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PRISONER REVIEW BOARD

***EN BANC* MINUTE SHEET**
OPEN SESSION— June 20, 2024

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open *en banc* session at 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois, on June 20, 2024, at the 9:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following individuals in custody:

C91336	Allen, Earl *
R63648	Gabriel, Adrian

The meeting was called to order by Kenneth Tupy, Board Member.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Alexandria Bryan.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Jared Bohland	X	
Mr. Matthew Coates	X	
Mr. William Delgado	X	
Ms. Julie Globokar	X	
Ms. Darryldean Goff	X	
Mr. Jeffrey Grubbs	X	
Mr. Rodger Heaton	X	
Ms. Robin Shoffner	X	
Ms. Carmen Terrones	X	
Ms. Krystal Tison	X	
Mr. Kenneth Tupy	X	

11 Members Present

Member(s) Absent

The Board heard the case of Earl Allen C91336, and Adrian Gabriel R63648.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL for 5/30/24: RHEATON - DGOFF

Open Session: KTISON – MCOATES

Meeting was adjourned by: MCOATES - RSHOFFNER

Leave.



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Members present were Mr. Bohland, Mr. Coates, Mr. Delgado, Ms. Globokar, Ms. Goff, Mr. Grubbs, Mr. Heaton, Ms. Terrones, Ms. Tison, Ms. Shoffner, and Mr. Tupy.

Recording Secretary: Alexandria Bryan.

PRESENTATION OF INTERVIEW AND FILE

The basis for the Board's decision, at this time, is as follows:

PRESENTATION OF INTERVIEW AND FILE

On April 3, 2024, Mr. Earl Allen, C91336, was interviewed by Board Member, Mr. Kenneth Tupy via Webex at Joliet Treatment Center. Mr. Earl Allen was present with his attorney Mr. Ruben Bautista.

Mr. Earl Allen had previously been granted parole on February 26, 2021. He was returned to Dixon Correctional Center on January 24, 2022, on a parole violation for no host site and unsubstantiated allegations that he struck another person at the half-way house.

INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Earl Allen is currently on A grade, minimum security, and a low escape risk.

He did have many tickets early in his incarceration. However, his latest two tickets were in May of 2019 for fighting, and July 2019 for unauthorized movement and disobeying a direct order. He has had no tickets in 5 years. A IDOC counselor who had direct contact with Mr. Allen, stated that he is not a risk, and he will continue with any medication and treatment ordered by the Board.

PAROLE PLANS

The attorney for Mr. Allen stated that there were many systems in place to ensure his peaceful transition back to the community. The Department of Human Services Front Door Diversion Program would be in place through Trilogy which would provide housing and food to Mr. Allen. In addition, he would be evaluated every week to ensure his compliance and counselors would be in place every day to ensure he did not have a problem.



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OPPOSITION TO PAROLE RELEASE

Cook County's last protest was November 2020. They did not file a protest in this hearing.

DISCUSSION

Summary of discussion for parole consideration:

Mr. Josh Goldstein stated that Mr. Allen is appreciative of his chance to go to the Board again. He stated that he has been incarcerated for 44 years. He stated that Mr. Allen had unstable housing and was not compliant with his mental health plan. He has learned from those mistakes. He has had no tickets in that past four and half years. He is in coping skills training and de-escalation training. He stated that Mr. Allen is remorseful for the harm he caused the victim's family and his own family. He stated that he must live with it his entire life and he is a deeply religious man. He stated that Mr. Allen was in IDOC custody for this long and was not given the mental health treatment that he needed for years. Front Door Diversion plans to assist him with his release. Mr. Josh Goldstein stated that when he was initially released to a halfway house, he didn't have the connected mental health resources. Mr. Allen oversaw his medications, and he did not feel safe in that housing. The big issue with Mr. Allen's initial medication issue was he ran out of medication. He checked himself into the hospital, but he had already been struggling mentally. The level he would be getting for his mental health would be more than what he received previously. Trilogy has the highest level of services in the state. It is significantly more individualized programming. He stated that he was remorseful for his actions. He has had extensive ticket history. He didn't receive the level of mental health care that was appropriate for him, and it takes a while for a diagnosis. He stated that it wasn't until about 2017 at Dixon Correctional Center that he received the appropriate mental health treatment. He sought protection in the wrong places living in a neighborhood with violence. The Clayton Nursing Home incident, he is remorseful for, and he regrets what he did. At the initial point of re-entry, he did not receive that care but now that care is set up for him. The Front Door Diversion Program is run by The Department of Human Services. Within 24 hours of his release, he will meet with his Trilogy team to create his programming. They will set up counseling, mental health treatment, medication, housing, and social security assistance. He will receive immediate housing, and Trilogy will assist him to find other housing. The Trilogy team is available 24 hours a day. Mr. Allen has taken the steps that he needs to show that he is able to be medication compliant. If released, he would be the first person coming from IDOC into the Front Door Diversion Program. He understands that this is a privilege.

Ms. Terrones questioned Mr. Allen's housing once released.

Mr. Josh Goldstein stated the providers can't guarantee acceptance until they are told that the individual is going to be let out. He has been fully accepted by The Front Door Diversion Program. They cannot identify which placement he will be in until they know the exact date he is going to be released. The providers have stated that they have availability for him. If one is not approved by then they have funding to pay for a hotel in the meantime.

Mr. Heaton questioned when the last time he declined to take his medicine, and questioned



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when he learned his breathing techniques.

Mr. Josh Goldstein stated on July 7, 2023, he had some concerns that one of his medications was causing him physical health concerns. He didn't just stop entirely; he spoke with his provider first. He had labs completed and it showed that he had high levels in his kidney, and they took him off the medication and changed to something else. He was a part of four programs since being incarcerated again. In May 2022 he attended coping skills group, emotional regulation therapy, stress tolerance therapy group. This is on top of his ongoing mental health therapy that he has been getting. In January 2024 when Mr. Allen appeared to be upset in the day room. He was observed by his therapist going back to his room, breathing, and then coming back out to explain way he was upset. One week after his brother passed away from cancer, he was noted to consistently going to behavioral group, and he had a low risk of harm to himself and others. A comprehensive plan is in place for his release regarding his housing and mental health treatment. He stated that he helps people that are incarcerated with their clemency packets, he is a religious man, and handles communication with peers well.

Mr. Heaton stated that he was on crisis watch in October 2023. He questioned what skills he used during that time.

Mr. Josh Goldstein stated that with his medication change there was an adjustment and a period of time he was struggling. It is not uncommon to struggle during a medication change period. He engaged with his providers to get that care during that time.

Mr. Tupy questioned if the Front Door Diversion Plan already accepted him.

Mr. Goldstein stated that he has been accepted in the Front Door Diversion Plan program. He stated that he didn't have the plan for his previous parole, but he has that now. The most appropriate thing for his mental health needs is having Trilogy help him. Trilogy will be the centralized provider, and he will have a team of 10 people working with him.

Ms. Terrones questioned Front Door Diversion Plan housing. She stated that he is coming from a very structured environment and asking if Front Door Diversion Plan will be structured or if they put them in any housing.

Mr. Josh Goldstein stated that Illinois Department of Human Services will not release him into housing that wouldn't benefit him. Long term supportive housing is available for him if it is necessary.

End of discussion.



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DECISION AND RATIONALE

Motion to grant parole (KTUPY - MCAOTES). Motion prevails with a 10-1 vote. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Coates, Mr. Delgado, Ms. Globokar, Ms. Goff, Mr. Grubbs, Mr. Heaton, Ms. Shoffner, Ms. Terrones, Ms. Tison, and Mr. Tupy. Mr. Bohland dissented.

Based upon his recent lack of tickets, his counselor's assurances, no protest from Cook County, the DHS Front door Diversion program, the fact that counselors would be present every day to watch Mr. Allen, and all the other factors the Board considers him a reasonable risk for parole. The Board voted to grant parole on August 20, 2024, to make sure all the counselors and Front Door Diversion programs are in place.

After a complete review of Mr. Earl Allen's case, and after giving thoughtful discussion and consideration to all factors, the Board decided and voted to grant parole to Mr. Earl Allen, subject to conditions of parole release as set by the Board and by law. The Board hereby finds that Mr. Earl Allen is an appropriate candidate for parole release.

"The Board makes a specific finding that the release of victim protest letters could subject a person to actual risk of physical harm. The Board further notes that, pursuant to Illinois law, victim statements are confidential and privileged."

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Individual in Custody's Name: Adrian Gabriel IDOC Number: R63648

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open *en banc* session at 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois, on June 20, 2024, at the 9:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for Adrian Gabriel R63648.

Members present were Mr. Bohland, Mr. Coates, Mr. Delgado, Ms. Globokar, Ms. Goff, Mr. Grubbs, Mr. Heaton, Ms. Terrones, Ms. Tison, Ms. Shoffner, and Mr. Tupy.

Recording Secretary: Alexandria Bryan.

PRESENTATION OF INTERVIEW AND FILE

The basis for the Board's decision, at this time, is as follows:



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PRESENTATION OF INTERVIEW AND FILE

Mr. Adrian Gabriel, age 36, was interviewed by Illinois Prison Review Board member Ms. Darryldean Goff, on Tuesday May 22, 2024, live via WebEx virtual platform from Danville Correctional Center at 9:00 am. With the participation of his counsel, Ms. Lia Raves. Also in attendance observing were IPP Legal team members Mr. Brian Johnson, and Social Worker, Ms. Amanda Myers. Others present on his behalf in a WebEx were his brother Mr. Alex Gabriel, and his brother's fiancé, soon to be sister-in-law Ms. Angie Romain.

On March May 15, 2024, I visited Danville CC to review Mr. Gabriel's master file. I did not find anything that had not already been provided in Mr. Gabriel's updated petition.

Throughout the interview, Mr. Gabriel was a good communicator, attentive, articulate, polite, respectful, open, responsive, and demonstrate empathy as it related to discussions of the offenses, his incarceration time, and his sharing his experiences. He responded well to questions and was open with his responses. He was invested in the process and willing to answer questions, responding to the best of his knowledge and ability. He was comfortable answering questions as well as asking questions.

The adolescent brain development studies & science, that most youth brains do not fully develop until around 25 (25 from females and 27 for males). We also have learned that childhood trauma and neuro-divergence (learning disabilities) will affect and impact brain development of a youth. Mr. Gabriel's ACEs score is 9/10. Mr. Gabriel had a chronic intense childhood. At age 7 his father was shot and killed in a bar. His mother became a single parent, raising 5 children. She was mentally ill and suffered from drug addiction. When Mr. Gabriel was 8, she sent Mr. Gabriel and his older brother Alex to live with his paternal uncle in Cary, Illinois. Mr. Gabriel had never known his uncle. He lived there for a year and then returned to his mother. His brother remained with his uncle. When he returned home his mother's sister, and her son were living with them. In 1996, his aunt went missing and to this day has not been found. His 15-year-old cousin continued to live with them. Between 8 & 12 his older cousin sexually abused him. He didn't tell anyone. He was ashamed. He did not know until he was an adult that his cousin had abused other family members. He thought that this made him gay and not a man.

When he was 12 his mother remarried. His stepfather did not have a relationship with Mr. Gabriel or his siblings. His mother and stepfather fought a lot, and the fights were violent. Mr. Gabriel tried to intervene, but it would anger his mother and she would kick him out of the house. She forced him to leave his home with nowhere to go. When he couldn't find shelter, he would sleep on the streets. He remembers sleeping in an abandoned car. He was basically homeless. At 13 he began to steal so he could sell items to buy food, clothes, and school supplies. It was at this age Mr. Gabriel began to get in trouble with the law. Today he speaks of this time in his life with shame. By 14, the streets were all that he knew.



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In his petition he states that he did not do well in school. Though while he was in Carey schools, they seemed to understand his learning needs but when he got back to his mother's, that did not happen. It wasn't until he was in the juvenile facility that he found new self-worth. He discovered he loved school and realized he was capable of learning and doing well in class. He built strong relationships with his teachers and wasn't afraid to ask for help. He earned his G.E.D. in 2007 in Joliet.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In December 2002, Mr. Gabriel and a co-defendant were charged by indictment with multiple counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault, armed robbery, aggravated kidnapping, as well as a single count alleging the commission of a hate crime. Each count involved an incident allegedly occurring on or about November 19, 2002. A bench trial on those charges was held in 2004. At trial, the evidence established that defendant was 15 years old on November 19, 2002, when he and others forced two victims to enter a garage where the two victims were forced to perform various sex acts. When defendant discovered that one of the victims, was a transgender individual, they harassed and threatened the victim, as well as physically and sexually assaulted. Mr. Gabriel stole money from the victim before she was able to escape and call the police. Mr. Gabriel was found guilty of six counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault, aggravated kidnapping, and committing a hate crime.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Mr. Adrian Gabriel's first offense was for Hate Crime and Aggravated Battery in July 2001. Mr. Gabriel and two friends were in Humboldt Park late at night and asked a man named Terrance for the time. Mr. Gabriel and his friends became defensive when Terrance responded with what they interpreted as an aggressive attitude. Mr. Gabriel and his friends regretfully and inexcusably responded with violence. Mr. Gabriel's friends began beating Terrance and Mr. Gabriel stabbed Terrance in the back with his pocketknife as he tried to run away.

Mr. Gabriel's second offense was for Aid/Abet/Poss/Sell Stolen Vehicle in November 2001. Mr. Gabriel's friend, Sean, knew of an inexpensive vehicle they could buy and hopefully resell for more money. Sean had \$300 that they used to buy the car. Mr. Gabriel did not know that the money was counterfeit at the time.

Mr. Gabriel's third offense was for Robbery and Residential Burglary. Mr. Gabriel and two friends, Marcos and Jose stole a bike and house keys from a boy their age named Jeremie. They then went to the boy's home, using his house keys, and stole items from the house that could be resold for money, primarily electronics.



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INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Gabriel's disciplinary record throughout his nearly 22 years of incarceration is minimal and is a strong indicator that he has matured and can abide by rules. He has received only ten disciplinary infractions, half of them occurred within roughly 18 months of each other at Pontiac.

Five of Mr. Gabriel's tickets were minor tickets, four of those only resulted in a verbal reprimand. Additionally, gambling tickets, classified as a major ticket at the time Mr. Gabriel received them, have since been reduced to a minor violation per IDOC policy. Thus, if it were not for the timing of Mr. Gabriel's gambling tickets, eight of his ten tickets would have been minor.

His last ticket was a minor ticket on December 31, 2023, for Unauthorized Movement where he was observed hanging on a cell door talking to an individual and not participating in building block activities.

He worked while he was in juvenile facility. He was at Audy Home his entire time and achieved Level 4 resident and was afforded the most privileges. As a Level 4, he was able to obtain exclusive job assignments that allowed him to spend more time outside of the cell, such as cleaning the shower and deck areas. Staff recognized the respect he showed officers, his initiative to undertake responsibilities, and the way he served as a role model to other young people.

He has several letters of support in his petition from IDOC personnel and staff.

Mr. Gabriel has been involved in Danville's Building Block Program for almost three years. The Building Block Program is entirely voluntary, aiming to attract self-motivated people with an interest in learning and growing and offers a variety of peer educator-led classes.

Mr. Gabriel had the honor and privilege to facilitate his very own class within the Building Block Program, something he is most grateful for and proud of. Mr. Gabriel took the initiative to create and lead a class on conversations around trauma. He was inspired to teach the class on trauma because of the growth and healing he felt after reflecting on his own experiences.

Mr. Gabriel is the founder and leader of the Think Tank that is geared toward Spanish speakers and Hispanic men. The purpose to provide a space for men with similar backgrounds to build community within the prison.

While Mr. Gabriel has not been afforded the opportunity to formally enroll in many educational classes, he enjoys reading books in his own time and thoughtful conversations with other people. If granted parole, he plans to continue his education.



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STATEMENTS AS TO THE OFFENSE

On November 19, 2002, at the peak of Mr. Gabriel's destructive behavior, Mr. Gabriel and two of his friends, were in Humboldt Park on North Avenue and Homan Avenue. It was nine days after Mr. Gabriel's fifteenth birthday. His two friends were brothers, and they were fourteen and fifteen years old. A 25-year-old woman waved to Mr. Gabriel and his friends from across the street to come to her. When the boys walked over to her, she asked them how old they were, and they lied saying they were sixteen and seventeen years old, despite Mr. Gabriel being only 5'2 and 130 pounds at the time. She then told the boys that she would perform oral sex on them in exchange for money. They accepted her offer. The brothers had recently moved homes and the house they had moved out of was close by and they knew it was still unoccupied. The three boys, the victim and her friend, walked to the garage of the house as a group to find a place more private.

Once the group reached the garage, the victim provided condoms to the boys. The boys then took turns receiving oral sex inside of the garage. While one of the boys received oral sex the other two boys waited outside of the garage.

After all three boys received oral sex, the victim indicated it was time to pay. None of the boys had the money to pay her. Once it became clear that nobody had any money to pay, she became upset and told Mr. Gabriel and his friends that she had the "same thing" they did, meaning male genitalia.

Mr. Gabriel and his friends were shocked and enraged to learn that she was a transgender woman. Out of immaturity and impulsivity, the boys were upset she had not told them earlier. They felt violated and regretfully, they impulsively began using violence against her. Mr. Gabriel's friend poured paint found in the garage over her head. The boys then did the horrific acts of sodomizing her using a broomstick and caulk tube that they found in the garage and subsequently forced her friend to perform sexual acts on her.

The boys then searched the victims' clothes for money they could steal. Mr. Gabriel and the younger brother left with the victim's friend to go to his house, leaving the victim and the older brother alone in the garage. When they arrived at the friend's house, the friend went inside and never came back out. Mr. Gabriel and the younger brother waited in the front yard and eventually left and went back to the garage.

When Mr. Gabriel and the younger brother returned to the garage without the victim's friend, the victim said she had money at home. The three boys and the victim all left the garage to walk towards her home. Once they reached North Avenue, the victim ran into a nearby bar and called the police. Once she had run away, Mr. Gabriel and his two friends split up and ran. All three boys were arrested that same night.



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Mr. Gabriel spoke of feeling shame & remorse for the inexcusable violence, harm, and sexual assault he committed against his victim. He mentions her name as he says, “She did not deserve any of the pain acted upon her, nor any ongoing traumatic effects that she likely continues to experience.” He acknowledges that her pain is a life sentence.

Mr. Gabriel stated that when he was transferred into Menard Correctional Center, at age 19, he requested immediately to be placed into protective custody. His cellmate was transgender. He decided to make this a learning experience and asked his cellmate questions regarding being transgender. Mr. Gabriel said the conversations made him realize that he had prejudices that were based on wrong information. He continued and continues to pursue his understanding and education regarding the LGBTQ+ community and is especially concerned with the anti-climate toward the community. He realized that his ignorance, prejudices, and wrong thinking put him where he was and that just needed to be changed. It has become his life work.

Part of that growth for Mr. Gabriel involved the difficult and vulnerable task of reckoning with his own biases and prejudices. He reflected on the prejudices he observed by his family and community growing up in the 90’s and early 2000’s and hearing hateful words about the LGBTQ+ community and not having the understanding or courage to push against the narrative he heard.

Mr. Gabriel is so ashamed and regretful of his bias and ignorance around the LGBTQ+ community, specifically around the challenges transgender women face every day. It is immensely painful for him to know that he contributed to that violence and narrative. Mr. Gabriel has learned just how wrong and hurtful his views were, not only to Christian but to his entire community.

Mr. Gabriel expressed a great sense of responsibility to the people that attend his class. He has read books that focus on processing and reflecting childhood trauma and adverse child experiences. He has read thousands of pages on the LGBTQ+ community that range from statistical-heavy research studies to personal narratives and memoirs on issues regarding violence against transgender women, transgender women, and sex work, and understanding the LGBTQ+ community.

Mr. Gabriel’s leads the class by using his own story as the foundation and educates his class on challenges the LGBTQ+ community faces. Conversations around the LGBTQ+ community are not always welcomed in a men’s prison, and Mr. Gabriel prides himself on breaking down these barriers by tackling those conversations head-on. Telling his own story from a place of vulnerability has inspired many others to confide in him about their own stories.

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immensely painful he said for him to know that he contributed to that violence and narrative. Mr. Gabriel learned just how wrong & hurtful his view was, not only to his victim but to his entire community.

PAROLE PLANS

Mr. Gabriel's brother Alex and his fiancé Angie have said that Mr. Gabriel can live with them and their daughter. They understand he will go to transitional housing at first and are very open to work with all programs and agencies Mr. Gabriel will be involved. Alex has developed a 3-year plan to help his brother through his reentry and transition home.

Illinois Prison Project & Danville Field Services team are communicating with Tyler House to confirm a bed upon grant of parole. Tyler House accepts sex offenders and provide support for their clients during their re-entry process.

He understands that if granted parole he will be on GPS for his parole duration and that parole is for 10 years.

Employment will be with his brother Alex who has owned his business for eight years called AG Kicks.

Letters of support from friends and family were a part of his petition. There is a detailed letter with a three-year plan outlined by his older brother of how he plans to help his brother's transition. In addition, there are 15 letters of support.

He also has letters of Support from Community Organizations, NAMI, Safer Foundation, TASC, CARA, and Tyler House.

OPPOSITION TO PAROLE RELEASE

Cook County State's Attorney expressed opposition to a clemency request but not to Youthful Parole.

ENBANC HISTORY

This is Mr. Gabriel's first Youthful Parole Hearing.



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DISCUSSION

Summary of discussion for parole consideration:

Ms. Lia Raves, Mr. Adrian Gabriel's attorney, stated that Mr. Gabriel takes full accountability for the crime. She stated that the victim was 10 years older than him, and she solicited the sexual act to him. She stated that the oral sex was not forced, and everyone walked to the garage willingly. They had to jump a fence to get to the garage. All charges related to the firearm were dropped. She stated that he is remorseful and takes full accountability for the crime. At 13-15 years old he admitted being on a path of destruction. He admitted to getting kicked out of his house. The patterns he has shown mimicked his parent's crimes that he witnessed as a child. Building block offers modules, and at the end they offer a free game day to celebrate the conclusion of the program. That day he was leaning on a door, but he was participating. His rehabilitation started the minute he walked into IDOC. The first steps he took was taking accountability for his actions to the victim. He isn't using excuses about his own abuse to justify what he did. He has since educated himself on the LGBT community. He stands up for acts of hate and he educates his loved ones on hate. Mr. Gabriel is not the same person he was when he was 15 years old. His childhood was filled with his parents addicted to drugs and sexual abuse. Trauma can delay growth. She stated that his transformation is exactly why the juvenile law is created for him. Few tickets, mostly minor. He has support from loved ones upon his release. He has been incarcerated for over 21 years old. She stated that his codefendants are both out of prison. He has learned from every experience and opportunity that IDOC has presented him. Entering IDOC he had to decide how he wanted to spend his time, and he used it to his advantage to rehabilitate. She stated that Mr. Gabriel is proud of his heart, and he is someone that is solving problems now and not creating them.

Ms. Adrian Gabriel stated that he differs from his teenage self. He stated that when he was a kid, he thought that he needed to be accepted. He understands now that is not important, leading is important. He stated that he didn't realize when he was kid that he was a role model but in a negative light. He stated that he is proud of his hard work that he put in during his incarceration. He worked on himself and educated himself. He stated that he learned to stop thinking about what other people will think when he does things. He stated that he proud of who he is today. He stated that he decided during his incarceration that he needed to change not only for himself but for everyone around, his codefendants, the victim, his family and his community. He stated that he looks forward to participating in organizations and spread the word about hate. He stated that he has 22-years' worth of information to share with the entire board and he fears that his actions as a child are stained on him as the adult he is today. He requested that everyone looks at him as the man he is today and not the child that he was when the crime was committed.

Ms. Amanda Myers stated that she has been working with long term cases for years. She stated that she was brought on to this case to investigate recommittal and the juvenile crime. She stated that he is open and able to talk about deep emotions and events which she believes is a huge deal. She stated that she is confident that if he is in an emotionally charged situation he now knows how to act in a safe and healthy way. She stated that she is willing to keep communicating with him and help him upon his release. She stated that his decision making was more likely to respond his hot cognition due to his trauma. His flight or fight response would've been doubled due to his trauma as well and he is more prone to it. It would've been ever higher due to the stress he had in his life as well, being homeless. She stated that in that moment he had to prove that he was not emotional, and he had to appear tough in that



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moment. He believed at that time when he was told that he received oral sex from a trans person that made him gay. The 90's were a different time. Even though the victim identified as a female the courts identified the victim as a male. Since then, he has educated himself about the community. He talks openly about trauma, and he is trying to grow and heal. She stated that his re-entry support is more educated and organized and they are committed to his release and helping him grow.

Board Members questioned what Mr. Gabriel's re-entry plan is and if he has had any formal therapy.

Ms. Amanda Myers stated that he has no formal diagnosis or evaluation. He was connected to the mental health unit for counseling programming.

Ms. Lia Raves stated that NAMI will be supporting him. They will set up an in-person interview with him to set up an individualized plan. The IDOC Manager of Sexual Relations will set up housing through a group home for Mr. Gabriel, or he can stay with his brother and sister-in-law.

The Board questioned when Ms. Myers started talking to Mr. Gabriel, and if there have been any changes since resentencing, as well as a State's Attorney opposition.

Ms. Myers stated March 2024.

Ms. Lia Raves stated that he has been in the Building Blocks program, since September 2021.

Ms. Goff stated that the State's Attorney did not oppose in this case. They did however oppose in his clemency case. The Building Blocks program started when he went to Danville Correctional Center, due to it was not available at other facilities.

Mr. Heaton stated that Mr. Gabriel received a ticket right after the resentencing for fighting.

Ms. Lia Raves stated that it was during COVID. She stated that meal trays were brought to the cells and if you missed your tray you didn't eat. He attempted to wake up his cellmate and his cellmate got upset and a fight happened. She stated that his cellmate had mental health issues.

Mr. Gabriel was questioned when he started the think tank opportunity.

Mr. Adrian Gabriel stated that he started the Spanish intake about two years ago. He realized that there were people on his block that struggled with communication, and he wanted to help them by translating for them.

Mr. Bohland stated that Ms. Lia Raves used the term full accountability, but his petition is not in full alignment with the original statement of facts or the resentencing statement of facts. He stated that having a history of prostitution is not a point that the sexual act was done willingly. He stated that it is a fact that prostitution can still be a forced action, and just because the victim is a sex worker does not mean that they cannot be sexually assaulted or forced.



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Ms. Lia Raves agreed with Mr. Bohland and that he is now taking accountability.

Board discussed the co-defendants ages of 15 and 14. The co-defendants were brothers.

Ms. Globokar acknowledged Mr. Gabriel's contributions to facilitating open discussions of trauma within IDOC; the passion with which he spoke of now being an ally for the LGBTQ+ community; the strength of his family support; the strength of advocacy by Mr. Gabriel and his legal team in helping the Board understand his context as a youth and his subsequent transformation; and the dignity with which Mr. Gabriel has carried himself during the parole petition process and in his contributions within IDOC. She acknowledged Mr. Gabriel's concern that the Board may not recognize the man he has become, and shared that one of the biggest challenges before the board is weighing the transformation in the person in front of us with the question of whether release would deprecate the severity of the underlying offense, the law is written in a manner to ensure that the gravity of the offense is appropriately reflected in the time served. She acknowledged that this case does not appear to reflect strong risk factors related to sexual deviancy, but that this was clearly an extremely violent and demeaning act, and asked Mr. Gabriel to speak directly to the harms of the underlying offense.

Mr. Adrian Gabriel stated that what he did was wrong. He was in denial for a long time due to his immaturity. He stated that his mother, grandmother, and girlfriend were front row at the trial, and he didn't want to admit the truth in front of them in court. He stated that just because he was 15, he knew what was right or wrong. He stated that he read a lot of memoirs. He stated that when he heard those stories of people, he thought they are wrong, then he had a realization that he was one of those people. He stated that he hurt so many people in this process. He stated that he thinks about how this will affect the victim by bringing this up again and he is remorseful.

Ms. Lia Raves stated that he will be on Mandatory Supervised Release for 10 years if granted parole today, and on the sex offender registry for life.

Mr. Delgado stated that Precious Blood would be one of the organizations working with him. He stated that in Latin culture that homophobia is big, and they are victimized as understanding. He questioned who approached who in this situation. He stated that after having the trauma that he has he was triggered in that situation and from a cultural standpoint this unfortunately exists. He stated that in that moment you are acting out of emotion, and you are not thinking of the ramifications of your actions in the moment.

Ms. Lia Raves stated that Mr. Gabriel and his two friends were across the street from the victim, and she waved them over to her.

The Board discussed the difference between the clemency petition and the youthful parole petition.

Mr. Coates stated that one thing Mr. Jonathan Michelin (Correctional Officer from Pontiac) spoke to Mr. Gabriel's character and about his respect and demeanor. He stated that he was very mature for his young age. He stated that he wanted to highlight that because it was before his programming.



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Ms. Goff questioned what age he began to educate himself about transgender.

Mr. Adrian Gabriel stated that immediately upon his transfer to the adult divisions he started educating himself. In the juvenile facility he was trying to protect himself. He was put into a cell with a transgender when he arrived in IDOC. He stated that she was able to educate him more and his change started.

The Board discussed the State's Attorney objection letter from the clemency petition.

Ms. Lia Raves stated that in the same letter it states that they do not oppose that the defendant could rehabilitate. She stated that Mr. Gabriel has transformed immensely over the past 22 years. He still takes complete accountability.

Ms. Goff questioned if Mr. Gabriel maintains the story that he did not abduct the victim.

Mr. Adrian Gabriel stated that he takes accountability for what happened to the victim that night, but they did not abduct her. He stated that he does acknowledge what they did to the victim that night and what they put her through. He stated that when it happened it was months prior to this incident. He was lost, he thought he was grown. He had biases that he had adopted from people around him. He thought what he was doing was right at the time. He stated that he was lost kid and trying to prove himself.

Ms. Globokar questioned why he chose to go to trial.

Ms. Lia Raves stated that he was not ready. He was scared and embarrassed and not ready to take that level of accountability. She stated that he was still a child and had a lot of growth to do.

Ms. Goff questioned if his attorney at that time recommended him to pled guilty.

Mr. Adrian Gabriel stated no.

Ms. Nicole Bartell, Assistant Attorney General Sexually Violent Persons Bureau, requested a 90 day stay if paroled today for an evaluation.

End of discussion.

DECISION AND RATIONALE

Motion to grant parole (DGOFF - RSHOFFNER). Motion fails with a 5-6 vote. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Coates, Mr. Delgado, Ms. Goff, Ms. Shoffner, and Ms. Terrones. Mr. Bohland, Ms. Globokar, Mr. Grubbs, Mr. Heaton, Ms. Tison, and Mr. Tupy dissented.

After thorough consideration of Mr. Gabriel's case, the Board voted to deny parole. The Board feels that parole release at this time would not be in the interest of public safety, as there is a substantial



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risk that Mr. Gabriel's parole release at this time would deprecate the serious nature of the offenses and promote a lack of respect for the law.

"The Board makes a specific finding that the release of victim protest letters could subject a person to actual risk of physical harm. The Board further notes that, pursuant to Illinois law, victim statements are confidential and privileged."