



VIRGINIA PAROLE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED 1/14/2026

REGULAR MEETING: January 7, 2026

LOCATION: Meeting conducted electronically and in person with Board Members and designated staff, assembled at 6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: The Honorable Patricia West, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia West, Chair
Lloyd Banks, Vice Chairman
Michelle Dermeyer, Board Member
Samuel Boone, Board Member
C. Phillips Ferguson, Board Member

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Tina Bowen, Chief Parole Examiner
Rayelle Jackson-Sutton, Policy Analyst
Colleen Maxwell, Executive Director
Shirley Smith, Victim Input Staff
Cindy Yadav, Victim Input Coordinator

DOC STAFF PRESENT: Vanessa Carter-West, Video Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT: Wilbert Robinson
Dustin Turner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair West called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM

ESTABLISHMENT OF MAJORITY

Chair West determined that all members of the Board were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Ms. Dermeyer, with a second by Mr. Boone, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion by Ms. Dermeyer, with a second by Mr. Ferguson, the minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

PAROLE CONSIDERATIONS

Chair West provided an explanation of the change to § 53.1-136 of the *Code of Virginia* effective July 1, 2024, which requires a public meeting be convened to conduct the final deliberation and vote regarding whether the Board will grant parole to a prisoner.

Wilbert Robinson #1029009

Mr. Robinson was considered for both discretionary parole and geriatric conditional release.

Chair West provided an overview of Mr. Robinson's circumstances and period of incarceration.

Chair West provided the Board members with an opportunity to ask Mr. Robinson questions.

Chair West provided Mr. Robinson with the opportunity to make a statement to the Board.

Chair West then called upon each member to give their vote and reason(s) for their vote.

Board Member Boone – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation and release is compatible with public safety.

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, based on excellent institutional adjustment and a stable release plan.

Board Member Ferguson – Grant, demonstrated rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, infraction since incarceration, medical condition, release is compatible with public safety, low risk assessment score, significant community support, stable release plan, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs, no victim opposition, the Board member concludes he has served enough time, and the prosecuting attorney supports release.

Board Member Dermeyer – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, release is compatible with public safety, and successful participation in correctional and vocational programs.

Chair West – Grant, based on demonstrated rehabilitation, medical condition, excellent institutional adjustment, release is compatible with public safety, stable release plan, and significant community support.

Final votes were unanimously in favor of granting discretionary parole/geriatric conditional release (5 Grant, 0 Not Grant).

Chair West congratulated Mr. Robinson, as all members present voted to grant parole. She then reminded him that he must continue to remain of good behavior throughout the re-entry process, as any infraction could put his release in jeopardy. Chair West also explained that Mr. Robinson will be given conditions of parole upon his release.

Dustin Turner #1091591

Mr. Turner was considered for discretionary parole.

Chair West provided an overview of Mr. Turner's circumstances and period of incarceration.

Chair West provided the Board members an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Turner.

Chair West provided Mr. Turner with an opportunity to make a statement to the Board.

Chair West then called upon each member to give their vote and reason(s) for their vote.

Vice Chairman Banks – Grant, excellent institutional adjustment and a stable release plan.

Board Member Ferguson – Grant, based age at the time of the offense, demonstrated rehabilitation, excellent institutional adjustment, excessive sentence, infraction free for last 24 months, no history of violence (accessory after the fact), no previous felony convictions, release is compatible with public safety, low risk assessment score, significant community support, stable release plan, successful participation in correctional and vocational programs, and the Board member concludes he has served enough time.

Board Member Dermeyer – Grant, based on no previous felony convictions, demonstrated rehabilitation, release is compatible with public safety, excellent institutional adjustment, significant community support, stable release plan, the Board member concludes he has served enough time. Ms. Dermeyer added condition of no contact with the victim's family. She also requested that Mr. Turner ensure that his supporters on social media refrain from contacting the victim's family.

Chair West – Not Grant, as release at this time would diminish the seriousness of the crime, the serious nature of the crimes committed and the severity of the crimes.

Board Member Boone – Not Grant. Mr. Boone stated that as a retired Virginia State Trooper with over 25 years of service, he took an oath to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth. As a prior member of the Navy, Mr. Turner also took an oath to serve and protect. As a result of his actions, he failed to fulfill that oath. In addition, the Board member concludes that he should serve more time.

Final votes were 3 in favor of granting grant discretionary parole and 2 opposed.

Chair West congratulated Mr. Turner, as the majority members voted to grant parole. She then reminded him that he must continue to remain of good behavior throughout the re-entry process, as any infraction could put his release in jeopardy. Chair West also explained that, in addition to having no contact with the victim's friends and family, Mr. Turner will be given additional conditions of parole upon his release.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is to be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Ms. Dermeyer, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:37 PM.