



State of Oklahoma
PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD

Pardon and Parole Board Meeting
Clemency Hearing Minutes
March 2024 Parole Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward Konieczny, Calvin Prince, Robert Reavis, Richard Miller, Kevin Buchanan

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF: Tom Bates, Melinda Romero, Leroy Long, and Kyle Counts

GUESTS: Attorney Mark Henricksen, Will Shepherd, Yousef Smith, Paris Powell

First Assistant Attorney General Amie Ely, Assistant Attorneys General Aspen Layman and Jennifer Crabb

Sarah Samples

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Edward Konieczny** - Following the Pardon and Parole Board Parole Meeting, Chairman Edward Konieczny called the special meeting of the Pardon and Parole Board (PPB) to order at 9:00 a.m.
 - A. Roll Call** - The members attending were Edward Konieczny, Calvin Prince, Robert Reavis, Richard Miller, Kevin Buchanan. The voting order was announced as Robert Reavis, Richard Miller, Kevin Buchanan, Edward Konieczny, and Calvin Prince.

II. Action Item: Clemency Hearing for Michael DeWayne Smith DOC #457856 (Michael Smith will make a personal appearance via video conference) Chairman Edward Konieczny explained that the purpose of the day's meeting was to hold a clemency hearing for **Michael DeWayne Smith, DOC # 457856**

Chairman Edward Konieczny went over the order of events for the hearing.

Attorney Mark Henricksen, legal counsel, as well as Will Shepherd, Yousef Smith, and Paris Powell, presented on behalf of Mr. Smith for 35 minutes, having reserved five minutes for rebuttal. The Board did not have any questions following the presentation.

First Assistant Oklahoma Attorney General Amie Ely and Assistant Attorneys General Aspen Layman and Jennifer Crabb made a 40-minute presentation to the Board in opposition of clemency for Mr. Smith. They did not reserve any time for summation.

The meeting recessed at 10:33 AM and reconvened at 10:43 AM.

After the recess, Sarah Samples presented to the Board for 20 minutes as a representative for victim Janet Moore, in opposition of clemency for Mr. Smith.

Attorney Mark Henricksen, legal representative for Michael Smith, provided a five-minute rebuttal.

Michael Smith elected to appear before the Board to address the Board members for 20 minutes. The Board did not have any questions following Mr. Smith's statements.

The meeting recessed at 11:10 A.M and reconvened at 11:15 A.M.

Chairman Edward Konieczny called for a vote on clemency for Michael Smith, and the vote was 4-1 to deny clemency.

The final action of the Board was to deny clemency for Michael Smith.

III. Adjournment – Chairman Edward Konieczny

The Clemency Hearing was adjourned at 11:17 A.M. on **March 6, 2024**.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kyle Counts
General Counsel

The minutes for Michael DeWayne Smith’s Clemency Hearing, held on March 6, 2024, were approved by a majority vote on the 6th day of May, 2024.