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# PRISONER REVIEW BOARD STAFF

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**ILLINOIS PRISONER REVIEW BOARD  
SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIVITY- ADULT**

<b>TYPE OF HEARING</b>	<b>NUMBER OF CASES</b>
Parole Reviews/C-Numbers	46
Good Conduct Requests	700
Release Reviews	12,335
Parole/Release Revocations	4,595
Final Discharges	2,292
Executive Clemency	1,141
Cases Revised/Amended	278
Cases Continued	224
Cases Revised by Parole Agent Requests	2,414
Rehearing Request and Reconsideration Requests	275
90 Day EGCC	1
<b>Total Adult Considerations</b>	<b>24,301</b>

**ADULT RELEASE REVIEWS**

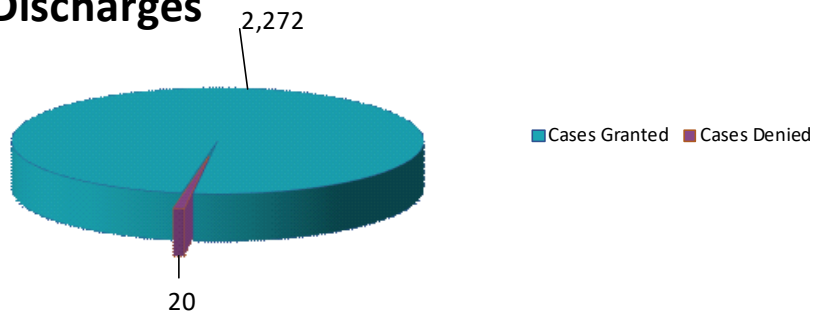
Mandatory Supervised Release Reviews	12,335
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## ADULT FINAL DISCHARGES

Total Cases Considered	2,292
Total Cases Granted	2,272
<b>Discharge Consideration Approval Rate</b>	<b>99.1%</b>

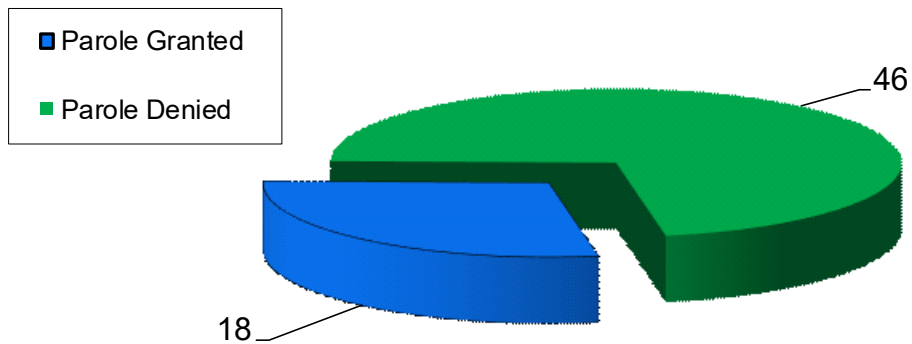
### Adult Final Discharges



## ADULT PAROLE REVIEWS/C-NUMBERS

Total Cases Considered	46
Total Cases Granted	18
<b>Parole Consideration Approval Rate</b>	<b>39.1%</b>

### Parole Hearing Reviews Adult Cases



## ADULT PAROLE CASES/C-NUMBERS BY CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Center	Cases Decided	Parole Granted	Parole Denied	Parole Rate
Big Muddy River	3	1	2	33.3%
Centralia	0	0	0	0.00%
Danville	3	3	0	0.00%
Decatur	1	1	0	100%
Dixon	11	4	7	36.3%
East Moline	1	0	1	0.00%
Graham	2	0	2	0.00%
Hill	2	0	2	0.00%
Illinois River	0	0	0	0.00%
Jacksonville	0	0	0	0.00%
JTC	2	0	2	0.00%
Kewanee	0	0	0	0.00%
Lawrence	3	0	3	0.00%
Lincoln	1	1	0	100%
Logan	1	1	0	100%
Menard	3	1	2	50.0%
Murphysboro	0	0	0	0.00%
NRC	0	0	0	0.00%
Pinckneyville	2	0	2	0.00%
Pontiac	4	2	2	50.0%
Robinson	0	0	0	0.00%
Shawnee	1	0	1	0.00%
Sheridan	1	0	1	0.00%
Southwestern	0	0	0	0.00%
Stateville	3	3	0	100%
Taylorville	1	1	0	100%
Vandalia	0	0	0	0.00%
Vienna	1	0	1	0.00%
Western	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>39.1%</b>

\*The numbers reflected within this chart pertain to those inmates who remain incarcerated under pre-1978 sentencing laws.



## ADULT PAROLE CASES / C-NUMBERS

<b>Adult Parole Cases</b>	<b>Custody</b>
Currently Incarcerated	46
Currently Paroled	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

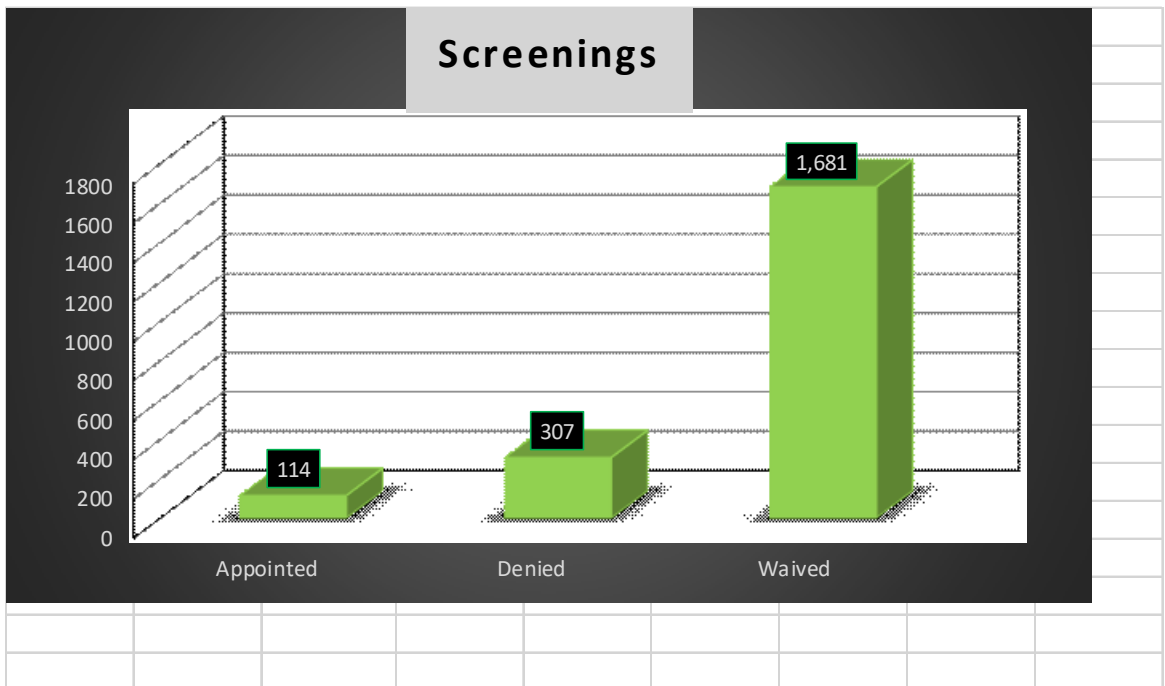
## MORALES / KING PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

Morales / King Hearings Conducted	3,277
Morales / King Hearings with Probable Cause Found	2,087
<b>Rate</b>	<b>63.6%</b>



## ATTORNEY SCREENINGS

Screenings	Number of Cases
Appointed	114
Denied	307
Waived	1,681
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,102</b>



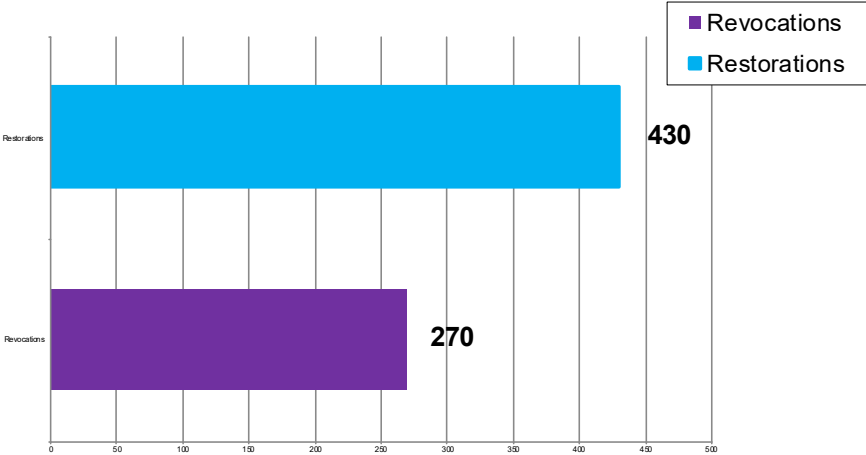


# ADULT GOOD CONDUCT CREDITS

Revocations	Number of Cases
Reviewed	270
Revoked	238
Lowered	22
Disapproved	10

Restorations	Number of Cases
Reviewed	430
Restored	437
Lowered	2
Disapproved	1

**Adult Good Conduct Credit Reviews**

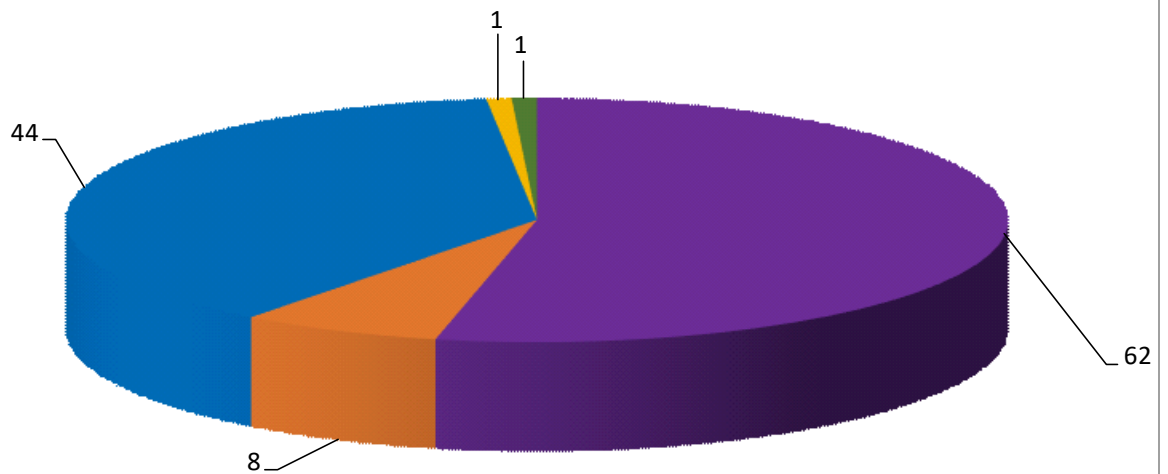


## SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIVITY - JUVENILE

JUVENILE HEARINGS	NUMBER OF CASES
Hearing Reviews	62
Good Conduct Reviews	8
Revocation Reviews	44
Cases Revised/Amended	1
Cases Continued	1
<b>TOTAL JUVENILE REVIEWS</b>	<b>116</b>

### Juvenile Hearings (By Hearing)

■ Hearing Reviews 
 ■ Good Conduct Reviews 
 ■ Revocation Reviews 
 ■ Cases Revised/Amended 
 ■ Cases Continued



**EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY PETITIONS  
REVIEWED BY THE PRISONER REVIEW BOARD**

January	157
February	102
March	120
April	77
May	131
June	130
July	92
October	332
<b>Total Hearings</b>	<b>1,141</b>

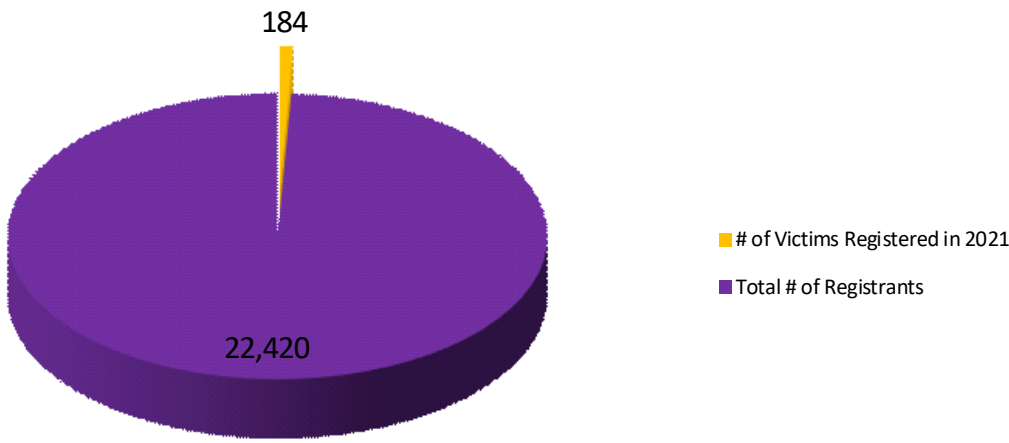
**EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY PETITIONS  
ACTED UPON BY THE GOVERNOR**

Granted Pardons/ Expungements	118
Denied	391
Commutation of Sentence	26
<b>Total Petitions Acted Upon</b>	<b>535</b>



**VICTIM NOTIFICATION UNIT  
(ACTIVITY)**

Victim Notification Registrants	184
Adult Release Notifications	222
<b>Total Number of Victim Registrants</b>	<b>22,420</b>



## BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

**CRAIG FINDLEY, CHAIRMAN**, appointed in February 2001. Mr. Findley was Chairman of the Board from January 2003 to May 2004 and appointed as Chairman in March 2015. A writer and businessman, Mr. Findley owned and published three Illinois weekly newspapers and served as President of Craig Findley Associates, a consulting firm. He served as Deputy Director of the Illinois Department of Transportation, as an elected member of the Illinois House of Representatives and was a senior aide to Congressman Bob Michel. He has long been active in organizations that advocate adoption and promote the best interests of children. Mr. Findley is a member and twice Chairman of the Lincoln Land Community College Board of Trustees, a member of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, Adult Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board and He has served as President of the Jacksonville Public Library and as Chairman of the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a graduate of Knox College.

**JARED BOHLAND, MEMBER**, appointed May 2021. Mr. Bohland was appointed in May 2021. He comes with years of experience working in the social service/social justice field. Mr. Bohland graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BBA from Belmont University in Nashville, TN. After spending some years working in the music industry, he and his wife moved back to Illinois to focus on community work. Mr. Bohland's work history includes years of experience as a counselor for teens in resi-

dential treatment at Kemmerer Village, a case manager for homeless individuals with Homeward Bound, a public housing specialist with the Decatur Housing Authority, and several years as the client services coordinator and a contracted domestic violence certification trainer for Dove, Inc. Domestic Violence Program.

Mr. Bohland has been an active member of the Macon County Continuum of Care Homeless Advisory Council, the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Set Free Movement – Macon County, and the Central IL Human Trafficking Task Force. He is a 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort Graduate of the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence Leadership Academy. He also served as Co-Chair of the ICADV Leadership Development Committee from 2017 until 2021 after accepting his appointment to the Prisoner Review Board. He is a Certified Domestic Violence Professional in the state of Illinois since October 2016, with over 200 hours of continued education. In 2020, Mr. Bohland was nominated and selected to the Herald and Review's 20 under 40 Professionals in the Community. He is also the founder of Man Up Men's Ministry which has operated in multiple capacities including within churches and as an online ministry since 2012.



**EDITH CRIGLER, MEMBER**, appointed October 2011, has been employed in a variety of human service positions in Chicago for over 40 years. She holds a B.A. in Political Science and a Para Legal Certificate from Roosevelt University and an M.A. Degree in Administration and Social Policy from the University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration. She is a nationally certified Balance and Restorative Justice Trainer, and was an Adjunct Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Chicago State University.

She is also a social work field instructor at the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration and Chicago State University Social Work Department.

Ms. Crigler was one of the first advocates in Chicago's Domestic Violence court and has a long history of working on behalf of victims of domestic violence and other individuals who have been marginalized.

Her special interest is and has been in the area of rights and protection of women and children. She has designed and conducted workshops for human service and law enforcement professionals focused on the myriad of issues germane to poverty.

She has served as a paralegal and policy specialist for Metropolitan Family Services where she reviewed systemic problems of poverty both in metropolitan Chicago and the rest of the State of Illinois. She has a strong expertise in translating bureaucratic language into user-friendly language for advocates.

Ms. Crigler was the first and only Director of the African American Caucus for the Family Resource Coalition of

America (FRCA). At FRCA, she coordinated, supervised and directed all projects focused on African American family issues, which included publications, policy analysis, consulting, and training.

She was appointed in 2010 by the Governor to the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission and served as a Commissioner.

**MAX CERDA, MEMBER**, appointed March 2021, Mr. Cerda, at the age of 16, was incarcerated for avenging his close friend's death when he was ambushed by another gang. In 1979, Mr. Cerda found himself incarcerated and from there began to educate himself, redefine himself and to value life and of others. He devoted himself to the Latino Cultural Exchange Coalition (LCEC). The LCEC increased peace within the facility walls and inmates flourished in culture and education. Upon release, Mr. Cerda began to assist ex-offenders to a successful transition back into society; mentor gang involved or at-risk and traumatized youth. In 2013, he became a Violence Interrupter with Cease Fire and later joined Aspira IL, promoting safe spaces for students by implementing restorative justice practices of mentoring, peace circles, conflict meditation, court advocacy and gang detachment. In 2008, Mr. Cerda was awarded a grant for four consecutive years to facilitate workshops on anti-gang violence and positive work development for the Dept. of State and US Embassy of Mexico, along with presenting his work to criminal justice classes at DePaul University.

In 2013, Mr. Cerda was featured in a book call "How Long Will I Cry? Voices of Youth Violence" by Miles Harvey, and the Steppenwolf Theatre brought his story to life in a play that same year. In 2014, he joined BUILD, Inc as Street Intervention Specialist. As he continued his work and experiences, he culminated a Peace March in 2019 at Humboldt Park high school, increasing collaboration among organizations.



**LISA DANIELS, MEMBER**, appointed in July 2018. Ms. Daniels holds both a BA in Sociology from Chicago State University and Bachelor of Biblical Studies from Dominion College of Theology and has been employed, through various positions, in the areas of both human and civil service for approximately 15 years. Additionally, as a result of the loss of her youngest son to street violence, Ms. Daniels has become trained in the field of Restorative Justice as a Circle Facilitator and is founder of a behavioral health services organization, dedicated to assisting families who have lost a loved one to gun violence or incarceration.

Ms. Daniels, a strong believer that no one is the sum total of the worst thing they've ever done or experienced, brings a unique perspective to the board and is an advocate for accountability through a connection to care and help.

**OREAL JAMES, MEMBER**, appointed in April 2019. Mr. James is a certified mediator who has focused on establishing Restorative Justice Practices within public education settings and community organizations for nearly two decades. As a foster/adoptive parent for 20 years, he focused on the practice of shared parenting when children could return home.

Mr. James holds a B.A. in Political & Economic Analysis from DePaul University and his JD at the DePaul College of Law. He resides in Chicago, IL.

**VIRGINIA MARTINEZ, MEMBER**, appointed in March 2017. Ms. Martinez is an attorney and has spent most of her career working in non-profit organizations and has been a strong advocate for Latinos, women, children and the poor. Prior to being appointed to the PRB she was a nonprofit management consultant and collaborative leadership trainer.

**JEFFREY MEARS, MEMBERS**, appointed March 2021. He has served in the Criminal Justice field for over 17 ½ years. During this time, he has demonstrated his versatility as he demonstrated almost daily a strong commitment to team environment dynamics with the ability to contribute his expertise and leadership capabilities in the performance of his duties.

Mr. Mears's strong commitment to team dynamics was consistently relied upon by Facility Administration in the development and implementation of a Staff Wellness Program at his facility that served as a roadmap for other facilities to emulate in an effort to manage the stressors that employees deal with following critical incidents and emergencies. Mr. Mears not only served as an active member of SWRT, he also served as a crisis team member and Hostage Negotiating Team Leader. His abilities to teach and mentor other staff are well-known throughout the Department as he was also called upon to instruct staff in methods of communicating with offenders which would result in positive interactions and peaceful resolutions. This ability to communicate effectively was additionally useful as Mr. Mears served as the Facility De-escalation Response Team Coordinator – mentoring junior staff in techniques for de-escalating potentially hostile and stressful situations.

Mr. Mears has a demonstrated ability to lead, thrives in a team environment, and works well in managing complex situations. He enjoys working as a team member and has a sincere desire to help others.



**LEANN MILLER, MEMBER**, appointed September 2021. Mrs. Miller was appointed in September 2021. She comes with 35 years of Educational experience. Mrs. Miller has over 20 years working in the Illinois Department of Corrections/School District 428. She worked as an Educator, Assistant Principal, Principal, Associate Superintendent of the Southern Region and Superintendent of the School District. Mrs. Miller has worked in every Correctional facility in the State of Illinois.

Mrs. Miller graduated with a BS in Education and a MS in Educational Administration from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Her work experience has mostly been with the Department of Corrections/School District 428, but has several years working as a Principal in the public schools.

**AURTHUR MAE PERKINS, MEMBER**, appointed in March 2015. She retired from Peoria Public School District 150 after 30 years of service. Her roles included being a classroom teacher, the principal of Harrison Primary School, and the last 4 years as the family liaison at Trewyn K-8 School.

She was an adjunct faculty member at Bradley University. She currently serves on the Peoria Housing Authority Board and the Peoria Citizen's Committee for Economic Opportunity (PCCEO) as a board member. Mrs. Perkins and her husband, Howard, have been married for sixty years and reside in Peoria, Illinois. They have four adults sons and three deceased children. They continue to be actively involved in their church and in their community. Mrs. Perkins graduated Cum Laude with her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Bradley University in

1982. She also earned her Master's Degree in Education from Bradley University in 1990.

**JOE RUGGIERO, MEMBER**, appointed in September 2018. Mr. Ruggiero graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign in 1984 and Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago Kent College of Law in 1987. He worked approximately 30 years as a prosecutor for the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office. After serving five years as the Chief of the Criminal Bureau, Mr. Ruggiero became the First Assistant prior to accepting the position as a Board Member with the Prisoner Review Board. He has prosecuted and tried several murderers and other high profile DuPage County cases. He is the former President of the Illinois Prosecutors Bar Association and member of several other distinguished Boards including the Board of Directors for the Illinois Prosecutors Bar Association, the Executive Boards of the DuPage Police Chiefs Executive Board, and Major Crimes Task Force. Mr. Ruggiero is the recipient of several law enforcement awards including the Prosecutorial Excellence Award from the Chicago Crime Commission.





**DONALD SHELTON, MEMBER,** appointed in September 2012. He retired from the Champaign Police Department after 23 years of service, the last 14 years at the rank of Patrol Sergeant. Mr. Shelton is credited with starting the agency's Crime Scene Unit. He taught a Basic Investigative Photography course for many downstate police departments, as well as a digital photography class as an adjunct faculty member of the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (College of DuPage). At the Champaign Police Department he held various assignments in the Investigations Division, is a Field Training Officer, and on a street crimes unit.

**KENNETH D. TUPY, MEMBER,** appointed in June 2016. Mr. Tupy graduated from the University of Illinois in 1979 with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Psychology. He graduated from John Marshall Law School in 1982 and was a Staff Editor for Law Review. Mr. Tupy became a Sangamon County Assistant State's Attorney and was the Chief of the Felony Division until 1995. He worked in private practice and was the Republican Attorney for the Illinois House Criminal Law Committee. He was also the attorney for the Prison Reform Committee; the Truth in Sentencing Committee and the Juvenile Reform Committee. He became the Chief Legal Counsel for the Illinois Prisoner Review Board in 1998 until 2016 when he accepted the appointment as a Board

Member for the Prisoner Review Board.

**ELEANOR "KAYE" WILSON, MEMBER,** appointed in April 2019. Mrs. Wilson is a consultant with almost fifty years of professional experience in a variety of social justice and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and government agencies. She holds a Master's degree in Urban Education and considers herself a generalist whose work experience has included teaching from elementary to graduate school levels. She was one of the founding members of DePaul University's School for New Learning where she held two positions: Director and Assistant Dean. She founded Wells Prep School, an elementary school for public housing children, based on the Marva Collins' educational approach and was funded by the Department of Justice. As Executive Director of Urban Programs at Chicago City-Wide College, she designed and implemented Project Choice, a welfare-to-work education and training program for General Assistance participants. The Illinois Department of Public Aid and Community College Board later adopted the Project Choice model as the prototype for the Illinois welfare-to-work program, Advancing Opportunities. Mrs. Wilson also developed Project Leap, a program designed to assist returning citizens with employment, housing and other issues relative to their successful transition from incarceration back into society.

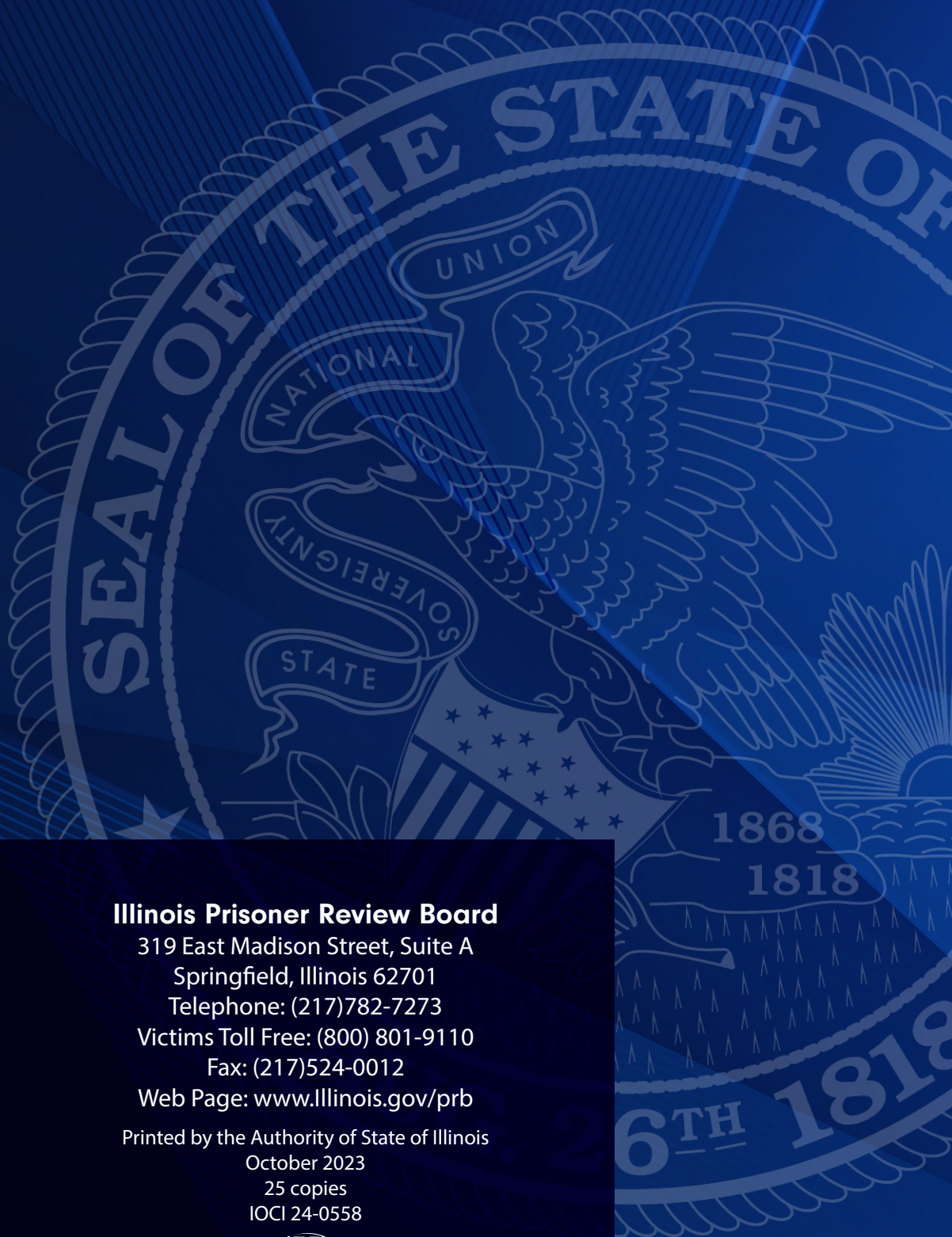
Having worked at Woods Fund of Chicago and Grand Victoria Foundation, Mrs. Wilson has over eight years' experience as a private philanthropic foundation program director. She is an active volunteer in nonprofit organizations, serving in leadership roles on a number of nonprofit boards, task forces, and steering committees.



In 2009 she was appointed to serve as a Commissioner on President Obama's White House Fellowship Program where she served for eight (8) years. She is a trained Restorative Justice Practitioner and Circle Keeper Trainer.







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