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PAROLE BOARD ADMINISTRATION

I. POLICY and PROCEDURE

- A. The Kentucky Parole Board shall strive to be an integral part of the Kentucky Criminal Justice System by conducting the business of the Parole Board business fairly and efficiently.
- B. The Parole Board shall weigh the balance of societal justice, consistency, public safety and the rights of the victim and victim's families.
- C. The Parole Board shall also be mindful of the integrity of the sentencing authority.
- D. The Parole Board shall carry out its duties as defined in KRS 439.330 and 439.340 which grants the Parole Board with decision making authority with respect to all offenders convicted of a felony who are sentenced to a term of imprisonment and are eligible for discretionary parole.
- E. The Parole Board shall be attached to the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet for administrative purpose only as outlined in KRS 439.320.
- F. The Department of Corrections shall provide any clerical, stenographic, administrative, and expert staff assistance the Board deems necessary to carry out its duties as outlined in KRS 439.380.
- G. Although the Office of the Parole Board staff is independent of the Parole Board, they shall be responsive to the authority as defined by statute.
- H. The Parole Board may impose general and specific conditions of parole as outlined in KRS 439.354.
- I. The Parole Board shall have access to full information as outlined in KRS 439.380.

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- J. The Parole Board shall have the authority and the power to grant or deny parole and does not serve merely as an advisory body to another agency.
- K. The Parole Board may issue warrants to cause the arrest of offenders and the power to revoke parole.

L. Clemency Recommendation

1. When requested by the Governor, the Parole Board shall review, investigate and provide the necessary factual information and make a recommendation for or against clemency, pardon, commutation of sentence reprieve or reduction in sentence as outlined in KRS 439.450.