



State of Texas
BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

DAVID GUTIÉRREZ
Presiding Officer (Chair)

December 16, 2021

James P. Sullivan
General Counsel
Office of the Governor
1100 San Jacinto Boulevard, Fourth Floor
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

During 2021, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles has sent Governor Abbott a total of 67 clemency recommendations. This unusually high number, not seen in almost two decades, is more than twice the average number of recommendations Governor Abbott has received in any year since taking office. As the Presiding Officer of the Board, I instructed the staff to carefully examine its practices and procedures in an effort to explain this aberration.

The results of the examination has revealed that the Board made a number of unexplained departures from its own rules in issuing many of its 2021 recommendations, e.g., Board Rule sections 143.2, 143.6, 143.10. I understand the importance of following the Board's rules, and will ensure that the Board takes greater care to do so in 2022 and beyond. If it is determined that any of those rules need to be improved, they will be revised and amended rather than failing to comply.

To ensure that the 2021 applicants are not prejudiced by the Board's procedural errors, the Board respectfully requests Governor Abbott allow the Board to withdraw and reconsider its clemency recommendations for the following individuals:

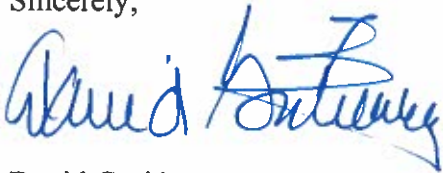
Bloom, Miranda Cydney
Candelaria, Albert
Cantwell, Kimberly Diane
Charles, John
Chavez, Manuel Morua
Floyd, George Perry

Guillory, Tachel Lakaye
Jones, Kendall Dwayne
Kennis, Jed Louis
Kreska, Daniel Sullivan
Lomas, Alonzo Juarez
Lynn, Kelly
Maldonado, Rogelio
Martinez, Samantha Jo
McCook, Tammy Denise
Mitchell, Jerimy Duane
Oliver, Antoninette La'Quitta
Page, Velta Shantey
Pelton-Perez, Darla June
Pruneda, John Paul
Ramos, Oscar Armendariz
Robinson, Randy Ray
Rossow, John Paul
Smith, Lifford Tyrone
Torres, Michael Anthony

Upon completing its reconsideration, the Board will send Governor Abbott updated recommendations that comply with the aforementioned rules. This approach will avoid the two-year waiting period that would otherwise apply to an applicant identified in Board Rule section 143.14(b)

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Gutiérrez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

David Gutiérrez
Presiding Officer