficulties.

D. Discussion for Fall Workshop

Chairman Eldridge mentioned that the Agency is required to provide training for the Board. He feels that it is important that the Board also have input into their training. He asked that Board members let him know of training topics that they would like to cover.

The meeting was adjourned.