

Board of Pardons and Paroles Administrative Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

SCDPPPS Headquarters, 293 Greystone Blvd. Columbia, SC 29210

I. The Board of Pardons and Paroles Administrative Meeting was called to order by Chair Kim Frederick on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 2:10 pm in the Parole and Pardon Boardroom located at the Central Office of the SC Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services located at 293 Greystone Blvd., Columbia, SC 29210.

II. The following Board Members were present.

First Congressional District	VACANT	
Second Congressional District	Vice Chair	Mollie D. Taylor
Third Congressional District	Member	Dan Wideman
Fourth Congressional District	Member	Reno R. Boyd
Fifth Congressional District	Secretary	Henry S. Eldridge
Sixth Congressional District	Member	Absent
Seventh Congressional District	Chair	Kim Frederick

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

A. Approval of the 2025 Parole/Pardon Hearings Calendar –

Chair Frederick presented final revision of 2025 calendar to the Board. There were no changes to the final revision of the 2025 calendar by the Board and the Board approved the 2025 calendar unanimously.

Motion - Wideman

Unanimous to approve

B. Media Discussion–

Chair Frederick opened the floor for discussion regarding media communication with the Board members. She shared a recent incident as an example where she was contacted by a reporter, who provided an inaccurate description of the conversation with the Department’s Public Information Officer, indicating that the Board Chair desired to give an on-camera interview. The floor was opened for discussion from Members and Agency staff.

Motion – Wideman motioned that the Board maintain the currently published protocol.

Member Taylor suggested edits for the manual; but seconded the motion as made.

The Chair called for collective voice voting; and announced the motion as accepted with a vote of 4 to 1. Member Eldridge opposed.

C. Pardon applicant information request for parolees–

Chair Frederick indicated the Board is requesting a status summary regarding the status of supervision of active offenders requesting a pardon. Acting Director Jodi Gallman indicated that she would forward the request to the Division of Offender Supervision and Enforcement Services (OSES).

D. Attorney General Opinions (Board Manual)-

Chair Frederick indicated that the public does have the ability to be a part of Board's Administrative meetings; however, they do not have the right to speak.

Request made for opinion regarding Pardons and Expungements. The opinion is not ready at this time due to staff changes at the Attorney General's Office. This topic will be revisited when the formal opinion is received.

E. Parole Manual Discussion, Review, and Updates –

Chairman Frederick indicated that she e-mailed the working document to all Board members. The floor was opened for discussion regarding Board Manual edits. During the discussion, the following motions were made.

Wideman – Motioned that the two-year term limit be removed from the Board Manual.

Member Taylor seconded the motion.

The Chair called for collective voice voting, while abstaining from the vote due to her current role as Chairman; and announced the motion as accepted with a vote of 3 to 1. Member Eldridge opposed. The Board will schedule additional meeting to continue to complete the manual.

The Board members discussed making changes to the Board's published manual. After completing 14 of 48 pages, the Board indicated they would need to schedule a follow-up meeting to complete the manual edit work.

F. Requests for Training and/or Conferences –

Chairman Frederick indicated that if anyone has additional requests for training, please let the Chairman know.

G. Questions, Comments, Concerns of the Board –

The floor was opened for discussion regarding upcoming trainings.

Member Eldridge would like to move the Sex Offender Registry information moved from the last page of the parole packet to the first page.

Eldridge – Motioned to move the sex offender registry information

Boyd Seconded

Vote – Unanimous

Member Eldridge would like to include Sex Offender Registry information added to the Pardon Case Summary Packet.

Eldridge – Motioned to add the sex offender registry information to pardon packet.

Wideman Seconded

Vote - Unanimous

Member Wideman discussed security concerns for Board members. The Agency has conducted a meeting to discuss these concerns, which are being addressed.

H. Questions, Comments, Concerns of the SCDPPPS

There were no concerns.

- IV. The chair called for a motion to adjourn, the motion was offered by Board Member Wideman and seconded by Board Member Taylor.

The meeting was adjourned.