

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Sentencing Reform Task Force

Parole Working Group
Minutes

December 2, 2020 / 3:00PM-4:00PM
VIRTUAL MEETING

ATTENDEES

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Taj Ashaheed, Second Chance Center
Michelle Aswad, Victim Representative
Kazi Houston, Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center
Mollie Shultz, DA's Office, 2nd Judicial District
Susan White, Department of Corrections

STAFF

Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant
Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice
Stephané Waisanen, Division of Criminal Justice

ABSENT

Kristen Hilkey, Chair, Colorado State Board of Parole
Jeff Chostner, District Attorney, 10th Judicial District

<p>Issue/Topic Welcome <i>Richard Stroker</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Richard Stroker, CCJJ Consultant, welcomed members and said that he would be leading the group in Kristen’s absence.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Review of Study Group Draft Revisions & Discussion <i>Richard Stroker & WG</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Richard asked the group for their initial thoughts on the revised STANDARD conditions of parole.</p> <p>The group reviewed the document, and thanked Kazi for her efforts on the revision of the STANDARD conditions. Members engaged in a collaborative, section-by-section review of the STANDARD conditions. The group agreed to make the weapon-related condition a separate category, and other minor edits that did not require an extensive discussion. The group decided to clarify the language so that an individual on parole would understand the expectations of the parole agreement.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic Next Steps, Wrap Up & Adjourn <i>Richard Stroker</i></p> <p>ACTION Revise - STANDARD conditions of parole <i>Kazi Houston</i></p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Richard summarized the groups suggestions for the STANDARD conditions of parole:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section I – no change • Section II – alphabetize instead of bullets • Section III – weapons category • Section IV – court orders category • Section V – INDIVIDUAL conditions category <p>Richard asked the group to be prepared to discuss the INDIVIDUAL conditions at the next meeting. He stated it will depend on how complicated this portion might be but, if not complicated, the group can combine the STANDARD and INDIVIDUAL conditions into one recommendation. After the conditions are finalized, the group can review the next topic, length of parole.</p> <p>The group was reminded that in the updated STANDARD recommendation, the statutes would also need to be revised.</p> <p>Kazi to update changes to the STANDARD conditions of parole document. DCJ staff will then distribute to the group.</p> <p>Richard thanked the group for their efforts and adjourned the meeting.</p>