



STATE OF ILLINOIS
JB PRITZKER, GOVERNOR
PRISONER REVIEW BOARD
Craig Findley, Chairman

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ORDER OF CHAIRMAN CRAIG FINDLEY

In re: Rolling Clemency Docket for Incarcerated Persons

As previously announced on May 1, 2020, and as amended on July 9, 2020, in light of the dangers and difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly as they relate to filing, processing, and conducting hearings for requests for Commutations of Sentence, the Board began hearing Petitions involving incarcerated Petitioners on a rolling basis. Subsequently, the State has now successfully entered Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. Accordingly, effective immediately, the rolling docket will no longer be utilized, and hearings will return to a quarterly docket system; the first such quarterly docket is currently scheduled for October 5-7, 2021, in Chicago, Illinois. Previously filed Petitions currently awaiting public hearing will be scheduled for a special public hearing docket in September, with details to be provided directly to the affected parties.

As we continue to respond to the effects of the pandemic during this Phase, all Petitions for Commutation of Sentence are still expected to conform with the Guidelines for filing as provided on the Board's website, insofar as is practical. Additionally, please note that the requirement that a notary public bear witness to the signature of the Petitioner or an attorney filing on the Petitioner's behalf continues to be suspended.

In addition, all filers will be expected to ensure that the State's Attorney's Office and the Chief Circuit Judge of the county of conviction will be notified and provided with copies of the Petition, in order that those parties will be afforded an opportunity to respond in writing to the Petition. Failure to provide proof of service may result in a delay or rejection of the filing being processed and docketed for hearing.

The Board will continue to provide notice to all registered victims, who shall be given at least 30 days to respond to the request for Commutation, prior to any hearing by the Board. Victim statements may be sent to the Board in writing or via other electronic means prior to the executive clemency hearing. Any victim statements received by the Board will be confidential and privileged, as provided by Illinois law.

Craig Findley
Chairman

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