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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**DAVID WEICHEL**

**W35310**

**TYPE OF HEARING:**        **Review Hearing**

**DATE OF HEARING:**       **August 23, 2022**

**DATE OF DECISION:**      **December 1, 2022**

**PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS<sup>1</sup>:** Tina Hurley, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Dr. Maryanne Galvin, James Kelcourse, Colette Santa

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On January 21, 1976, in Suffolk Superior Court, David Weichel plead guilty to second degree murder in the death of Stephen Barron and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. In the same proceedings, he also plead guilty to home invasion, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and unlawfully carrying a firearm. He received concurrent sentences of 10 to 15 years, 7 to 10 years, and 3 to 5 years, respectively.

Mr. Weichel appeared for a parole review hearing on August 23, 2022. He was represented by Attorney Timothy Foley. Mr. Weichel was denied parole after his initial hearing in 1990 and his 1992, 1995, 1997 and 2002 review hearings. He was granted parole in late 2002 which was revoked in April 2004. Mr. Weichel was paroled again in August 2004 but was returned to custody in 2005. He was denied parole at his review hearings in 2006, 2010, and 2015. The entire video recording of Mr. Weichel's August 23, 2022, hearing is fully incorporated by reference to the Board's decision.

**DECISION OF THE BOARD:** After careful consideration of all relevant facts, including the nature of the underlying offense, the age of the inmate at the time of offense, criminal record, institutional record, the inmate's testimony at the hearing, and the views of the public as

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<sup>1</sup> Former Chair Gloriann Moroney was no longer a board member at the time of the vote.

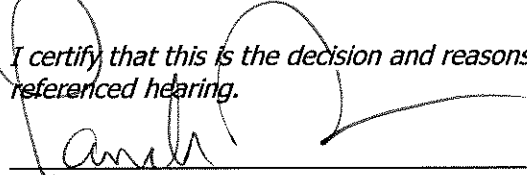
expressed at the hearing or in written submissions to the Board, we conclude by unanimous vote that the inmate is a suitable candidate for parole.

Reserve to LTRP after DA clearance. On August 16, 1975, Mr. Weichel, then 22 years old, shot and killed 25-year-old Stephen Barron. Mr. Weichel has been back in custody since 2005 after a parole violation. He has completed numerous programs to include Substance Abuse Education and Criminal Thinking. He earned his GED while incarcerated and is currently employed. He is involved in an inmate-organized AA group and serves as a mentor in the institution. He presented a thorough parole plan and has good community support. He reported that he is working with a licensed clinical social worker to assist him with transition into the community.

The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society." 120 C.M.R. 300.04. In forming this opinion, the Board has taken into consideration Mr. Weichel's institutional behavior, as well as his participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of his incarceration. The Board has also considered a risk and needs assessment and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize Mr. Weichel's risk of recidivism. Applying this standard to the circumstances of Mr. Weichel's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that David Weichel is rehabilitated and, therefore, merits parole at this time.

**Special Conditions:** Reserve to LTRP – must complete; Waive work for program; Curfew – Must be home between 10pm and 6am; ELMO-electronic monitoring; Supervise for drugs, testing in accordance with agency policy; Supervise for liquor abstinence, testing in accordance with agency policy; Report to assigned MA Parole Office on day of release; No contact with victim's family; Counseling for adjustment/transition; AA/NA at least 3 times/week; Mandatory – Allow contact with Fred Weichel.

*I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the above referenced hearing.*

  
Pamela Murphy, General Counsel

12/1/22  
Date