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BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE

You asked for description of the Board of Pardons and Parole including the appointment process.

SUMMARY

The Board of Pardons and Paroles has independent decision-making authority to (1) grant or deny parole or special parole, (2) set parole and special parole supervision conditions, (3) rescind or revoke parole or special parole, and (4) grant releases and commute punishments including the death penalty (commutations reduce the punishment to a lesser one).

The board consists of 13 members appointed by the governor with the consent of either house of the General Assembly. In her appointments, the governor must try to reflect the state's racial diversity. Members serve for the length of the governor's term and are paid \$110 for each day spent performing their duties and receive necessary expenses. If a member is temporarily unable to perform his or her duties, the governor, at the board's request, may appoint a qualified person to serve as a temporary member.

The governor appoints the chairperson from among the members. This person must be qualified by education, experience, and training in administering community corrections, parole, or pardons. The law

requires the chairperson to work full time and be paid as determined by the Department of Administrative Services commissioner. The chairperson is executive and administrative head of the board.

The chairperson can sit on both pardons and parole release panels. He assigns seven members exclusively to parole release hearings and five to pardons hearings. Except for the chairperson, no member assigned to one type of hearing can later be assigned to the other.

The chairperson or his designee and two members must conduct all parole hearings and approve or deny all parole release, revocation, or rescission recommendations from a board employee. Pardons panels consist of three members. The chairperson must be on the panel for hearings on commutation of the death penalty and can be on other panels.

The law makes the Department of Correction (DOC) responsible for the supervision of anyone on parole or special parole.

BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

The Board of Pardons and Paroles is a statutorily created entity within DOC, for administrative purposes only. The board consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of either house of the General Assembly. In the appointment of the members, the governor must try to reflect the racial diversity of the state (CGS §54-124a (a)).

Each board member's term is coterminous with the governor's or until a successor is chosen, whichever is later. The governor fills any vacancy on the board for the unexpired portion of the term (CGS § 54-124a(b)). The members other than the chairperson receive \$110 for each day spent performing their duties and are reimbursed for necessary expenses (CGS § 54-124a(c)).

The board has independent decision-making authority to:

1. grant or deny parole;
2. establish conditions of parole or special parole supervision;
3. rescind or revoke parole or special parole;
4. grant commutations of punishment or releases, conditioned or absolute, for anyone convicted of any offense against the state; and

5. commutations from the death penalty (CGS § 54-124a(f)).

HEARINGS

The law authorizes the board chairperson to sit on both pardons and parole panels. He or she must assign seven members exclusively to parole release hearings and five to pardons hearings. Except for the chairperson, no member assigned to one type of hearing can later be assigned to the other (CGS § 4-124a(e)).

The chairperson or his designee and two members must conduct all parole hearings and approve or deny all parole release, revocation, or rescission recommendations from a board employee.

Pardons panels consist of three members. The chairperson must be on the panel for hearings on commutation of the death penalty and can be on other panels (CGS § 54-124a(h)). The board must hold a pardons hearing at least every three months. The hearings must be in various geographic areas of the state. The board cannot hold hearings in or on correctional facility grounds unless solely for the benefit of applicants incarcerated at the time of the hearing (CGS § 54-124(k)).

MEMBERSHIP

Pardons Panel Members

Members who serve on the pardons panels are:

1. Robert Farr, West Hartford;
2. Joseph Elder, Hartford;
3. Joseph E. Milardo, Jr., Middletown;
4. Rita R. Ortiz, West Hartford;
5. Russell S. Palmer, Berlin; and
6. Victoria Wills, West Hartford.

Parole Panel Members

Members who serve on the parole panels are:

1. Robert Farr, West Hartford;
2. Cicero B. Booker, Jr., Waterbury;
3. Carl D. Eisenmann, Simsbury,
4. Patricia B. McDaniel, Waterbury;
5. Wanda Mendez, Waterbury;
6. Robert W. Neil, Bolton;
7. Robert Parisi, Wallingford; and
8. Jackie Pullen-Daniels, New Haven.

CHAIRPERSON

The law requires the governor to appoint a chairperson from among the membership. The chairperson must be qualified by education, experience, and training in the administration of community corrections, parole, or pardons (CGS § 54-124a(a)). The chairperson must:

1. oversee the board's administrative affairs;
2. adopt policies for all areas of pardons and parole, including granting pardons, commutations, or releases, including commutations of the death penalty; risk-based structured decision making; and release criteria (prior law required the DOC commissioner to set policies in all areas of parole including decision-making, release criteria, and supervision standards);
3. consult with DOC on common issues, including prison overcrowding;
4. consult with the Judicial Branch on common issues, including community supervision;
5. sign and issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to attend and testify at parole hearings;
6. adopt an annual budget and plan of operation;
7. adopt rules deemed necessary for the board's internal affairs, and

8. submit an annual report to the governor and General Assembly (CGS § 54-124a(d) and (n)).

The chairperson, in consultation with the board's members and representatives of parole officers, also must annually review and establish goals for parole officer to parolee caseload ratio (CGS § 54-124b).

The law also requires the chairperson to enforce board rules and regulations and special provisions adopted by a parole panel and retake and re-imprison any parolee for any reason that a panel, or the chairperson with the panel's approval, deems sufficient. The chairperson may also detain any convict or inmate pending approval by the panel of such re-taking or re-imprisonment (CGS § 54-126).

The chairperson or, in his or her absence or inability to act, a member the chairperson designates to serve temporarily as chairperson, must be present at all board meetings and participate in all decisions (CGS § 54-124a(c)).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The chairperson must appoint an executive director to:

1. direct and supervise all administrative affairs;
2. prepare the budget and annual operation plan;
3. assign staff to administrative reviews;
4. organize pardons and parole release hearing calendars;
5. implement a uniform case filing and processing system; and
6. create staff and board member development, training, and education programs (CGS § 54-124a(i)).

JOINT DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSON AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The law requires the chairperson and executive director to establish:

1. in consultation with the DOC, a parole orientation program for all parole-eligible inmates upon their transfer to DOC that will provide general information on the laws and policies regarding parole release, calculation of time-served standards, general conditions of

release, supervision practices, revocation and rescission policies, and procedures for administrative review and panel hearings, and any other information that the board deems relevant to prepare inmates for parole; and

2. an incremental sanctions system for parole violations including, but not limited to, re-incarceration based on the type, severity, and frequency of the violation and specific periods of incarceration for certain types of violations(CGS § 124a(l)).

REGULATIONS

The law requires the chairperson, in consultation with the executive director, to adopt regulations regarding (1) conducting parole revocation and rescission hearings that include due process requirements, (2) requiring written statements of the reasons for rejecting a pardon application, (3) administering the Interstate Parole Compact, and (4) processing administrative pardons (CGS § 54-124(j)).

The law authorizes the board to establish parole rules and regulations, and the panel for a particular case to establish special provisions for the parole of a particular convict (CGS § 54-126).

The law requires the chairperson to enforce these rules, regulations and provisions, and retake and re-imprison any parolee, for any reason that a panel, or the chairperson with the panel's approval, deems sufficient. The chairperson may detain any convict or inmate pending approval by the panel of such re-taking or re-imprisonment (CGS § 54-126).

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ROBERT FARR

Member of the West Hartford Town Council and Deputy Mayor:

1976 – 1981

Member of the Connecticut General Assembly:

1981 – 2007

- Assistant leader, ranking member of the Environment, Appropriations and Corrections Sub-Committees and for 10 years ranking member of the Judiciary Committee
- Criminal Justice Activities:
 - 1) Sponsored Legislation to provide DNA testing of convicted felons;
 - 2) Sponsored funding for a new automated fingerprinting system;
 - 3) Created the paperless re-arrest warrant system;
 - 4) Created the sentencing task force;
 - 5) Served as Chairman of the Re-Arrest Task Force Commission (investigating fugitive warrants);
 - 6) Member of the Governor's Alcohol and Drug Policy Council;
 - 7) Co-Sponsored legislation on prisoner re-entry

National Legislative Committees:

- Served on the Criminal Justice Sub-Committees of the Counsel of State Government, National Council of State Legislatures and ALEX (American Legislative Exchange).

State Police Commission:

- Currently serves as Chairman of the Governor's Oversight Committee on the implementation of the restructuring of Connecticut's Department of Public Safety Internal Affairs Program.

Other Political Activities:

- Was Republican Candidate for Connecticut Attorney General in the 2006 Election.

Education:

- JD – University of Connecticut School of Law
- BS – Engineering -- University of Connecticut

Professional Association Membership:

- American, Connecticut and Hartford County Bar Associations
- American Society for the Advancement of Science

Legal Experience:

- I have appeared before the Superior Court, Appellate Court, Connecticut Supreme Court, Federal District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals as an attorney in private practice.

Current Employment:

- Interim appointment as Chairman of the Connecticut Board of Pardons & Paroles.

ROBERT FARR**Opening Statement before the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee
Board of Pardons and Paroles****March 1, 2007**

Good morning Senator Looney, Representative Jankowski, Senator DeLuca, Representative Giegler and members of the Committee. My name is Robert Farr, and I am honored to be nominated by Governor M. Jodi Rell for the position of Chairman of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and it is a particular honor to appear before you today.

While I have known most members of the Committee for many years, let me take this opportunity to briefly state for the record, my background. I am a lifelong Connecticut resident and reside in West Hartford with my wife, Diana. We have two grown children who reside out of state and one grandchild. I received a Jurist Doctorate from the University of Connecticut School of Law and also hold Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. I am associated with the American, Connecticut, and Hartford County Bar Associations, and I am a member of the American Society for the Advancement of Science. As an attorney in private practice for over thirty years, I have argued before the Superior Court, Appellate Court, the Connecticut Supreme Court, Federal District Court, and the United States Court of Appeals.

I have been involved in public service for over 30 years. My career in public service began in the mid-1970's, when I became a member of the West Hartford Town Council. I eventually served as Deputy Mayor in West Hartford before beginning a twenty-six year career as a member of the Connecticut General Assembly. Throughout my tenure at the Connecticut General Assembly, I have served on multiple committees and have held multiple positions such as Assistant Leader and Ranking Member of the Environment, Appropriations, and Corrections Subcommittees.

In regard to my Criminal Justice Experience, I served ten years as a Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee. During my service on the Judiciary Committee, I sponsored legislation

to provide DNA testing of convicted felons, sponsored funding for a new automated fingerprinting system, created the paperless re-arrest warrant system, and created the sentencing task force. I also served as Chairman of the Re-arrest Task Force Commission which was responsible for investigating fugitive warrants, was a member of the Governor's Alcohol and Drug Policy Council, and also co-sponsored legislation on prisoner re-entry.

I have served on the Criminal Justice subcommittees of the Council of State Government, National Council of State Legislatures, and the American Legislative Exchange. Most recently, I was the Republican Candidate for the Connecticut Attorney General in the 2006 election.

Currently, I serve as Chairman of the Governor's Oversight Committee on the implementation of the restructuring of Connecticut's Department of Public Safety Internal Affairs Program. I was a major sponsor of the Legislation which created the consolidated Board of Pardons and Paroles, which I am currently serving as interim Chairman.

I am eager and enthusiastic to continue to serve the people of Connecticut as Chairman of the Board of Pardons and Paroles with your approval. I firmly believe that I will bring my leadership and management experience to the Board of Pardons and Paroles. Furthermore, I look forward to working with the Legislature, Department of Correction, and other State Agencies that interact with the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Thank you for the opportunity to come before you today. I would like to thank the Governor for nominating me, and I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Cicero B. Booker Jr

Objective:

To reach new levels of achievement as a member of a quality team pursuing responsible work that values merit.

Education:

Associate in Science Police Science and Administration Mattatuck Community College, Waterbury , Connecticut	June 1975
Attended Western Connecticut State College Undergraduate Program	June 1977

Employment:

- Alternative Incarceration Center
421 East Main Street
Waterbury, Connecticut
1996 - 2005
- Waterbury Police Department
255 East Main Street
Waterbury, Connecticut
Police Lieutenant (Retired)
1962 - 1995
- Timex Corporation
Middlebury, Connecticut
1958-1962
- United States Marine Corp General Discharge-Under Honorable Conditions
1955-1958

Professional Associations and Organizations:

- Connecticut State Board of Pardons and Parole Panel Member
- Connecticut State Conference of the NAACP Branches Board Member
- Past President of the Waterbury Branch of the NAACP
- Connecticut ACLU State Board of Directors
- Connecticut Representative for the ACLU National Board of Directors
- City of Waterbury Board of Aldermen Minority Leader (2nd Alderman term)

Honors/ Commendation:

- Pearl Street Community Center
Martin Luther King Civil Rights Award ----- 1987
- American Red Cross Certificate of Recognition
For Extraordinary Personal Action -----1988
- Waterbury Police Mutual Aid Association Award
For Outstanding and dedicated Service -----1995
- The Waterbury Guardians Inc.
Life Time Achievement Award ----- 1998
- The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club
Meritorious Award -----1988
- Waterbury Branch of the NAACP President's Special Service Award ----- 2001

Personal Data:

Born: September 20, 1938

Place of Birth:	Waterbury, Connecticut
Marriage Status:	Married
Number of Children:	5
Number of Grandchildren:	11
Number of Great Grandchildren	1

Cicero B. Booker Jr
Opening Statement for Confirmation- March 6, 2007

Good Afternoon , Senator Looney, Representative Janowski and Honorable members of the Executive Nominations Committee. My name is Cicero B. Booker Jr of Waterbury and it is an honor and a privilege to appear before you today. I am equally honored to have been nominated by Governor M. Jodi Rell for re-appointment as a panel member on the Board of Pardons and Parole.

Let me tell you briefly about my background: I hold an Associate Degree in Police Science and Administration from Mattatuck Community College and attended the Criminal Justice Under Graduation Program at Western Connecticut State College.

I am married to Margaret (Taylor) Booker for the past forty-six (46) years. We have five (5) children who are now adults, eleven (11) Grand children and one (1) great grandchild they all live in City of Waterbury as well.

My Government service started when I in listed in the United States Marine Corp for three years followed by my employment with the City of Waterbury Department of Police for 33 ½ years, where I achieved the rank of Police Lieutenant Before retiring in May of 1995

In my ten (10) years with the Board of Pardons and Paroles, I have had the opportunity to conducted numerous Parole Hearings as the Acting Chairman giving full consideration to the victims of crimes, including family members and their testimony while deliberating the inmate's compatibility to the welfare of Society for re-entry.

I am very happy to have the opportunity to continue sharing my experience, knowledge and skills of the Criminal Justice System with the Residents and the Guest of the State of Connecticut in creating a safe and free environment for all to live and visit.

Once again, I am honored to be re-appointed, and appreciate Governor Rell's and your confidence in my service on the Board of Pardons and Paroles and to the people of Connecticut. Thank you, I appreciate your attention and welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have for me.

CARL EISENMANNRESUME

Dated Current as of
December 30, 2006

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CARL EISENMANN: Date and place of birth: March 20, 1928, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Education: Stratford, CT public schools, Bridgeport Parochial school: Sacred Heart- two years. Mount St. Michael, Bronx, NY Eighth grade and Freshman year high school. Fairfield Prep-1942-1945, graduated 1945.

College: Georgetown University, Washington, DC, B.A. Degree, 1948.

Law School: Georgetown Law Center, Washington, DC, LL.B. (J.D. nunc pro tunc) 1951.

Career: Admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia, 1951, U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC (now Federal) Circuit, 1951; State of Connecticut, 1952; U.S. Court of Military Appeals (now U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces), 1955; U.S. Supreme Court, 1956; U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, 1970. All admissions are current.

Private law practice, New Canaan, CT, January- September, 1952; Active Duty, U.S. Air Force, 1952 to February 5, 1957. Date of original commission: June 4, 1948, Second Lieutenant USAF Reserve, specialty: armament, Ordnance & Weapons, transferred to Judge Advocate 1951, promoted to First Lieutenant.

Military: Staff Judge Advocate, 6520th Test Support Wing, USAF, Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts September 1952-January, 1953. Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, January-March, 1953. Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 1603rd Air Transport Wing, Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya, 1953-1955. While overseas, served in Libya with tours of duty to Greece, Morocco, Malta, Cypress, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Crete, Saudi Arabia. Served as Defense Counsel, Trial Counsel (prosecution) and Summary Court Officer.

Staff Judge Advocate, 564th Air Defense Group and subsequently 33rd Fighter Wing, Otis AFB, Massachusetts, Trial Counsel and Law Officer, (now called Military Judge) to February, 1957, when released to Reserve status.

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Military (Continued)

1957-1976: Reserve status with annual and monthly duty assignments, temporarily with the Connecticut Air National Guard, 1958, and with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI), 1959-1960. Served during some assignments as Trial Counsel and as Military Judge. Attained ranks as Captain, Major and Lt. Colonel; entered Retired Reserve July 5, 1958. Present status: Lt. Col. Retired.

Civilian career (continued from "Career" on first page): Private Law practice, Hartford, CT 1957-1958. Tax Attorney with Connecticut Tax Department (now Revenue Services) 1958-1959; Assistant Attorney General, State of Connecticut 1959-1970; Executive Director, State Labor Department Employment Security Division, 1970-1973; Insurance Department Counsel- 1973-1975; Assistant Public Defender Superior Court Hartford County April 1975 (appointed by Chief Justice House) to March, 1987; Public Defender for the Litchfield Judicial District, March 1987-May 31, 1995. Retired from that office.

1995-present: Appointed Chairman, Public Defender Services Commission October 1, 1995; continuous reappointments to present, the latest being by Governor Rell, September 15, 2004 for a three year term ending September 30, 2007.

Appointed to membership on Board of Parole, November 21, 2000; served continuously and reappointed by Governor Rell to the present Board of Pardons and Paroles, October 1, 2004. By statute, the term is coterminous with the term of the Governor.

Town (Simsbury); Republican Town Committee, 1957-1959 and 1995 to present; Simsbury Police Commission, 1993 to present, Chairman 1995-1996 and 2002 to January 26, 2004; Public Safety Subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen, 2002-2004; Justice of the Peace, Town of Simsbury, 1993-present; Member, Charter Revision Commission, 2004-present.

Hobbies and interests: Long distance bicycle riding, cross-country skiing, photography, antique cars, model railroad, travel, volunteer boards and associations, e.g. Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts; Mariner House Association, Nantucket.

Most fun: Our grandchildren!

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Family: Married, wife's name: Nancy, married at Otis AFB Base Chapel, May 19, 1956. Two sons: Robert in Costa Mesa, CA, William in Wethersfield, CT, three grandchildren; two granddaughters, one grandson.

Respectfully submitted,



Carl Eisenmann

CARL EISENMANN

March 6, 2007

Opening statement of Carl Eisenmann
to the Co-Chairpersons and members
of the Joint Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations

Good afternoon Senator Looney, Representative Janowski, Senator DeLuca, Representative Geigler and the distinguished members of the Joint Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

I have the honor and privilege to appear before your Committee today, having had the honor of being appointed by Governor Rell to the Board of Pardons and Paroles, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.

I was appointed to the former Board of Parole on November 21, 2000, reappointed to the Board of Pardons and Paroles by Governor Rell effective October 1, 2004, and reappointed this year by Governor Rell. Thus my service as a Board member has been continuous since November 21, 2000. During that period I have sat on numerous full panel hearings and Administrative Reviews.

I am firmly committed to the mission and purpose of Parole, that is the release on Parole of inmates who satisfy us that they will not be a threat or danger to the community, and will benefit from Parole supervision as a transition to full release, but safeguarding the public from criminal activity by denying release to perpetrators of violent crimes whose release would be incompatible to the safety and security of the law abiding public. Parole proceedings can also be a strong incentive to inmates to refrain from criminal activity by imposing strict conditions on release, and/or delaying release until specified programs are satisfactorily completed by the inmate.

Biographical information, experience and qualifications: Date of birth: March 20, 1928, Bridgeport, CT; a graduate of Fairfield Prep, Georgetown University and Georgetown Law Center, admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia and United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, November, 1951, admitted to the Connecticut Bar, January, 1952, and in 1955 and 1956 respectively the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the United States Supreme Court. Private law practice, New Canaan, CT until called to active duty in the United States Air Force, September, 1952. Served as a Judge Advocate, prosecuting, defending and as a Law Officer in Courts-Martial until February, 1957.

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Following release from extended active duty with the Air Force. I served in the reserves until entering the Retired Reserve on July 5, 1976 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In February, 1957 engaged in private law practice in Simsbury and Hartford, CT followed by state service in the Tax Department, then appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in 1959, Executive Director, State Labor Department, 1970, Assistant Public Defender for Hartford County, 1975, Public Defender for the Judicial District of Litchfield, 1987 until I retired on May 31, 1995. Appointed Chairman, Public Defender Services Commission October 1, 1995 followed by successive reappointments, the present appointment expiring September 30, 2007.

Presently, I am a member and former chairman of the Simsbury Police Commission, an elected Justice of the Peace, and a member of the latest Simsbury Charter Revision Commission. Note: The Charter was approved by the voters and is as of January, 2007, in effect.

In further reference to service on the Board of Pardons and Paroles, I very seriously consider the impact on victims of crime, their families and the attitude and position they have on the eventual release of the Parole applicant.

I sincerely appreciate the privilege of appearing before you, and welcome the opportunity to answer your questions. I am grateful to Governor Rell for the opportunity to serve on the Board, and grateful to your committee for this hearing.

Rubye (Jackie) Pullen-Daniels

VOCATIONAL GOAL:

To hold an administrative/management position that provides significant variety, challenge, energy, education as well as an opportunity to fulfill a commitment to public service; a pluralist commitment with community development, private and public institutions/agencies and assisting in the betterment of the individual person.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2005 – Present

The Sawyer School

Instructs students in College English, Grammar, Entrepreneurship, Interpersonal Skills and other Business related skills.

2000 – 2003:

New Haven Program Director – Sickle Cell Association of America

New Haven Office

326 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT

Maurice Douglas – Coordinator

Operated office to improve medical issues of persons and families with history of sickle cell disease. Organized funding for New Haven and Special events. Establish training and developed medical protocol with Health institutions for persons with sickle cell disease. Maintained records and supervised personnel (paid and volunteer) for the agency.

1993 – Present

State of Connecticut Board of Parole

Review criminal and personal history of incarcerated men and women. Determine eligibility for consideration of parole. Interview inmates and determine the criteria for release if granted parole

1989 – 1999

West Rock Development Corporation – Executive Director, Founder

Directed development services to residences within the West Rock Community, including renovation and construction of new housing. Tasks include reading and interpreting architectural, engineering and utility blueprints, drawings or charts. Evaluation of costs, maintaining timely work performances, construction site supervision and maintenance performance.

1985 – 1999

West Rock Neighborhood Corporation – Chief Executive Officer

Directed multi-service social agency for 14 years. Operating in an area of a mixed community, with six public housing developments in a one and half mile area. Secured funding, supervised a staff of 18-90 members. Maintained sound fiscal services while upholding legal requirements, state and local codes and law for non-profit organizations. Supervised budget of over \$3 million. Created and authored staff job positions and training; administered community and organizational strategies for staff, community and individual needs as required. Maintained records appropriate for auditing and accounting requirements. Prepare presentations before committees and legislators for public evaluation and scrutiny.

1981 - Present

Peaceful Solutions Consultants Unlimited

Provide consultant services in a variety of ways to groups, organizations, and businesses. Assist in negotiations, mediations and conflict resolution for individuals, families, community or business. Assist groups and organizations with developing business policies, management by objectives, organizing and training boards of directors, developing budgets and sound financial management practices. Researching city, state and federal codes, laws and regulations as they relate to specific needs of programs for public and private institutions.

1974 - 1985

Connecticut Trails Council of Girl Scouts

Supervised paid and volunteer staff to further causes of Girl Scouts in Greater New Haven. Met with Community organizations, Professionals, Businesses and Agencies to increase sustaining membership. Created program that initiated race relations and pluralism department within organization. Directed summer camp with Connecticut Certification as required by law. Conducted various training for volunteer st

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

1971 - 1974

Grantsman - Hill Neighborhood Corporation
Director - Hill Teen Center

1970 - 1971

Teacher - New Haven Board of Education, New Haven, CT

1968 - 1971

Budget Officer - Community Progress Inc., New Haven, CT

PERSONAL STRENGTHS AND ABILITIES

Ability to Focus - Able to approach a problem or project objectively and zero in on the methodology or technique needed to achieve that goal. Able to carry out activities or delegate duties to subordinates and monitor their activities within specific time frames to achieve positive results.

Creative - Ability to think creatively both programmatically and financially having successfully written and operated several grant proposals, budgets and training programs funded by state and federal government as well as private/corporate philanthropic entities.

Perseverance ~ As a formidable asset, able to fund, study, research and resolve the challenges of business; excel at overcoming roadblocks with a quick, professional yet sensitive responses and finally in resolving issues.

Diversity and Communications Skill ~ (Professional oral and writing skills). Able to communicate well with board members, supervisors, subordinates, lay persons of all ages and background. Maintains sensitivity to cultural, ethnic and religious differences.

Maintain Agency Standards ~ To maintain the objective of organization or agency consistent with the law and state or federal codes; sensitive to the importance of documentation of records, maintenance of files, folders, personnel documentation, accounting documentation and confidentiality of all records

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING:

1969 Bachelor of Science – Social Welfare, Central State University,
Wilberforce, OH
1972 Management of Law, Legal Practices, Codes and Violations
LAA Consultants, N.H.C.
1974 Urban Economics – Cobra Consultant Group, Washington, DC
1977 Grantsmanship/Juvenile Justice Collaboration – Hartford, CT
1977 Institutional Racism – Yale University
1978 Supervision – Yale University
1981 Corporate Planning – GSUSA
1991 Community Development – SEEDCO, Rockefeller Foundation
1992 Community Service and Development – Science Park Foundation,
New Haven, CT
1995 SCSU – Graduate Courses in Counseling, Statistics

INTERESTS

Writing, Statistical Trends and Systems, Conversational Spanish
Music

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

State of Connecticut Board of Parole
New Haven Arts Council, Board of Directors
New Haven Teen Pregnancy Prevention – Chairperson
Special Commission on Infant Health
Community Action Agency, Board Member
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated
Rehoboth COGIC Women's Department, Chairwoman
Licensed Evangelist Church of God in Christ, Inc.

REFERENCES

Will be furnished upon request.

Ruby (Jackie) Pullen-Daniels

My name is Ruby Pullen Daniels more often called Jackie and a resident of New Haven, Connecticut. I was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut fifty-eight years ago one of thirteen (13) children my mother and father would raise. Five birth children and eight siblings of my mother's, who my parents vowed to keep together after illness and eventually death of my grandparents. My parents like so many others, moved to Connecticut from Virginia to look for broader opportunities and better employment. My father worked in a factory and my mother was employed as a domestic and later a nutrition assistant for a state Mental Hospital. My parents had four important standards that have remained in my life's decisions: God, Education, Sharing and Honesty or Truth. I have tried to uphold those standards in every facet of my life. Because of their fortitude and hard work every one of their children graduated from college.

Having a start in Bridgeport Public Housing and later moving to their own home in New Haven at the age of seven New Haven was where I received the majority of my education. I graduated from James Hillhouse High School in 1966. Three and a half years later I graduated from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio with my degree in Social Welfare and a minor in Psychology. I would later attend Yale University and Southern Connecticut State University in pursuit of my Masters degree.

I married my high school sweetheart in 1970 upon graduating from college and we will celebrate our thirty-seventh year of marriage this year. My husband, Dennis Daniels is semi-retired having retired as the Fire Chief of the City of New Haven two years ago, he continues to work as a consultant for the City of New Haven as well as privately. We have three children: Kyle-Hashim Daniels, a New Haven Fire Lieutenant in the Fire Department who is married with two children; a married daughter, Takiyah-Janiz, a Social Worker who has four children; and another daughter, Kara-Melea who teaches at an elementary school in Landover, Maryland.

Having served the longest time on the Parole Board I have purposed to remain sensitive to the issues of the community and the privilege parole provides for young

men and young women who have been incarcerated. I believe the victims of crimes committed must be considered in these cases as well as the opportunity the system provides the inmate to succeed during incarceration and while on parole. Having served as the director of a community base multi-service agency, and having provided services to ex-offenders and their families, I believe I am very aware many ex-offenders have extremely difficult tasks to overcome once released from jail. Therefore I am aware of how they may return to the institutions due to failures after release.

I have worked as a social worker, a teacher, a grant writer and a community organizer as well through out my many years as a professional. I have witnessed the changes in the correctional system, the various institutions and departments of the State of Connecticut and our community, as well as the directions of families and trends of individuals, groups and organizations. I promise to uphold the standards of fairness, honesty and integrity as well as keep the high standard of the laws and expectations of the State of Connecticut in maintaining my role as a parole board member.

Respectfully,
Rube J. Pullen-Daniels

PATRICIA BREWER MCDANIEL

SKILLS: *Group Dynamics, Family Support, Public Speaking, In-Service Training
Program Administration (program planning, volunteer recruitment, support
groups, intern supervision, editing)*

EDUCATION: *Stone Business College, New Haven, CT; Naugatuck Valley Technical School,
New Hampshire College*

EXPERIENCE

10/87 - **REDEEMING LOVE TABERNACLE OF PRAISE, INC.**
Pastor/Chairman of the Board

1/86 - 10/88 **FAMILIES IN CRISIS, INC.**
Waterbury Program Coordinator
Program administration/Waterbury
Recruited & screened potential volunteers, established and maintained liaison with
state court and correctional offices. Facilitated Parent's Support Group at John
Menson Youth Institution, provided casework services to clients with multiple
issues. Coordinated transportation to Somers/Enfield Institutions

1971 - 1982 **UNIROYAL CHEMICAL CO., INC.**
Middlebury, CT
Steno/Secretary
Handle secretarial duties, maintain special volunteer mailing list. Make travel
arrangements for staff members. Compose letters and memos. Dictaphone.
Record chemical recipes and engineering specifications, accounting and payroll.

Good morning, my name is Patricia Brewer McDaniel from Waterbury, CT. It is indeed a distinct honor to be nominated by the Governor as a member of the Connecticut State Board of Parole. I'd like to take this opportunity to give a brief overview of my background and my work experience.

I attended Troup Junior High and graduated from James Hillhouse High School in 1957. I went on to attend Stone Business College, Naugatuck Valley Technical Community College (fka Mattatuck Community College) and New Hampshire College where I majored in Human Services. I also attended the Hartford Seminary to secure required course work for my chosen profession as a member of the clergy. I have held full time as well as part time positions at the City Hall of New Haven, CT and Timex Corporation and was employed at Uniroyal Chemical Company as a Steno Secretary. It was while working at Uniroyal that I came to the realization of myself as a uniquely qualified individual with a desire to help others in whatever way I can. Consequently, I decided to further my education by attending Mattatuck Community College pursuing courses with a heavy concentration in human services. One of the requirements was to perform a practicum with a Human Services agency. I was fortunate in finding immediate placement with an agency called Women in Crisis, now Families in Crisis. From this temporary practical experience was birthed a permanent position within the same agency. While employed in this position, I worked very closely with the Criminal Justice system coordinating transportation for the families of inmates, traveling with them to visit their relative(s) housed within the correctional facilities and providing assistance to families on their first visit helping with the transition and initial process of adjustment for the children of the inmate(s). At the John Manson Youth institution I facilitated a Parent's Support Group to help the parents of inmates collectively cope with their circumstances. Other responsibilities included home visits to provide awareness of the social service available to the families of

inmates for whatever assistance was needed. I was often required to be present in court to help the clients understand the procedures and to offer comfort and consolation. Before leaving Families in Crisis, I was promoted to the position of Program Coordinator to the newly opened Waterbury office. Shortly thereafter, I terminated my employment with the agency to enter the clergy full time as a Pastor.

Since becoming a Pastor, I have established and maintained various ministries both in the local parish and in the community where I serve. In 1995, I founded the Fuller Life Women's Ministry which promotes self-awareness, socio-economic independence and spiritual empowerment for the women of our communities. For four years our congregation operated a program called "For the Community with Love", an after school program that provided academic assistance, computer training, cultural awareness and group therapy for children aged 9-12.

Because of my continued interest and involvement in the community, I am constantly aware of the many ills that can plague and eventually cripple our society. Crime is often times the result of a crime. In other words, most times there are crimes such as abuse and neglect that have served as catalyst for the offender to develop from a one time victim to a perpetual offender.

I thank you for the opportunity to address this committee on today.

Wanda E. Mendez

Education:

1999-2001 **Metropolitan University of Puerto Rico** Aguadilla, PR
Master Degree in Business Administration Graduated September, 2001

- Major: Marketing
- Honors: Summa Cum Laude
- Activities: Class Treasurer

1988-1989 **University of Puerto Rico** Bayamon, PR
Bachelor Degree in Business Administration

- Major: Management

1984-1988 **University of Puerto Rico** Arecibo, PR
Associate Degree in Business Administration

- Majors: Marketing and Management
- Activities: Member of the Volleyball Team

Experience:

2004-Today **Board of Pardons and Parole** Waterbury, CT
Member of the Board

- Interview inmates
- Visit different facilities
- Evaluate inmate records
- Decide inmates' eligibility for parole

2002-Today **Quality Market** Waterbury, CT
Owner/Manager

- Supervise 8 employees
- Coordinate employees' schedules
- Develop job description and specifications
- Develop marketing and advertising plan
- Implement an incentive plan
- Responsible of Bank transactions and Bookkeeping

2001-2002 **Decision Incorporated** Aguadilla, PR
Job Placement Technician

- Procure employment for people receiving Food Stamps benefits
- Coordinate conferences and Job Fairs for the beneficiaries
- Look for job opportunities in 16 different towns
- Interview prospective employees

1998-2001 Self Employed

Aguadilla, PR

Tutor

- **Assist students with school work in Spanish and English**
- **Translate school's work in both languages**

Languages:

Fluent English and Spanish

Wanda E. Mendez
Board of Pardons and Parole
March 8, 2007

Good afternoon Senator Looney, Representative Janowski, and distinguished members of the committee.

I am Wanda E. Méndez from Waterbury, CT. I am honored to be re-appointed by Governor Rell as a Member of the Board of Pardons and Parole and it is a pleasure to appear before you today.

I received my Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from the University of Puerto Rico and my Master Degree in Business Administration with a major in Marketing from the Metropolitan University of Puerto Rico.

Besides my work as a Member of the Board of Pardons and Parole since 2004, I own a Grocery Store/Gift Shop in Waterbury where I work full time with my husband. This has given me the opportunity to be involved with the Hispanic community for over ten years. During my free time I am involved with the activities of Boys Scouts Troop 41 from Waterbury where my two sons are members. I also support the Kennedy High School Swimming Team and participate in fundraising for the team.

Being a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole is a big responsibility and I take it very seriously. When I visit the facilities to interview inmates, or do the video interviews, I have the opportunity to interact with them. The feedback that I receive from

them, along with other factors, helps me make a decision on whether or not to grant them parole; keeping in mind that this decision should be fair, because it will have a very strong impact on the individual's life and our society.

Once again, thank you for your time and attention and I'll be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Wanda E. Méndez

Robert W. Neil

Criminal Justice Experience**State of Connecticut Board of Parole**

1994 – Present, Member of Board of Parole.

January – July 2004, Acting Chairmen of the Board of Parole.

Responsible for reviewing prison inmate case history, and conducting Parole Board hearings wherein the prison inmate is interviewed and a determination is made by the Parole Board as to whether the inmate should or should not be paroled.

Vernon Police Department, Vernon Connecticut, 1964 – 1993.

July 1993: Retired from Vernon Police Department.

1983 - 1993: Crime Prevention Officer, Community Relations Officer, and Court Liaison Officer.

These assignments entailed:

- Giving numerous lectures, and sponsoring programs to educate the community about neighborhood crime watches and personal safety.
- Organizing and conducting school safety programs at local public schools. Organizing and conducting seminars at area banks for the prevention of robberies.
- Acquiring federal grants for crime prevention programs for the community through the Office of Policy and Management, Justice Planning Division.
- As Court Liaison Officer, responsible for preparing all arrest reports required for court; in addition, responsible for transporting prisoners from police lockup to the courthouse.

1979 - 1982: Assigned to Patrol Division.

- Involved in the prevention and detection of violations of laws and ordinances.
- Served as Evidence and Property Officer responsible for all evidence pertaining to court cases.

1976 - 1978: Assigned to Detective Division.

- Conducted investigations of complaints pertaining to criminal acts.
- Investigated numerous criminal offenses.

1964 - 1975: Assigned to Patrol Division.

Civic Service

Current: Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen, member; Bolton Lions Club, member;

Past: Bolton Booster Club, member; Bolton Athletic Study Committee, co-chairman and co-author of final report; Bolton Recreation Department, Youth Sports Coach.

Other Work Experience

ProTech Services, Andover, Connecticut

1997 – 2003: Customer Service Representative.

Collision World Auto Body-CARSTAR, Kensington & East Hartford, Connecticut

1993 - 1997: Consumer Services Representative.

Education

Associate Degree in Business Administration, Morse Business College.

Manchester Community College, Northeastern University, Manchester High School.

Attended and completed courses at Connecticut Chiefs of Police Academy, Advanced Crime Prevention Training Program, and State's Attorney's Law Enforcement Training Program.

Robert W. Neil

- Good afternoon, Chairman Looney and Chairman Janowski, members of the Committee.
- I am very honored to appear before you this morning. It is a privilege to be renominated by Governor Rell for the Board of Parole.
- I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about myself. I have been a member of the Parole Board since April 1995. For a period of time in 2005, I was appointed Acting Chairman of the Parole Board. Since initially becoming a member of the Board, I believe I have acted professionally in representing the State of Connecticut in reviewing thousands of Parole Board cases.
- Prior to my initial appointment to the Parole Board, I was member of the Vernon (Connecticut) Police Department for twenty-nine years. I retired from the Vernon Police Department in July 1993.
- As a police officer, I held the positions of Crime Prevention Officer, Check Fraud Officer, and Court Liaison Officer. I also served on the Community Resource Committee at the Brooklyn Correctional Center.
- Earlier in my career, I was a Detective in the Special Services Unit. I believe that these years of experience as a police officer dealing with the public has served me well while on the Board of Parole. In July of 2006, I attended a professional development program for parole board members in Kansas City, Missouri given by the Association of Paroling Authorities and the National Institute of Corrections.
- As for my education, I have taken both the Advanced Crime Prevention Training Program run by the Police Academy, and the State's Attorney's Law Enforcement Training Program. In addition, I have an Associate's Degree in Business Administration.

Robert W. Neil

- I am a life-long Connecticut resident. I was born in Manchester and moved to Bolton in 1964 shortly after being married. Ever since moving to Bolton, I have been active in serving my community.
- Presently, I am on the Board of Selectmen and have been for ten years. Previously, I was elected to the Board of Finance serving for six years. I am also a past-President of the Bolton Lions Club.
- I was a member of the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department for ten years. I was active in youth sports for fifteen years as a coach of baseball, basketball, and football. I also co-chaired the Bolton Athletic Study Committee that made recommendations to improve town and school athletic programs.
- I have been married to my wife, Dorothy, for forty-three years. Dorothy retired from the Ellington school system after teaching in the elementary school for thirty-seven years.
- I have four children:
 - my oldest son, Bob, 40, is an owner of a D'Angelo's Restaurant in Manchester CT where he lives with his family;
 - my daughter, Wendy, 35, is a former teacher and lives in Redding CT with her husband and four children;
 - my middle son, Brian, 34, resides with his wife in North Carolina and is a Special Agent for the State of North Carolina Criminal Investigation Division;
 - my youngest son, Matt, who is 30, lives in Newington CT and is employed by the Town of Bolton.
- In summary, I have spent my entire career serving the public. I look forward to continuing my public service as a member of the Board of Parole.
- I appreciate your attention this morning, and welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have for me.
- Thank you.

Robert F. Parisi

Town Councilman, Town of Wallingford, 1971-1981, 1984-1993, 1996-present

I served eight consecutive years as Chairman. In this capacity my service on the Council has also included many years on the Ordinance Committee, which is the body that drafts town ordinances. I have also served several terms on the Merit Review Committee which reviews step increases for middle management personnel.

I also revised the Budget Hearings during my terms as Chairman by streamlining the procedure and bringing it to a point where it was both reflective and responsive to today's requirements. My terms as Chairman will be most remembered for fairness and respect that was afforded to the public and my colleagues. My patience and overall demeanor were both envied and respected by many.

Additionally, I have served the Town of Wallingford in other capacities, beginning as sidewalk inspector in the early 1960's, later serving as Assistant Registrar of Voters. I have the honor of having served in a variety of capacities under all of Wallingford's four mayors: William Bertini, Joseph Carini, Rocco Vumbaco and William Dickinson.

I was campaign manager for Larry DeNardis' State Senatorial and U.S. Congressional campaigns; was Congressman DeNardis' District Administrator in 1980-1982; and have been a member of the Wallingford Republican Town Committee for 40 years; received the Wallingford Republican Town Committee "Man of the Century" Award; and am presently serving as campaign manager for Senator Len Fasano 2002, 2004 and 2006.

Director of Facilities Support Services, Gaylord Hospital

I recently retired from this position, where I supervised a staff of 30 people. I held this position from 1989 to 1998 and came to this position after 26 years as Owner and President of Clean Rite Inc., a successful local cleaning company, which employed 30 people at its height. My employment history also includes nine years with the International Silver Company, where I was a Quality Control Supervisor, and Method-Time-Motion Analyst.

Educational Background:

Born and raised in the Town of Wallingford, the son of Rocky and Rose Parisi, I attended local educational institutions: Quinnipiac University (two semesters in business administration); Leicester Junior College (associates degree in business); Lyman Hall High School 1953; Cheshire Academy, 1954; North Main Street Elementary School 1949.

Military Service:

I served in the United States Army, between 1954 and 1956, including 15 months in Korea, and was honorably discharged.

Civic Service (Past and Present):

Lector, Most Holy Trinity Church; President, Wallingford Jaycees; Jaycee Man of the Year, Jaycee Senator, Chairman of the Miss Wallingford Pageant; Wallingford Kiwanis, Wallingford Tercentary Celebration Committee; Libero Pensiero Italian-American Society; Dollars for Scholars; Knights of Columbus; Veterans of Foreign Wars Stanley Budleski Post 9965; American Legion Shaw Sinon Post 73, Board of Directors, Wallingford Girl's Softball League; Co-Chairman, Holy Trinity Church Hospitality Committee; Secretary, Wallingford, Korean Veterans Memorial Committee; 1st Vice President; Connecticut Executive Housekeepers Association; East Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department; Trustee, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge; Member, Senior Center Expansion Committee; Member, Golf Course Committee; Board of Directors, Wallingford Center Inc.; Mid-State Medical Center, Board of Governors, Gaylord Hospital Community Relations Committee, River Clean-Up Committee Volunteer, Grange "Citizen of the Year 2002", Appointed Board of Pardons & Paroles by Governor M. Jodi Rell 2004.