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AMENDED MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Date and Time: 9:00 AM – Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Location: Pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Directive 006 as extended and amended, there will be no physical location for this meeting. This meeting can be viewed on www.nvcourts.gov/supreme click on live video

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The State Board of Pardons Commissioners (Board) will consider commuting sentences, granting pardons and restoring the civil rights of the applicants listed on this agenda. The Board may take action to commute or modify the sentence of a prisoner, grant a full and unconditional pardon**, grant a conditional pardon***, deny a request, or take no action on a request. The Pardons Board may restore the right to bear arms to an applicant even if the applicant has not specifically requested such action.

Items on the agenda may be taken out of order. The Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

The Board may place reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of public comments; however, comments based on viewpoint will not be restricted. The Board may limit such comments to three minutes per person.

** A full and unconditional pardon restores all civil rights lost as a result of the conviction including the right to bear arms. The Pardon instrument will specify that the person does not have to comply with the registration requirements pursuant to NRS 179C.100(6).

***The Board may condition or limit the Pardon by excluding the restoration of the right to bear arms, by requiring that the person continue to register as an ex-felon as required by NRS 179C or impose any legal or reasonable condition as long as it does not offend the Nevada Constitution or the Constitution of the United States.

9:00 AM		
I.		Roll call; and determination of quorum
II.		Public Comment. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (2) of NRS 241.020.
III.		For possible action is a discussion that may include but is not limited to a commutation of the sentence(s) of the following Nevada Department of Corrections inmates, a denial of the request or no action may be taken on the following inmate applicants with said item possibly taken out of order, combined for consideration by the Board and/or pulled or removed from the agenda at any time.
	a.	No inmates
IV.		For possible action is a discussion that may include but is not limited to grant a full and unconditional pardon with restoration of all civil rights including the right to bear arms, grant a conditional or limited pardon, deny a request or take no action on the following community case applicants with said items possibly taken out of order, combined for consideration by the Board and/or pulled or removed from the agenda at any time.
	aa.	Steven Grimes –Pershing County Battery in 1991 & Injury to Other Property in 1991
	bb.	Jeffrey Sonetti –Clark County Battery/Domestic Violence in 1994
	cc.	Richard Piert II –Clark County Battery/Domestic Violence in 1999
	dd.	Amanda Dobbins a.k.a Amanda Dubbins –Clark County Assault with a Deadly Weapon in 2007, successfully completed all terms of probation and withdrew plea and plead guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Battery in 2009
	ee.	James Ridings –Elko County Battery in 1993
	ff.	Amjad Jaraysah–Clark County Battery/Domestic Violence in 2000
	gg.	Victor Bruno III–Carson City Possession of a Controlled Substance & Home Invasion in 2003, Domestic Violence in 2002 & 2003, & Trespassing in 2002
	hh.	Darryl Johnson–White Pine County Obtaining Property Under False Pretense & Obtaining Money Under False Pretense in 2001
	ii.	Jose Montoya–Clark County Theft in 2001
	jj.	Brian Kaminski, Jr.–Clark County Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in 2005
	kk.	Ruben Castillo -Clark County Battery Domestic Violence in 1999
	ll.	Justin Cahoon -Nye County Causing the Death of Another by Driving a Vehicle While Intoxicated in 1991
	mm.	Colette Largent -Clark County Murder with the Use of a Deadly Weapon in 1990
	nn.	Kou Vang -Clark County Conspiracy to Commit Murder x 2, Murder 1st Degree x2, & Use of Deadly Weapon Enhancement in 1986, June 16, 2019 Pardons Board commuted sentences to allow immediate parole eligibility
V.		For possible action is a discussion that may include but is not limited to alternatives to the content of the current investigations. Discussion may include Pardon Board’s procedures and staffing of the investigations

VI.	For possible action is a discussion that may include but not limited to the report and the recommendations of the Sentencing Commission that were transmitted to the Governor on April 30, 2020 (Attachment 1)
VII.	For possible action is a discussion that may include but not limited to the resolution regarding pardons for persons convicted of minor marijuana possession
VIII.	Public Comment. Members of the public may comment on any matter that is not specifically included on the agenda at this time. However, no action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (2) of NRS 241.020.
IX.	Adjournment, <i>for possible action.</i>

NOTE: ANY PERSON PROVIDING INPUT IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO ANY OF THE REQUESTS MADE FOR COMMUTATION SHOULD SEND THEM DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY VIA FAX 775-687-6736 OR MAIL/FEDEX TO PARDONS BOARD, 1667 OLD HOT SPRINGS RD SUITE A, CARSON CITY, NV 89706.

Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Board may refuse to consider public comment. See NRS 233B.126.

Pursuant to Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 as amended and extended, the physical posting requirements of Nevada's Open Meeting law have been suspended and this agenda was not physically posted.

. This agenda is posted on the Pardons Board web site located at <http://pardons.nv.gov> and the Nevada Public Notice Website at notice.nv.gov. Copies of this agenda were also mailed to every Nevada Judge, every Nevada District Attorney and every person or institution on the mailing list of the Board of Pardons.

Dated: June 8, 2020

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Steve Sisolak
Governor



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April 30, 2020

The Honorable Steve Sisolak
Nevada State Governor
101 North Carson Street
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Dear Governor Sisolak:

On behalf of the members of the Nevada Sentencing Commission (NRS 176.0133), I am writing this letter to convey the Commission's unanimous recommendation that you or the Nevada Board of Pardons Commissioners (Board) implement the framework for geriatric parole as outlined in NRS 213.12155. This section of NRS becomes effective on July 1, 2020 and is part of the omnibus bill for criminal justice reform from the 2019 Legislative Session, commonly referred to as AB 236. The purpose of this recommendation is to assist you or the Board in determining how to address certain impacts from the COVID-19 Crisis (Crisis) on the correctional institutions in this State.

On Wednesday, April 29, 2020, the Nevada Sentencing Commission convened to: (1) continue deliberations from a meeting held on Monday, April 13, 2020, to obtain information concerning responses to the COVID-19 Crisis; and (2) formulate a recommendation to you or the Board regarding the potential release of certain incarcerated persons for the purpose of reducing the impact of the Crisis on all incarcerated persons and correctional staff.

The Commission solicited and reviewed public comment that included over 130 submissions. The Commission received a presentation from Director Charles Daniels of the Nevada Department of Corrections regarding the steps he has taken to protect the inmates and the staff of the correctional institutions in this State during this Crisis. He also presented data concerning the testing of the inmates and staff for COVID-19. At the time of the writing of this letter: (1) eleven staff of the Department have tested positive and been quarantined; and (2) zero inmates of the correctional institutions in this State have tested positive. The Commission appreciated the procedures and steps outlined by Director Daniels and his staff.

The Commission also received a presentation from Chief Anne Carpenter of the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety regarding information concerning the 300-plus inmates who have been granted parole but remain in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections. Chief Carpenter reported that the majority of such inmates have not been released due to various issues concerning the ability to secure appropriate housing upon release.

Thank you for your sincere consideration of this recommendation and the many steps you are taking to keep all Nevadans safe in this Crisis.

Sincerely,

James W. Hardesty, Chair
Nevada Sentencing Commission

On behalf of members:

Chuck Callaway, Vice Chair
Senator Nicole Cannizzaro
Senator Keith Pickard
Assemblyman John Hambrick
Assemblywoman Rochelle Nguyen
John Arrascada, Washoe County Public Defender
Christine Jones Brady, Second Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Anne Carpenter, Chief, Parole and Probation
Christopher DeRicco, Chairman, Board of Parole Commissioners
Judge Scott Freeman, Second Judicial District Court
Christopher Hicks, Washoe County District Attorney
Darin Imlay, Clark County Public Defender
Keith Logan, Representative of the Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association
Russell Marsh, Representative of the State Bar of Nevada
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Kimberly Mull, Victims' Rights Advocate
Dr. Elizabeth Neighbors, Ph. D., Division of Public and Behavioral Health
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