

**Illinois Prisoner Review Board
EN BANC MINUTE SHEET
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2012**

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in open En Banc session at 319 E Madison, Springfield, IL, on November 1, 2012, 2012, at the 8:00 a.m. session to discuss and deliberate parole eligibility for the following inmates:

C15434 JOSEPH HURST
C91336 EARL ALLEN
C82417 HUGHES WARE
C01175 ROOSEVELT SCOTT
C01114 CHESTER WEGER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Monreal
Roll call was taken by the Recording Secretary: Kelly Knappmeyer

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Eric Althoff	X	
Angela Blackman-Donovan	X	
Edith Crigler	X	
Ed Bowers	X	
Salvador Diaz	X	
Craig Findley		x
Jesse Madison	X	
William Norton	X	
Jennifer Parrack	X	
Mary Reynolds	x	
Donald Shelton	X	
William Simmons	X	
Norman Sula	X	
Geraldine Tyler		
Adam Monreal	X	

14 Present 1 absent

The Recording Secretary presented the following minutes for approval:
Open Session Minutes September 27, 2012.

It is noted that member Findley was present later during the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned (ADM – CF).
Submitted by: Regina Bosie, Recording Secretary

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Inmate Name: **Joseph Hurst**

IDOC Number & Institution: **C15434**

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Absent: C. Findley,

Other(s) present: R. Bosie Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Diaz presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials. It is noted that many members of the Chicago Police Department were present. Mr. Hurst is 69 years old and has served 43 years. His original sentence was death, which was overturned to 100-300 years for the murder of a police officer. Facts of the crime were discussed and reviewed. His wife was scheduled to be the hearing, but was unable to attend. His institutional adjustment has been adequate and he is currently in B grade due to recent tickets. During his interview, Hurst stated that he is still bothered by the facts that police did unlawful stop and he feels that if they hadn't stopped he would not have committed the crime. He stated he is sorry. His parole support includes his wife and he would live with her in the south side of Chicago. He feels the Board should forgive him. He is religious, but didn't focus on that. Board members felt that the community has still not gotten over the crime. Member Madison stated that he took the State's Attorney protest and they object parole and are requesting a five years set. There were fourteen persons present at the protest hearing. Prior votes were noted.

Motion to deny parole in that releasing this inmate would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law (SD - EA).

Clarification –

Avia Futorian – She noted that Mr. Hurst and his wife raised their children to be contributing members of society. She feels that the Board should look at what he has done since incarcerated.

Assistant State's Attorney – She noted the robbery of the CTA driver and that Hurst was on probation at the time.

Motion approved 14-0.

PAROLE DENIED

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Inmate Name: **EARL ALLEN** IDOC Number & Institution: **C91336**

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Absent: C. Findley,

Other(s) present: R. Bosie Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Tyler presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials. Mr. Allen is 58 years old. During his parole interview his son and daughter-in-law were present at this hearing to offer their support of parole. He is serving 100-300 years for murder. He was on bond at the time. Facts of the crime were reviewed and discussed.

His institutional adjustment has been adequate and he is in B grade. He stated he was young and intoxicated at the time of the instant offense. He is a father of nine children.

Protest from the State's Attorney was noted and reviewed. He received a ticket in August 2012 and received C grade status.

Motion to deny parole in that releasing this inmate would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law (GT - EA).

Motion approved 14-0.

PAROLE DENIED

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Inmate Name: **Hughes Ware** IDOC Number & Institution: **C82417**

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Absent: C. Findley,

Other(s) present: R. Bosie, Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Crigler presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials. Mr. Ware is 65 years old and currently at Dixon due to health concerns. Facts of the crime were reviewed. They indicate that during a home invasion/robbery the victim was shot and killed.

His institutional adjustment has been unstable. He was non-responsive during his hearing. He has no release plans. He has been diagnosed as schizophrenia. There was some discussion regarding mental health concerns and medication. The Board discussed civil commitment and what that would entail.

A strong protest from the State's Attorney was noted and reviewed.

Motion to deny parole in that releasing this inmate would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law (EC - EB).

Motion approved 14-0.

Parole denied.

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Inmate Name: **Roosevelt Scott** IDOC Number & Institution: **C01175**

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Absent: C. Findley,

Other(s) present: R. Bosie Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Simmons presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials. Mr. Scott was interviewed on September 26, 2012. He is 78 years old and serving 100-150 years for murder. He was originally sentenced to death. He is in a grade and unassigned. He has received a number of tickets. Facts of the crime were reviewed as was his criminal history. Mr. Scott stated that his parole plans were "doing time". He stated he did not want to kill anyone. Board is concern that he has no parole plans. He has served 53 years. Member Madison took the State's Attorney protest and it was reviewed. They are not in favor of parole and request a five year set.

Motion to deny parole in that releasing this inmate would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law (WS - JM).

Motion approved 14-0.

Parole denied.

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Inmate Name: **Chester Weger** IDOC Number & Institution: **C01114**

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Other(s) present: R. Bosie Recording Secretary

Summary of discussion for parole consideration: Member Donovan presented a summary of the parole interview and a review of all file materials. Mrs. Donovan stated it was a complicated case. Mr. Weger was interviewed on August 29, 2012. Present at his hear was a reporter. This is a Starved Rock Murders. In which three women were murdered, ages were 47, 50 & 50. Member Donovan did extensive research and reviewed multiple transcripts. Weger worked at the lodge as a dish washer at the time of the murders. Witness stated that he had bruises and cut on his face. He told the chef he had cut his self by shaving and his coat was also stain. Weger stated that he was in the basement at the time of the murders. He changed his alibi three times.

Motion to go to Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/s(c)(18) for deliberation for decision of the Prisoner Review Board. (NS – NBM) Motion approved 12-0
The Board went to Closed Session. The Board returned to Open Session.

Discussion continued;

In August 1959, 7 months before the instant offense, 17 year old girl and an 18 year boy was confronted by the man the identified as Weger. He led them to the woods, bound with the same twine, robbed them and raped the girl.

Mr. Weger surrendered his coat and they sent to the FBI, it was tested and determined to be human blood, but they could type it due to the material. In September, he took multiple polygraph exams, which they felt he lied on every questions regard committing the murder. He was arrested months after that and gave an oral statement/confession and then a court reporter was called in to take the disposition.

Mr. Weger states he is innocent and there is no evidence. During his hearing, it was hard to get him to answer direct questions. He has a hard and was ranting/raving about being framed up. The trouble he has in Department of Corrections, he blames on Department of Corrections for being out to get him. He now stated that he went somewhere not in the basement.

There are lots of information on behalf of parole. Almost all deal with the lawyer at trial.

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Discussion continued:

His health is good. His parole plans are with his daughter in LaSalle County. He has received six tickets in the last 18 months and segregation time. This was discussed and felt that some of them may have been due to him not being able to urinate.

Problems with this case are his innocence claim. His sentence has been appealed and affirmed. He has no remorse.

Clarification –

Representative for Mr. Weger – The noted that the original defense attorney did not seek an independent expert regarding the blood on the coat. His sister spoke of her support and noted his age.

Motion to deny parole in that releasing this inmate would deprecate the seriousness of the offense and promote disrespect for the law (ABD – CF)

Discussion: Mr. Findley noted that he is very familiar with the case and feels that Mr. Weger would not be a risk to re-offend and that he has served enough time.

Motion approved 8-7

In favor – Althoff, Blackman-Donovan, Bowers, Norton, Parrack, Simmons, Sula,
Chairman Monreal

Against – Crigler, Diaz, Findley, Madison, Reynolds, Shelton, and Tyler

Parole denied

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