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## Prisoner Review Board

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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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BRUCE RAUNER, GOVERNOR  
**PRISONER REVIEW BOARD**  
Craig Findley, Chairman

The Honorable Bruce Rauner  
Office of the Governor  
207 Statehouse  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Rauner:

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board is pleased to submit its forty-first annual report for calendar year 2017.

As a law enforcement agency of the State of Illinois, the Board serves four primary missions: (1) bi-partisan, independent review, adjudication, and enforcement of behavioral rules for offenders; (2) parole consideration reviews and decisions for all adult offenders with “indeterminate” sentences; (3) hearings and confidential reports and recommendations to the Governor regarding all requests for executive clemency; (4) protection and consideration of the rights and concerns of victims when making decisions or recommendations regarding parole, executive clemency, conditions of release, or revocation of parole or release.

In 2017, the Board continued to successfully implement the terms of the *M.H. v. Monreal* Consent Decree and the *Morales v. Findley* Settlement Agreement, with the hiring and training of numerous attorneys and hearing officers throughout the State. As we move into 2018, the Board expects to report compliance in both cases, through the advent of reformed procedures and processes that protect the rights of releasees and the safety of our community. In conjunction with our sister agencies, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Prisoner Review Board continues to refine and improve these systems to further the State’s twin goals of reducing both incarceration and recidivism.

The Board’s efforts to convert the paper files and operational systems of the agency to a digital medium are ongoing. Digital integration of the Board’s processes allows for increased efficiencies in transportation and processing of files and decisions both internally and with our law enforcement partners, as well as providing Board Members with seamless access to releasees’ files throughout the State, thereby enhancing the Board’s decision-making. Our agency anticipates continued improvements in this area, including the first steps towards the creation of a digitalized data-tracking system with real-time communication to the file systems of our sister agencies.

As always, the Board remains steadfast in its dedication to the law enforcement goals of the State, and we will continue to seek to further refine and improve the release supervision system in Illinois.

Sincerely,

Craig Findley  
Chairman



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## INTRODUCTION

Prior to February 1, 1978, the Illinois Prisoner Review Board (“the Board”) was a division of the Illinois Department of Corrections (“IDOC”) known as the Parole and Pardon Board. Today the Board is a quasi-judicial entity that makes decisions concerning adult and juvenile prison inmate matters. By statute it is currently composed of 15 Members who are appointed by the Governor, with the approval of the State Senate.

While the number of classic parole cases has decreased in recent years, today the greater part of the Board’s time is employed in holding parole revocation hearings, consisting of technical and new sentence revocations. The dockets are approximately 8,200 cases a year. These hearings are held at the various penal institutions around the state. The hearings can be complex fact-finding affairs involving attorneys on both sides of the questions, witness testimony, cross-examinations, and volumes of documentary evidence.

This kind of hearing and reviewing activity at both juvenile and adult institutions is at the heart of the Board’s duties. Board Members and staff travel to each institution of the Illinois Department of Corrections and to the Cook

County Jail at least once each month. On any given month, the Board will visit all institutions, sometimes twice a month, to conduct its hearings.

### **Executive Clemency**

Perhaps the most visible work the Board does involves executive clemency proceedings, which occur four

times a year. Twice in Chicago and twice in Springfield the Board convenes to hear petitions from individuals seeking Clemency in the form of a Pardon, an Expungement, a Commutation or some other form of relief from the Governor. Confidential Recommendations are made to the Governor after these hearings are held and they are sent to his office for a final determination. Most petitioners request public hearings, but the Board also reviews petitions without a public hearing if the petitioner so chooses.

### **Victim Notification**

One of the Board’s other historically significant mandates has been to provide victim notification services. The Board has an award-winning, specialized Victim Notification Unit (“VNU”) that documents the names and addresses of persons who request to be included in its registry. The VNU is devoted to alerting victims and their families of the impending release of an inmate from IDOC.

By allowing the victims to be involved in the process, it is the Board’s intention to assist them in experiencing less frustration with the criminal justice system. Victims and their loved ones call, write or very often meet with Board members to register their opposition to parole or to request special conditions of parole. This is all coordinated by a small, dedicated staff that compose the VNU and the Operations Unit. Board members and staff work closely with victim advocates and state’s attorneys throughout Illinois to coordinate efforts to protect the rights of crime victims.



The VNU has always facilitated victims' desires to inform the Board of their opinions about the individuals who victimized them.

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The Board also convenes at least twice a month to deliberate and prepare orders which enumerate the conditions that an inmate shall abide by while on parole/mandatory supervised release. In an average month, the Board will issue approximately 1,600 orders for inmates who are due to be placed on mandatory supervised release pursuant to law.

### **C-Number Hearings**

Before 1978, one of the Board's primary mandates was to hold parole eligibility hearings for prison inmates whose sentences were of indeterminate durations. After that date, when determinate (flat) sentences were legislated in Illinois, the number of classic parole hearings for what have become known as C-number inmates, was fixed at a group of approximately 16,500 inmates, a number that has been whittled down to approximately 154 in the course of the years. These hearings continue to be held across the

State and constitute the Board's most contested and deliberated hearings. The Board monthly at its Springfield headquarters to thoroughly discuss and vote on these special cases.

### **Other Hearings**

The Board also reviews IDOC's recommendations for revocation of inmate good conduct credits when there has been an alleged violation of institutional rules. The Board provides a hearing to permit an inmate to make a defense against the allegation, before deciding whether to revoke these credits. The Board is further authorized to review IDOC recommendations for restoration of lost credits in cases in which an inmate's good behavior appears to merit such a reward. More than 2,800 such hearings are conducted each year.

### **Juvenile Hearings**

Finally, the Board carries out specialized juvenile parole hearings at eight juvenile institutions each month under provisions of the Juvenile Court Act. These hearings mirror the adult hearings described above, but are conducted pursuant to different laws than those observed in the adult hearings.



## Recidivism

With the State confronting a recidivism rate of approximately 47.1%, the reintegration of individuals back into society from incarceration is challenging. Presently, there is an emerging belief that the larger price is being borne by society, since the practical barriers facing people with criminal records make it more likely that they will slip back into a life of crime if not effectively addressed.

One of the overwhelming requests to the Board on clemency issues is that persons with convictions cannot get jobs. Many employers refuse to give jobs to convicted persons because they don't trust convicted persons, are afraid of lawsuits on negligent hiring, insurance companies, and, in some cases, are prohibited by law from hiring convicted persons. However, the lack of jobs is compounding the problem. Persons who have been convicted, after they have finished their time, are returning back to community only to find they can no longer find employment. This inability to earn a living too often results in a reliance upon Public Aid or a return to a life of crime in order to survive.

In order to break the cycle of recidivism, we must aid convicted persons in becoming law-abiding citizens. By introducing rehabilitation programs which specifically aid those who have served their debt to society, this goal can be attained.

The Board continues to hear clemency requests and makes confidential Recommendations to the Governor. The Governor has made final decisions on approximately 969 clemency cases this year.



**ILLINOIS PRISONER REVIEW BOARD  
SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIVITY- ADULT**

<b>TYPE OF HEARING</b>	<b>NUMBER OF CASES</b>
Parole Reviews/C-Numbers	56
Good Conduct Requests	2,210
Release Reviews	19,967
Parole/Release Revocations	6,841
Final Discharges	1,589
Executive Clemency	539
Cases Revised/Amended	571
Cases Continued	1,570
Cases Revised by Parole Agent Requests	1,003
Rehearing Request and Reconsideration Requests	990
90 Day EGCC	32
<b>Total Adult Considerations</b>	<b>35,368</b>

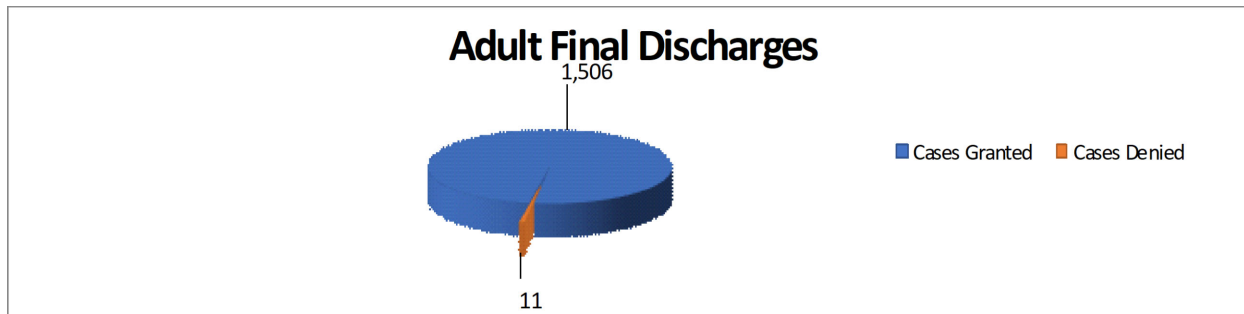
**ADULT RELEASE REVIEWS**

Mandatory Supervised Release Reviews	19,964
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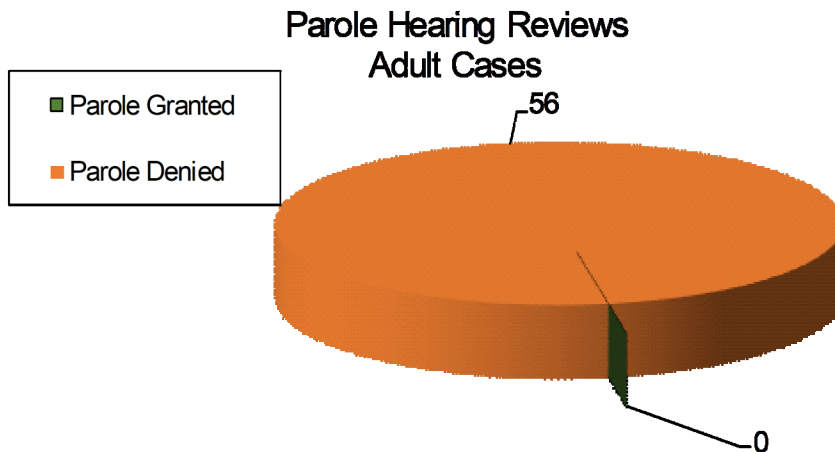
## ADULT FINAL DISCHARGES

Total Cases Considered	1,517
Total Cases Granted	1,506
<b>Discharge Consideration Approval Rate</b>	<b>99.3%</b>



## ADULT PAROLE REVIEWS/C-NUMBERS

Total Cases Considered	56
Total Cases Granted	0
<b>Parole Consideration Approval Rate</b>	<b>0.00%</b>



## ADULT PAROLE CASES/C-NUMBERS BY CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Center	Cases Decided	Parole Granted	Parole Denied	Parole Rate
Big Muddy River	4	1	3	25.00%
Centralia	0	0	0	0.00%
Danville	5	0	5	0.00%
Decatur	0	0	0	0.00%
Dixon	10	1	9	10.00%
East Moline	0	0	0	0.00%
Graham	1	0	1	0.00%
Hill	4	0	4	0.00%
Illinois River	3	0	3	0.00%
Jacksonville	0	0	0	0.00%
Lawrence	7	0	7	0.00%
Lincoln	0	0	0	0.00%
Logan	1	0	1	0.00%
Menard	5	0	5	0.00%
NRC	0	0	0	0.00%
Pinckneyville	3	0	3	0.00%
Pontiac	3	0	3	0.00%
Robinson	1	0	1	0.00%
Shawnee	4	0	4	0.00%
Sheridan	0	0	0	0.00%
Southwestern	0	0	0	0.00%
Stateville	3	0	3	0.00%
Taylorville	1	0	1	0.00%
Vandalia	0	0	0	0.00%
Vienna	0	0	0	0.00%
Western	1	0	1	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3.57%</b>

\*The numbers reflected within this chart pertain to those inmates who remain incarcerated under pre-1978 sentencing laws.



## ADULT PAROLE CASES / C-NUMBERS

Adult Parole Cases	Custody
Currently Incarcerated	122
Currently Paroled	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>

## MORALES / KING PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

Morales / King Hearings Conducted	2,719
Morales / King Hearings with Probable Cause Found	1,773
<b>Rate</b>	<b>65.2%</b>

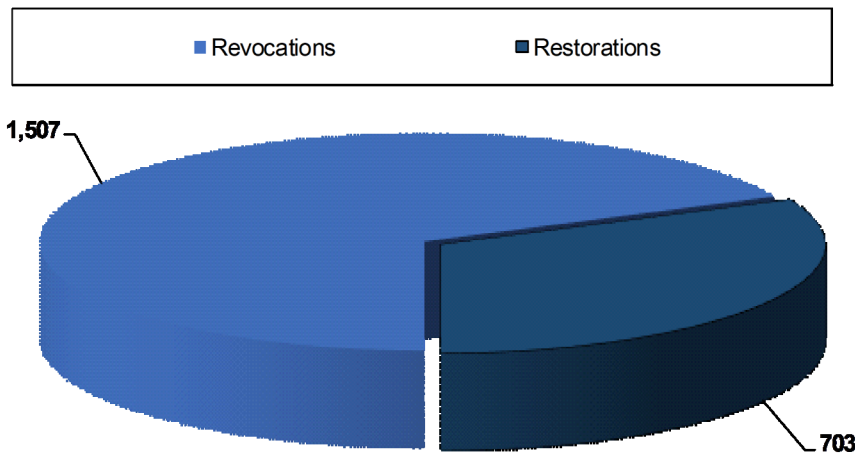


## ADULT GOOD CONDUCT CREDITS

Revocations	Number of Cases
Reviewed	1,507
Revoked	839
Lowered	495
Disapproved	153

Restorations	Number of Cases
Reviewed	703
Restored	638
Lowered	35
Disapproved	28

### Adult Good Conduct Credit Reviews

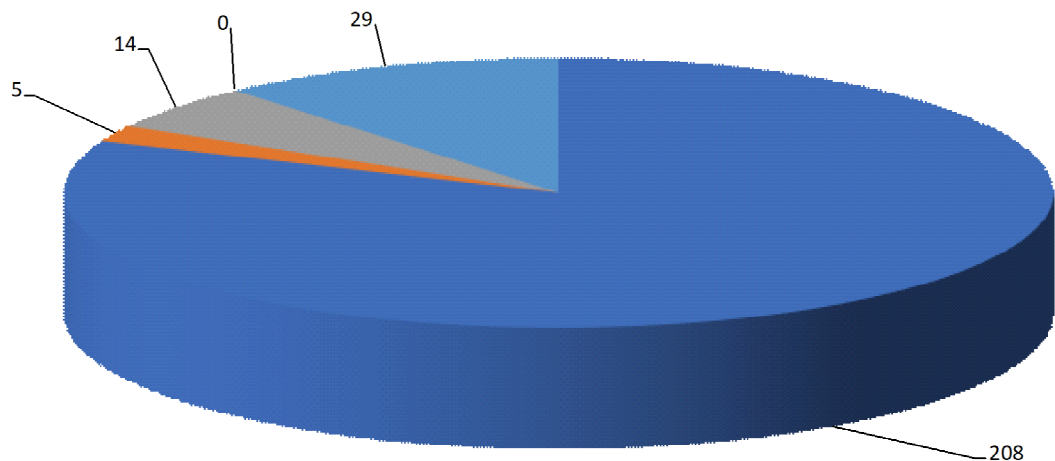


## SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIVITY - JUVENILE

JUVENILE HEARINGS	NUMBER OF CASES
Hearing Reviews	208
Good Conduct Reviews	5
Revocation Reviews	14
Cases Revised/Amended	0
Cases Continued	29
<b>TOTAL JUVENILE REVIEWS</b>	<b>256</b>

**Juvenile Hearings  
(By Hearing)**

■ Hearing Reviews ■ Good Conduct Reviews ■ Revocation Reviews ■ Cases Revised/Amended ■ Cases Continued



## EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY PETITIONS REVIEWED BY THE PRISONER REVIEW BOARD

January	83
April	129
July	186
October	141
<b>Total Hearings</b>	<b>539</b>

## EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY PETITIONS ACTED UPON BY THE GOVERNOR\*

Granted Pardons/ Expungements	51
Denied	916
Commutation of Sentence	2
<b>Total Petitions Acted Upon</b>	<b>969</b>

\*Petitions heard from previous years.



## CERTIFICATE OF SEALING

No. of Petitions Received	21
No. of Petitions Granted	9
<b>Rate</b>	43.0%

On January 1, 2014, the Legislature changed the law to allow for sealing of Class 3 and Class 4 convictions for the following felony offenses: Deceptive Practice, Theft, Forgery, Possession of Burglary Tools, Possession of Cannabis, Possession of a Controlled Substance and a Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Class 3 Felony). For a full list of qualifying offenses, reference the agency's website at [www.Illinois.gov/prb](http://www.Illinois.gov/prb), under the Certificates of Sealing section.

A Certificate of Sealing may be issued by a panel of three Members with a unanimous vote to recommend that the court order the sealing of all official records of the arresting authority, the circuit court clerk, and the Department of State Police concerning the arrest and conviction for the Class 3 or 4 felony.

## CERTIFICATE OF EXPUNGEMENT FOR MILITARY

No. of Petitions Received	2
No. of Petitions Granted	1
<b>Rate</b>	50.0%

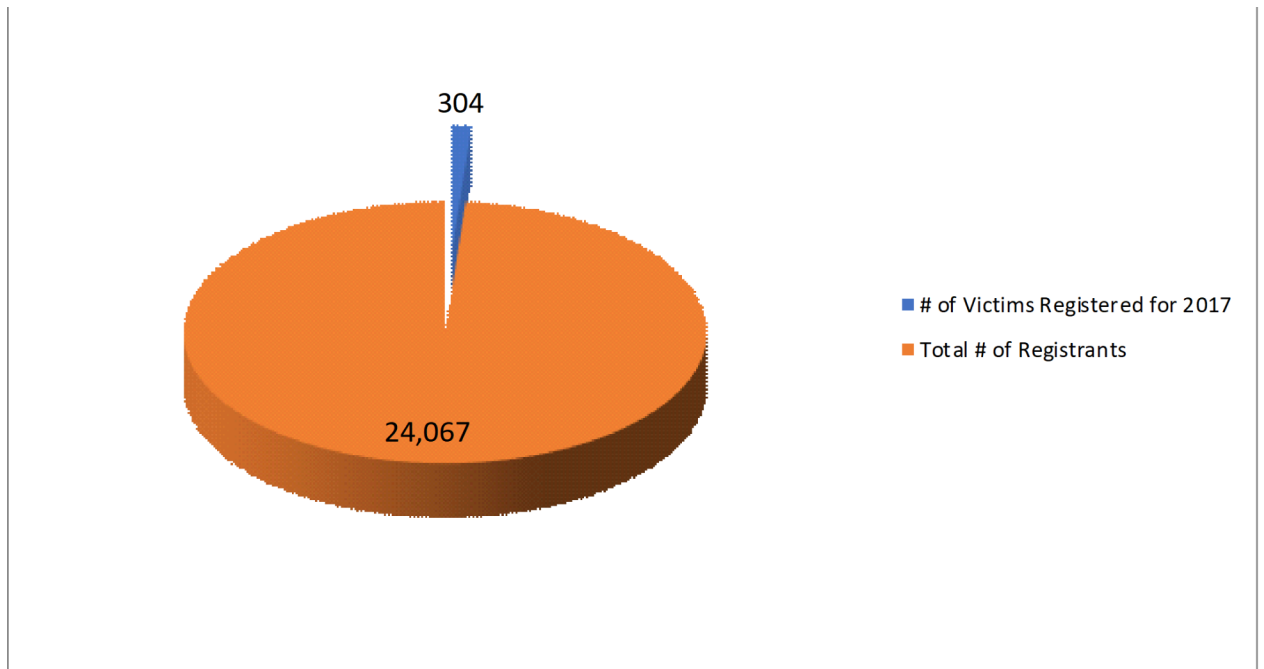
On January 1, 2014, the Legislature changed the law to allow Expungements for a persons who, after having been convicted of a Class 3 or Class 4 felony, thereafter served in the United States Armed Forces of National Guard or any State and received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces or National Guard, or who, at the time of filing the petition, are enlisted in the United States Armed Forces or National Guard of any State and served one tour of duty and who meet the requirements of the Board.

For a list of offenses that qualify, reference the agency's website at [www.Illinois.gov/prb](http://www.Illinois.gov/prb), under the Certificate of Expungement for Military section.



## VICTIM NOTIFICATION UNIT (ACTIVITY)

2017 Victim Notification Registrants	304
Adult Release Notifications	291
<b>Total Number of Victim Registrants</b>	<b>24,067</b>



## BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

**CRAIG FINDLEY, CHAIRMAN**, appointed in February 2001. Mr. Findley was Chairman of the Board from January 2003 to May 2004 and appointed as Chairman in March 2015. A writer and businessman, Mr. Findley owned and published three Illinois weekly newspapers and served as President of Craig Findley Associates, a consulting firm. He served as Deputy Director of the Illinois Department of Transportation, as an elected member of the Illinois House of Representatives and was a senior aide to Congressman Bob Michel. He has long been active in organizations that advocate adoption and promote the best interests of children. Mr. Findley is a member and twice Chairman of the Lincoln Land Community College Board of Trustees, a member of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board and He has served as President of the Jacksonville Public Library and as Chairman of the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a graduate of Knox College.

**JOHN CLOUGH, MEMBER**, Mr. Clough was appointed in March 2017. He retired from the Coles County Sheriff's Office after 23 years of service. Mr. Clough began his career at Coles County as a Correctional Officer after his honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps. While serving in corrections, he received a commendation for saving the life of an inmate and the Outstanding Correctional Officer Award from the Illinois Sheriff's Association. After transferring to the Patrol Division, he served in a variety of du-

ties and assignments. K9 handler, Traffic Crash Investigator, Patrol Supervisor, Crisis Response Team (S.W.A.T.) and Detective. Mr. Clough has received awards in recognition for his efforts in DUI enforcement from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

**EDITH CRIGLER, MEMBER**, appointed October 2011, has been employed in a variety of human service positions in Chicago for over 40 years. She holds a B.A. in Political Science and a Para Legal Certificate from Roosevelt University and an M.A. Degree in Administration and Social Policy from the University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration. She is a nationally certified Balance and Restorative Justice Trainer, and was an Adjunct Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Chicago State University. She is also a social work field instructor at the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration and Chicago State University Social Work Department.

Ms. Crigler was one of the first advocates in Chicago's Domestic Violence court and has a long history of working on behalf of victims of domestic violence and other individuals who have been marginalized. Her special interest is and has been in the area of rights and protection of women and children. She has designed and conducted workshops for human service and law enforcement professionals focused on the myriad of issues germane to poverty.



She has served as a paralegal and policy specialist for Metropolitan Family Services where she reviewed systemic problems of poverty both in metropolitan Chicago and the rest of the State of Illinois. She has a strong expertise in translating bureaucratic language into user-friendly language for advocates.

Ms. Crigler was the first and only Director of the African American Caucus for the Family Resource Coalition of America (FRCA). At FRCA, she coordinated, supervised and directed all projects focused on African American family issues, which included publications, policy analysis, consulting, and training.

She was appointed in 2010 by the Governor to the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission and served as a Commissioner .

**SALVADOR DIAZ, MEMBER,** appointed in 2005, has a community-based panorama of experience. A retired Chicago Police Officer, Mr. Diaz has a history of working with youth as a Cook County Juvenile Probation Officer, Child Abuse Investigator, Social Worker, and Child Welfare Worker with Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

In the field of education, with the City Colleges of Chicago, Mr. Diaz has been a full-time Criminal Justice Instructor and student advisor/counselor. He was also an instructor at the Chicago Police Academy and the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy, where he taught courses in Tactical Communications, Child Abuse Investigations, and Psychology of Variant Behavior. His educational history consists of a Bachelors Degree in Sociology, a Masters Degree in Counseling

Psychology, and finalizing work toward a doctoral degree in Education.

**D. WAYNE DUNN, MEMBER,** appointed in March 2015. Mr. Dunn received his B.S. degree in Social Studies in 1967, his M.S. in Guidance and Educational Psychology in 1970, and has done advanced graduate work in the field of Educational Administration and Supervision. All academic work was completed at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. In addition to the above, he has obtained additional training in computer technology, property appraisal, and insurance.

After graduation in 1967, he taught in rural schools for some time, primarily dealing with the at-risk students. Many of these were economically and culturally deprived. During one year, he was a Neighborhood Youth Corp counselor that worked in the lower 5 counties to place high school dropouts back in some type of educational setting, be it academic or vocational.

Since that time, he was employed as a Guidance Director for approximately 30 years. He also served the school districts as a work study coordinator, and special education coordinator. In 2005, he was hired as the Mental Health Administrator at the Illinois Youth Center in Harrisburg, a position that he held for approximately ten years. This position involved the coordination of mental health services to the population, and required the supervision of a professional staff.



Mr. Dunn was also the contract monitor for the substance abuse staff, and coordinator of the psychiatric services to the population at the facility. While living in Southern Illinois all his life, Mr. Dunn has been very active as a community activist. Some of his involvement has included serving as the Chairman of the Board for the Shawnee Development Council, treasurer of the Southern Seven Health Department, initiator of the nutrition program for the elderly in several counties, known as Southern Pride, and currently serving on the advisory board for the Shawnee Alliance for seniors.

**PETE FISHER, MEMBER**, appointed in March 2015. Mr. Fisher retired from law enforcement after nearly 35 years of service in the Tazewell County area. His career began in 1980 with the East Peoria Police Department, retiring in 2009 at the rank of Deputy Chief. In 2010, Mr. Fisher was appointed as the Chief of Police with the Creve Coeur Police Department, retiring in 2015. He held many different ranks and positions throughout his career including Detective Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant, Detective, Field Training Officer, and undercover narcotics agent. Mr. Fisher is a 2005 graduate of the FBI National Academy (session 222) in Quantico, Virginia.

**VONETTA HARRIS, MEMBER**, appointed in September 2013. Ms. Harris began her career as a social worker for Gateway Outpatient Health Clinic and a Crisis Hotline Intervention Specialist for Call For Help, providing assessments and interventions for the dually-diagnosed and alcohol and substance abusers. Ms. Harris later transitioned her career from

social work to education, targeting displaced families and at-risk youth. Ms. Harris has served as an Educational Counseling Specialist, Program Coordinator, and a Director, organizing specific programs to address the stigma of low-income, first-generation youth and the rate of recidivism amongst juveniles. She is an active board member for Call for Help, Inc., and a Planning Commissioner for the City of East St. Louis, promoting community resources and job opportunities for an impoverished community. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and a Master's in Education Administration from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri.

**ELLEN JOHNSON, MEMBER**, Ms. Johnson was appointed in March 2017. Ms. Johnson graduated from Elmhurst College in 1983 and continued to graduate school at Northern Illinois University the same year. In 1985, she graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Developmental Psychology and began teaching at the College of DuPage the same year, teaching a wide variety of undergraduate psychology courses. In 1987, Ms. Johnson went back to Northern Illinois University and completed a Master of Science degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. From 1989 to May 1990, she began an internship at Illinois Youth Center (IYC) St. Charles and was hired at IYC St. Charles as a full-time Psychologist in June 1990. In 1994, she returned to Northern Illinois University to begin the Doctor of Education program in Counseling Psychology.



She completed the doctoral candidacy exams in 1999, continuing to teach at the College of DuPage and working at IYC St. Charles during this time. While working at IYC St. Charles, she became certified as an institutional and statewide trainer, along with completing data collection and statistical analysis. She transferred from IYC St. Charles to the Illinois Department of Correction parole unit in 2006 and worked as a parole agent with both youth and adults with re-entry in the community. Ms. Johnson retired from parole in 2015.

Ms. Johnson served as co-chair for the Kane County Juvenile Justice Council and was a member of the Juvenile Officers Association. She has worked in private practice in Marriage and Family Therapy and as a research consultant on qualitative research projects. Ms. Johnson has presented at seminars and conferences on Education, and Marriage and Family Therapy.

**THOMAS L. JOHNSON, MEMBER**, appointed in March 2013. After finishing a tour of duty in Vietnam (U.S. Army '66-'68), he earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan and a Doctorate of Law from DePaul University. He served as an Assistant State's Attorney in DuPage County, where he became Chief of the White Collar Crime Division. He was an instructor at the College of DuPage during this period as well, teaching a course on crime scene investigations. He was a founding partner in the law firm of Johnson, Westra et. al., where he continued in the private practice of law until taking office as the State Representative for the Illinois

50th District. He served ten years in the Illinois House where he chaired the House Judiciary Committee and was Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Illinois Prison Reform Committee. Mr. Johnson has a passion for criminal justice reform so that the recidivism rates can be reduced. He has served on numerous boards, task forces, and community organizations. Mr. Johnson previously served on the Prisoner Review Board from 2004 to 2011, after which he took office as an Illinois Senator from 2011 to 2013.

**DARYL JONES, MEMBER**, appointed in March 2015. He began his legal career serving as an Assistant State's Attorney at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. There he worked in the Child Protection Division, the Juvenile Justice Division, the Felony Review Unit, and at the South Side Community Justice Center. He also worked in the Criminal Appeals Division, where he argued cases in front of the Illinois Appellate Court. From there, Mr. Jones went on to serve as Chief of Intergovernmental Relations, Senior Legal Advisor, and Ethics Officer at the Illinois Department of Corrections. Mr. Jones is passionate about public service and has been active with numerous commissions, task forces, and projects related to reforming and improving the criminal justice system. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served two tours of special duty at the American embassies in Singapore and Nicaragua.



Mr. Jones earned two Bachelor's Degrees from Eastern Illinois University and a law degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

**VIRGINIA MARTINEZ, MEMBER**, appointed in March 2017. Ms. Martinez is an attorney and has spent most of her career working in non-profit organizations and has been a strong advocate for Latinos, women, children and the poor. Prior to being appointed to the PRB she was a non-profit management consultant and collaborative leadership trainer

**WILLIAM NORTON, MEMBER**, appointed in September 2012. Mr. Norton was appointed in September 2012. Mr Norton attended Southeast Missouri State University on a track and cross country scholarship and earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science in 1975. He attended law school at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and received his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1978. Mr. Norton served as an Assistant State's Attorney and has engaged in the general practice of law for thirty-five years. Mr. Norton also served by appointment as a Circuit Judge for approximately two years. He is an Eagle Scout and has been a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America for fifty years. Mr. Norton and his wife, Cathy, have been married for thirty-nine years and reside in Sparta, Illinois. They have three adult sons and continue to be active and involved in various activities and organizations in their community.

**AURTHUR MAE PERKINS, MEMBER**, appointed in March 2015. She retired from Peoria Public School District 150 after 30 years of service. Her roles included being a classroom teacher, the principal of Harrison Primary School, and the last 4 years as the family liaison at Trewyn K-8 School. She was an adjunct faculty member at Bradley University. She currently serves on the Peoria Housing Authority Board and the Peoria Citizen's Committee for Economic Opportunity (PCCEO) as a board member. Mrs. Perkins and her husband, Howard, have been married for sixty years and reside in Peoria, Illinois. They have four adults sons and three deceased children. They continue to be actively involved in their church and in their community. Mrs. Perkins graduated Cum Laude with her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Bradley University in 1982. She also earned her Master's Degree in Education from Bradley University in 1990.



**DONALD SHELTON, MEMBER,** appointed in September 2012. He retired from the Champaign Police Department after 23 years of service, the last 14 years at the rank of Patrol Sergeant. Mr. Shelton is credited with starting the agency's Crime Scene Unit. He taught a Basic Investigative Photography course for many down-state police departments, as well as a digital photography class as an adjunct faculty member of the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (College of DuPage). At the Champaign Police Department he held various assignments in the Investigations Division, as a Field Training Officer, and on a street crimes unit.

**KENNETH D. TUPY, MEMBER,** appointed in June 2016.



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