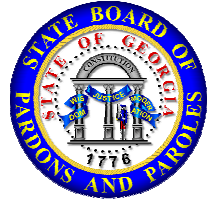




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*Albert Murray, Chairman; Terry Barnard, Vice Chairman;
Member Robert Keller; Member James Donald; Member James Mills*

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STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Parole Board Elects 2014 Leadership

At the May Parole Board meeting, Board Members re-elected **Chairman Albert Murray** and **Vice Chairman Terry Barnard** to their leadership positions for a second term. The new terms began July 1, 2013. Murray and Barnard will serve in the positions for Fiscal Year 2014.

Murray says he's honored to be elected chairman by his colleagues for another year.

"Leadership at any level is a great honor, but to serve as chairman of the Georgia Parole Board has special meaning because of my colleagues on the Board, all of whom are tremendous leaders. Over the past year, I have had the honor to serve as chairman alongside a group of the best state employees who make up the State Board of Pardons and Paroles," stated Murray.

He added, "The Parole Board will continue to serve all Georgians through careful and thorough parole considerations and effective supervision of parolees in our communities. Crime victims will always be an important part in the process. It's also an exciting time to be in this role, as Georgia, under Governor Nathan Deal's leadership, moves forward with criminal justice reform."

Albert Murray was appointed to the Board in May 2010. He served as vice chairman of the Parole Board from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2012. Prior to his appointment to the Board, Murray was Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice and he remains that agency's longest serving commissioner.

Murray's career began in Tennessee serving the



Parole Board Chairman Albert Murray and Vice Chairman Terry Barnard

state in the area of youth services. He was later promoted to Assistant Commissioner of Youth Services in that state. His success took him to Kansas where he served as the state's first Juvenile Justice Commissioner.

Terry Barnard joined the Parole Board in May 2010 after nearly sixteen years in the state legislature. He served on key committees including Appropriations, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Children and Youth, Rules, and State Institutions and Property, where he served as committee chairman for six years. In 1995-1996, Barnard guided through the Georgia House the framework for the State Sex Offender Registry and Sexual Offenders Registration Review Board.

"I am once again extremely honored and humbled that I've been asked to serve the Board as vice chairman. The past year has been rewarding and I look forward to another year of working with staff to accomplish a continued goal of making this agency the best paroling authority in the nation," stated Barnard.

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GA. HAS PAROLE OFFICERS WORK IN CARS, NOT OFFICES

By [KATE BRUMBACK](#)

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ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia is pioneering a new strategy to eliminate parole offices, an effort officials say allows the officers to spend more time working with people in the community and also saves money.

Over the last year or so, the state has closed most of its parole offices and equipped officers with laptops, smartphones and mobile printers, turning their state vehicles into mobile offices. The plan stresses visiting parolees in their communities rather than having them come into an office, said Michael Nail, executive director of parole for the state.

"It puts us out in the community," he said. "It puts us where the offender lives and works and attends treatment."

No other state has eliminated physical parole offices, and Georgia has been asked to give a presentation on the "virtual office" at a national parole conference in July, said State Board of Pardons and Parole spokesman Steve Hayes.

Carl Wicklund, executive director of the American Probation and Parole Association, said a lot of departments are moving toward more mobility and technology is making that possible, but he's not aware of anyone else eliminating offices to the extent that Georgia is.

"It will be interesting to see how it works out for them," he said.

Georgia parole officials began thinking about cutting down on office space a couple of years ago when they realized the space wasn't used much because officers were generally out in the field, Nail said. They originally envisioned phasing out the offices over three years, but after the governor told all state agencies to cut their budgets by 3 percent for the 2013 and 2014 fiscal years they cut the timeline down to one year.

The savings amounted to about \$1.5 million in the first year, which is money that can be reinvested in programs or technology, Nail said.

Officers now work in pairs not only for safety, but so one can read up on a case on the way to a visit or enter information about a just-completed visit, which also

saves time previously spent in the office, Nail said. It also allows them to work more flexible hours because they aren't tied to typical government office hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Those hours frequently aren't convenient for parolees who are expected to keep a job, and the increased flexibility allows for evening or weekend visits, Nail said.

The state has about 300 parole officers working 84 cases apiece, on average, Hayes said.

It used to be that the first stop for an offender who was released from prison was the parole office. Now, offenders go home and a parole officer visits them there. That allows family members or other people living in the home to be there for the initial meeting with the parole officer so they can understand what is expected, Nail said.

"It's increased our productivity," said DeKalb County Chief Parole Officer Patrick Holsey. Officers have been happy with the changes, which allow them to "get a better feel for the way people are in their communities," he said.

Martin Horn, a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and former executive director of parole in New York, said it's a good move to have parole officers out in the community as much as possible. But he said he has some concerns about the idea.

"I don't dislike the idea in concept, but I think that it's all in the execution," he said. "Parole officers are not traveling salesmen."

There are times when an office is useful — for holding confidential meetings with parolees, counseling or research — and sometimes it's the safest place for an officer to take someone into custody if that becomes necessary, Horn said. But making sure officers work in pairs, as Georgia is doing, and ensuring they have proper safety training can alleviate the safety concerns, he said.

From a starting point of 48 offices, the state is now down to nine. Six of those are in free or state-owned space, so there's no cost to keep them. They now serve as hubs where the department can receive shipments and hold meetings. The remaining three offices had leases that would be costly to break and will be closed as the leases expire, Nail said.

Executive Director Nail Named to Harvard Session

Executive Director of Parole Michael W. Nail will be a member of the new Executive Session on Community Corrections



Michael W. Nail

convening over the next three years at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. This prestigious panel, consisting of approximately thirty of the leading policymakers, practitioners and researchers from across the country, will help shape the meaning and future of community corrections in the United States. The Session aims to develop best practices and thinking for professionals across the public safety and criminal justice spectrum.

The Executive Session on Community Corrections is a joint project of Harvard's John F.

Kennedy School of Government and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). Harvard and NIJ began work on the first Executive Session on Policing in 1983. That panel, which included then Attorney General Ed Meese, developed and published a set of influential management and policy papers on community policing.

The new Executive Session on Community Corrections forms as the national conversation regarding correctional policy has shifted to a reform movement as states explore new strategies for managing growing prison and jail populations and historically high corresponding budgets. American correctional policy may well be shaped by the work of the Session.

Members of the Session include leaders in probation, parole, corrections, judiciary, policing and prosecution, advocates, scholars, elected officials and experienced

observers of U.S. corrections policy.

The first meeting of the Executive Session will convene at Harvard in September 2013. The Session will continue to meet several times through the spring of 2016.

Nail says it's an honor to take part in the Session.

"I'm humbled and extremely honored to have been invited to participate in this Session with my peers and colleagues from across the nation. There are many great things taking place in our state regarding criminal justice reform and I'm looking forward to being a positive representation for Georgia on that front," stated Nail.

Nail began his career in 1989 as a probation officer with the Department of Corrections and was Director of the Corrections Division prior to being named Director of Parole in 2010.

Georgia Parole in National Spotlight

Parole Board Executive Director Michael Nail led staff to Baltimore in July for the **American Probation and Parole Association** Conference. The Georgia Parole Board was asked to present a workshop on its "Virtual Office" concept. Operations Support Division Director Scott Maurer led the presentation.

The "Virtual Office" places parole officers in their communities full-time as they perform all job functions from their state

vehicle eliminating the need for a parole office.

Georgia's Parole Board also presented the AnyTrax voice recognition supervision tool at the **Southern Legislative Conference** (SLC) in Mobile in July. The presentation was a part of the SLC STAR program, which recognizes effective and transferable solutions in state government.

Parole Board Chairman Albert Murray, Assistant Director of

Field Operations Jay Hancock and Northeast Regional Director Chris Barnett represented the agency.

High performing parolees report via AnyTrax. Voice recognition technology verifies compliance.

Parole Board Vice Chairman Terry Barnard was a panelist for a general session at the **Association of Paroling Authorities International** (APAI) Conference in May in Providence, Rhode Island. Four state parole agencies were highlighted including Georgia's.

Parole Officers Graduate Combined Training

Seventeen new parole officers were among the twenty-six graduates at the Basic Probation/Parole Officer Training Course (BPPOTC) graduation ceremony in May. The graduation was held at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) Auditorium in Forsyth.

The new parole officers are working in Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Cordele, Jefferson, Jesup, Jonesboro, LaFayette, Lyons, Macon and Monroe. Nine graduates work for the Department of Corrections as probation officers.

The BPPOTC is a nine week training course resulting in all new officers being certified as Probation/Parole Officers by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.).

Implemented in 2012, through a joint agreement between the Parole Board and the Department of Corrections, the dual officer certification eliminates the need for separate agency training courses. Officers are trained to perform parole and probation supervision; however, the officers will only supervise offenders under their respective agency's authority. The joint training eliminates the need for an agency specific training course. The end result is a better trained community supervision officer.

The course work includes supervision techniques, investigation procedures, intervention strategies, criminal and Georgia law, policy and procedure, interview skills, physical fitness, arrest procedures, defensive tactics, computer interaction and firearms qualification.

The Parole Board employs approximately 300 officers. The average parole caseload of offenders is 84.

BPPOTC Parole Graduates: Mary Chitwood, Elizabeth Coody, Albert Goode, Jr., Hillari Jarvis, Lashanda Johnson, Ashley Kennedy, Kenneth Koone, Jerrie Ann Martin, Michael McGhee, Priscilla Metts, Vivian Reed, Victor Ridgeway, Nicholas Simmons, Rebecca Smith, Yamika Stanley, Joshua Williamson and William Woodall



Basic Probation/Parole Officer Training Course Graduates, May 3, 2013



VICTIMS VISITORS' DAY CONTINUES TO EARN HIGH MARKS



July 11th, the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) and Parole Board's Office of Victim Services (OVS), along with the Gwinnett County District Attorney Victim Witness Assistance Program, hosted a Victims Visitors' Day at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. This was the 17th such day held by OVS since 2006. One hundred forty-seven victims and their family members met with Parole Board and GDC staff. Following their visits, exit surveys were completed by the victims and 95% of them rated the customer service they received as "excellent."



When asked if they would recommend that other victims and their families attend a Victims Visitors' Day, 100% answered "yes."

On a scale of 1-5, the average rating for time well spent by the victims was 4.94. When asked if all their questions were answered, 100% of the victims answered "yes."

Victims were asked what they liked about their experience at the Victims Visitors' Day. One commented, "Just having the opportunity to be heard." Another commented, "The pleasantness of everyone. They were considerate and we learned about the process."

These results and comments are a clear sign of the excellent work being conducted by Parole Board and GDC staff in making sure crime victims have a voice in the post-sentencing phase of the criminal justice process.



(top photo) Parole Board Vice Chairman Terry Barnard delivers comments to victims; (middle) Board Member James Donald and Hearing Examiner Steve Baustin meet with victims; (bottom photo, l-r) Board Member Robert Keller, Superior Court Judge Melodie Snell Connor, Board Member James Mills, Gwinnett County District Attorney Danny Porter, Vice Chairman Terry Barnard and Board Member James Donald

Parole Association of Georgia Training Conference

For the first time in several years the Parole Association of Georgia (PAOG) sponsored a training conference for members. The two-day conference was held August 1st and 2nd in Athens.

PAOG President Shane Sasser says the group is fulfilling its responsibility to members as a professional organization.

“Our membership is growing and now was the perfect time to bring our members together for training and updates, especially considering all the progressive changes within our agency,” stated Sasser.

The PAOG is a non-profit organization and is separate from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles. Membership consists of parole officers and parole staff.

Attendees heard from state leaders regarding criminal justice reform. Speakers included Judge Michael Boggs of the Georgia Court of Appeals and Thomas Worthy, the Governor’s Deputy Executive Counsel. Boggs and Worthy co-chair the Governor’s Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform. Other speakers included Representative Jay Neal, a member of the council and Judge Patrick Haggard of the Athens-Clarke County Superior Court. Braxton Cotton, Director of the Governor’s Office of Transition, Support and Reentry also spoke to the group.

A highlight came on day two of the conference as Board Chairman Albert Murray and Member Robert Keller fielded questions from the PAOG members.

Two breakout sessions were conducted. Certified staff received training from GBI Agent Terry Pelfry regarding the iden-

tification of illegal drugs. Non certified staff received security awareness training which included self defense techniques.



Deputy Exec. Counsel to Governor Deal, Thomas Worthy (left) speaks with Rep. Jay Neal, Exec. Director of Parole Michael Nail and Parole Program Manager Tamara Stubbs.



The GBI’s Terry Pelfry conducts drug identification training for certified parole staff.



Parole Training Specialist Jimmy Sikes shows proper defense techniques to non-certified staff.

Statesboro Assistant Chief Parole Officer Mike Rushing chats with Georgia Court of Appeals Judge Michael Boggs.



Management Leadership Program



MLP Graduates: (front row, left to right) Training Specialists Vicky Rollins and Lori Massengale, graduates Daphne Hanna, Shantel Roark, Angie Cook, Carolyn Smith, Mary Young, and Patricia Latham; (second row, l-r), graduates Derek Singleton, Lisa Smith, Julie Rogers, Michelle Smith, April Moore, Gerald Pearson and Training Director Lisa Lance; (third row, l-r), graduates Michael Bobo, Carlia Ray, Darin Floyd, Tabetha Rand, LaShanda Hicks, James Burns, Cole Blackburn and Shaun Kahrmann; (fourth row, l-r), graduates Jeff Perry, Victoria Carter, Brannndon Turner, Patrick Price, Hank Harris, Phillip Shepherd and Chip Atchley

The Parole Board's Management Skills and Leadership Development Program focuses on professional growth giving Parole's leaders the skills to meet the agency's challenges.



Clean Air Campaign Recognizes Parole

Parole Board Chairman Albert Murray and Parole's Director of Human Resources, Jesse Johnson, represented the State Board of Pardons and Paroles in July, as Governor Nathan Deal recognized those state agencies that are successfully partnering with The Clean Air Campaign through the Telework program.

The fourth annual Georgia Telework Week was celebrated August 19-23, 2013. Eligible state employees were encouraged to work from home and use public transportation or carpool during the work week.

Offenders Seek Employment Through Job Fairs

In July, parolees, probationers and work release inmates were job hunting at job fairs held in various Georgia cities. The success of offenders returning to communities in Georgia can be greatly affected by employment stability.

Job hunters already have a tough time as a result of the economy. Those with a prison record have even greater odds against them when trying to land a job.

As a part of successful reentry, the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles is increasing its focus on employment for offenders by holding offender job fairs across the state.

Albany Parole Chief Leslie Lamb says, “We had very good participation from our employers whose only complaint was they had not been prepared to be faced with so many potential hires.” Lamb added, “One employer said they had to send out for more application forms because they had no idea they would talk with such a talented pool of potential employees.”

The parole offices (Albany, Cuthbert, Americus, and Cordele) that participated in Albany, sent a total of seventy-six parolees to the fair. In addition to parolees there were sixty to seventy state probationers, ten federal probationers, thirty-six inmates from the transitional center and a few ex-offenders no longer under

community supervision. In addition to employers, representatives attended from the agencies that help of-



fenders, which included Goodwill, the Department of Labor, TOPPSTEP, Vocational Rehabilitative Services and Albany Second Chance. Another partner



whose members worked exceptionally hard were the students from the Albany State Criminal Justice Club.



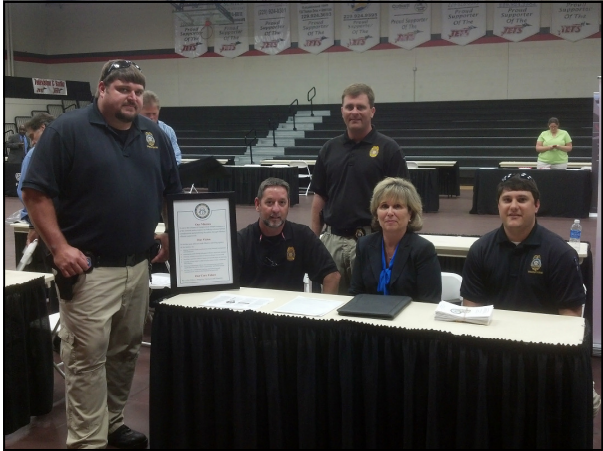
In **Dublin** on July 17, 2013, twenty-six parolees participated in a job fair sponsored by the Oconee Fall Line Technical College and the Georgia Department of Labor. More than fifty businesses participated in the job fair.



Last March, an offender job fair was held at Lake Olmstead Park in **Augusta**. Offenders participated from the Augusta Transitional Center and the local probation and parole offices.

Pictured left (top); TOPPSTEP and Southern Point Staffing speak with job seekers; left (below) Goodwill Southern Rivers; above (top) Albany Mayor Dorothy Hubbard and the Albany State Criminal Justice Club; above (middle) BZLK Incorporated; (bottom) Dukes Edwards & Dukes, Inc.

Offender Job Fairs continued



On May 30th, the Americus Parole Office and the Americus Probation Office participated in the Career Expo held at South Georgia Technical College in Americus. The Expo was sponsored by the Americus Career Center and the Americus Area Employer Committee. Approximately thirty-five businesses were represented and the event was attended by approximately 135 job seekers.

Dianna Gonzalez, Department of Labor Regional TOPPSTEP Coordinator attended, making many contacts with local employers and stressing the benefits of employing offenders. The officers were also able to network with many businesses working to develop potential employers for parolees and probationers.

TOPPSTEP

The Offender, Parolee, Probationer State Training and Employment Program (TOPPSTEP) is a collaborative partnership of the Parole Board, the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Corrections (GDC). The ultimate goal of TOPPSTEP is the development of responsible tax-paying citizens and a reduction in subsequent convictions and incarcerations.

Pictured above: (l-r) Department of Corrections Probation Officer Tyler Denham, Americus Chief Parole Officer Jody Dillard, Americus Parole Officer Mike Reeves, TOPPSTEP Coordinator Dianna Gonzalez and Probation Officer Gabe Jacobs

Military Job Fairs Continue

Following a successful job fair last September for military veterans, two more similar events have successfully been conducted.

In April, at the National Guard Armory in Glennville, five state agencies including the Parole Board participated in giving veterans information about available jobs in state government. In July, another military job fair was held at the U.S. Army Reserve Center at Fort Gordon in Augusta. Again the Board participated. Several hundred interested veterans attended each job fair.

The Parole Board has more than sixty veterans working for the agency.



Statesboro Chief Parole Officer Paula O'Neal, Transitional Center Parole Officer Buster Johnson and Jesup Field Training Officer Pamela Thrift in Glennville



(l-r) James Williams, Asst. Director/Field Operations, Board Member James Mills, Augusta Chief Parole Officer (CPO) Derek Singleton, Augusta Asst. CPO Julia Sancken and Parole HR Representative Daphne Hanna at Fort Gordon

Donald Receives Corrections' Legacy Award



General (retired) James Donald accepts the Department of Corrections' Legacy Award at the agency's annual employee awards event in May. (l-r) Department of Corrections Commissioner Brian Owens, Parole Board Member James Donald and Department of Corrections Assistant Commissioners Timothy Ward and Greg Dozier.

Parole Board Member James E. Donald was recognized May 21st with the Department of Corrections' annual Legacy Award.

The recipient is honored for career achievement benefiting the agency. Donald served as the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections from 2003 to 2009 and is credited with reorganizing the agency into a more streamlined efficient department of state government. He also expanded the use of transitional facilities and afforded offenders more reentry opportunities. Under his leadership and direction, the Department of Corrections began the move of its headquarters to Forsyth. The transformation of Tift College into State Offices South was completed under current Commissioner Brian Owens.

In accepting the honor, Donald stated, "This award, it's about you (corrections staff) and the legacy you have established for this department."

Georgia Honors Fallen State Troopers

Georgia State Patrol Fallen Trooper

Parole Board Member James Donald represented the State Board of Pardons and Paroles at the Georgia State Patrol's "Fallen Trooper Road Dedication," July 10, 2013. The event honored Georgia State Trooper William Frederick Black, Jr., who was shot and killed in 1940. Sgt. Black was the first Georgia State Trooper killed in the line of duty.

The event included the dedication of a roadway interchange located at Ocmulgee East Boulevard and I-16 in Macon and a wreath laying ceremony at Sgt. Black's gravesite. Relatives of Sgt. Black attended the ceremony which ended with a VIP luncheon.

The Department of Public Safety is honoring the twenty-seven troopers and GBI agents that have been killed while on duty by dedicating memorial signs across Georgia.



(l-r) Georgia Department of Corrections Commissioner Brian Owens, State Representative (former Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety) Bill Hitchens, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety Colonel Mark McDonough and Parole Board Member James Donald at the VIP luncheon.

Governor Calls for Reentry Efforts

Governor Nathan Deal announced this summer, the creation of the Office of Transition, Support and Reentry. Braxton Cotton is the executive director, leaving his post as director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

This new program is the next step in the Governor’s criminal justice reform initiative and also will support collaboration on reforms passed during the last two legislative sessions. The office will work to ensure that those who leave Georgia’s prison system have the support and skill sets needed to become productive members of society, thereby reducing the recidivism rate of offenders and lessening the financial burden currently placed upon the state.



(l-r) Board Member James Mills, Vice Chairman Terry Barnard, Chairman Albert Murray, Braxton Cotton, Director of the Governor’s Office of Transition, Support and Reentry, Board Member Robert Keller and Board Member James Donald at the August Board Meeting

The office will be administratively attached to the Georgia Department of Corrections, but will report directly to the Governor’s Office. Along with Corrections, several agencies will partner with the new office including the Parole Board. Cotton attended the August Parole Board meeting. Board Chairman Albert Murray pledged the Board’s support as the state moves forward with this new criminal justice reform focus.



Board Member James Donald encourages state inmates at the Carroll County Prison.



Parole Board Vice Chairman Terry Barnard speaks to an inmate working at the Department of Corrections’ Braille program at Central State Prison. Inmates learn skills specific to Braille transcription.

2013 Second Quarter Employee Recognition



Parole Investigator Laretta Thrash with Board Member James Donald, Board Chairman Albert Murray, Board Member James Mills and Clemency Division Director Melodee Stewart



Northwest Lead Investigator Kathy Pike with Board Member James Donald, Board Chairman Albert Murray, Board Member James Mills and Clemency Division Director Melodee Stewart



Clemency Scanning Team (document scanning): (l-r) Board Member James Donald, Shakira Mayne, Daphane Evans-Huff, Theresa Lujan, Board Chairman Albert Murray, Acacia Hinton, Karen Warren, Board Member James Mills, Sharon Anderson, Clemency Division Director Melodee Stewart, Teneka Hurt, Chaunson Pounds, Valencia Lewis and Michael Lockhart

2013 Second Quarter Employee Recognition



LaFayette Parole Officer Heather Williams with Parole Board Member James Donald, LaFayette Assistant Chief Parole Officer Kimberly Williams, Board Chairman Albert Murray, Northwest Regional Director David Tibbits, Board Member James Mills and Field Operations Division Director David Morrison

Lisa Austin, Thomaston Parole Office Secretary with Board Member James Donald, Thomaston Chief Parole Officer Mitch Beddingfield, Board Chairman Albert Murray, Northwest Regional Director David Tibbits, Board Member James Mills and Field Operations Division Director David Morrison



Nechelle Norman, Augusta Parole Officer, Augusta Day Reporting Center with Board Member James Donald, Board Chairman Albert Murray, Board Member James Mills, Field Operations Division Director David Morrison and Northeast Regional Director Chris Barnett

2013 First Quarter Employee Recognition



Savannah Parole Officer Kendra Green is recognized. (l-r) Board Chairman Albert Murray, Board Member James Mills, Assistant Chief Parole Officer James Kopp and Chief Parole Officer Richard Manes of Savannah, Field Operations Division Director David Morrison, Board Member Robert Keller and Executive Director of Parole Michael Nail



Laurie Reid, Secretary, Clemency Considerations, is recognized. (l-r) Board Chairman Albert Murray, Board Member James Mills, Clemency Division Director Melodee Stewart, Board Member Robert Keller and Executive Director of Parole Michael Nail



Clemency Parole Investigator Jennifer Murphy, Southwest Region is recognized. (l-r) Board Chairman Albert Murray, Board Member James Mills, Clemency Division Director Melodee Stewart, Board Member Robert Keller and Executive Director of Parole Michael Nail



Director of Planning and Strategic Initiatives Richard Oleson is recognized. (l-r) Board Chairman Albert Murray, Board Member James Mills, Board Member Robert Keller, Operations Support Division Director Scott Maurer and Executive Director of Parole Michael Nail

2013 First Quarter Employee Recognition



Tomeka Porter, Interstate Compact, is recognized. (l-r) Board Chairman Albert Murray, Board Member James Mills, Field Operations Division Director David Morrison, Board Member Robert Keller and Executive Director of Parole Michael Nail



Clemency CONS Team Lead Persita Braswell is recognized. (l-r) Board Chairman Albert Murray, Board Member James Mills, Clemency Division Director Melodee Stewart, Board Member Robert Keller and Executive Director of Parole Michael Nail



Celestine Benjamin, Victim Services, is recognized. (l-r) Board Chairman Albert Murray, Board Member James Mills, Board Member Robert Keller, Operations Support Division Director Scott Maurer and Executive Director of Parole Michael Nail



Kelli Brinson, Secretary, Cordele Parole Office and Jennifer Murphy, Parole Investigator Southwest Region are recognized. (l-r) Board Chairman Albert Murray, Board Member James Mills, Americus Chief Parole Officer Jody Dillard, Southwest Region Lead Investigator Karen Autrey, Field Operations Division Director David Morrison, Board Member Robert Keller and Executive Director of Parole Michael Nail

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Suporia Jarman promoted to Administrative Assistant in the Clemency Division

Amanda Jordon promoted to Master Chief Parole Officer in the South Metro Parole Office

Brandon Bell promoted to Chief Parole Officer in the Dalton Parole Office

Brannon Turner promoted to Assistant Chief Parole Officer in the Carrollton Parole Office

Carrie Goldring promoted to Assistant Director/Operations in the Clemency Division

Joje Wilson-Gibbs promoted to Assistant Director/Considerations in the Clemency Division

Casey Lutz promoted to Assistant Chief Parole Officer in the Dalton Parole Office

Kimberly Williams promoted to Assistant Chief Parole Officer in the LaFayette Parole Office

Shane Sasser promoted to Virtual Field Operations Officer

Wade Wheeler promoted to Assistant Director of the Office of Victim Services

Porsche Giboney promoted to Parole Officer in the Jonesboro Parole Office

Our Mission

To serve the citizens of Georgia as an integral component of the Criminal Justice System by making informed release considerations and protecting the public through effective offender supervision.

Our Vision

To be the most efficient and effective paroling agency in the nation.

Our Core Values

We value Ethics, Integrity, Fairness and Honesty.



Parole Board Chairman Albert Murray, Department of Corrections Commissioner Brian Owens, Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner Avery Niles and Parole Board Member James Donald, all recently met at State Offices South at Tift College in Forsyth during State Employees Recognition Week.

Patrick Price promoted to Assistant Chief Parole Officer in the Marietta Parole Office

Deborah Hughes promoted to Statewide Investigations Manager

Felicia Holloway promoted to Metro Regional Director

Kathy Pike promoted to Northwest Lead Investigator

Solomon Barge promoted to Chief Parole Officer in the DeKalb Parole Office

Lisa Smith promoted to Northeast Lead Investigator

Charles Arnold promoted to Assistant Chief Parole Officer in the Macon Parole Office

Marta Daniell promoted to Program Manager 2

Walter Singleton promoted to Assistant Chief Parole Officer in the DeKalb Parole Office

Scott Greear promoted to Chief Parole Officer in the Carrollton Parole Office

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Derrick Sheppard, Kimberly Grant, Thomas Green

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Joseph Dew, Tiffany McKinney, Brenda Lepke, Nicholas Mashburn, Kendra Green, Derrika Richardson, Amne Simons, Derek Boehringer, Shawn King