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DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

ROY WHITE
W33372

TYPE OF VOTE: **Petition for Reconsideration**

DATE OF DECISION: **June 20, 2017**

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Paul M. Treseler, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Tonomey Coleman, Sheila Dupre, Tina Hurley, Lucy Soto-Abbe

DECISION OF THE BOARD: On May 1, 2017, Mr. White filed a petition for reconsideration, pursuant to 120 CMR 304.01 and 120 CMR 304.03, seeking reversal of the decision to deny him parole. 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, the inmate's reconsideration request, and the views of the public as 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. Reconsideration of the Board's August 24, 2016 decision to deny parole is allowed. Parole is granted subject to special conditions, with a reserve to Maine via the Interstate Compact for Adult Offenders or Massachusetts home plan.

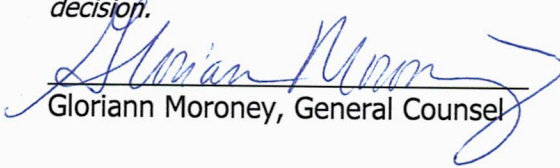
The applicable standard used by the Board to assess a candidate for parole is: "Parole Board Members shall only grant a parole permit if they are of the opinion that there is a reasonable probability that, if such offender is released, the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating the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

In light of Mr. White's petition for reconsideration, the Board has also re-examined the circumstances and relevant factors surrounding Mr. White's return to custody. The Board

concludes that Mr. White's parole violations appear to be related to inconsistent levels of supervision while in Maine, an inadequate home plan, and family members who were either not aware or not helpful in assisting Mr. White with maintaining compliance with his conditions of parole. The Board notes that Mr. White's release meets the legal standard with an appropriate home sponsor and investigation of home plan. Mr. White was under supervision for 13 years without incident and adjustment during re-incarceration has been positive. After reconsidering all of the circumstances in Mr. White's case, the Board is of the unanimous opinion that Mr. White merits parole to an approved home plan and subject to special conditions. Reserve to Maine via the Interstate Compact for Adult Offenders or Massachusetts home plan.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Approve home plan before release, with a reserve to Maine via the Interstate Compact for Adult Offenders or Massachusetts home plan; Waive work for medical reasons; Must be at home between 10 pm and 6 am; Electronic monitoring/GPS at Parole Officers discretion; Must take prescribed medication; 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; Have no contact with victim's family; Must have substance abuse evaluation and adhere to plan; Mandatory – Release of all medical records; Must not reside or visit a home where firearms are maintained.

I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the above referenced hearing. Pursuant to G.L. c. 127, § 130, I further certify that all voting Board Members have reviewed the applicant's entire criminal record. This signature does not indicate authorship of the decision.


Gloriann Moroney, General Counsel

6/20/17
Date