

Pardon and Parole Board (Constitution, Article 6 §10; 57 O.S. § 332.2)

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Mission Statement To provide the Parole Board with the best possible information, through a case-by-case investigative process, for their use in making decisions whether or not to recommend the supervised release of adult felons.

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Personnel 31 classified, 1 unclassified, 2 temporary

History and Function The board was created in Article VI: 10 of the Oklahoma Constitution. It is the duty of the Pardon and Parole Board to make an impartial investigation and study of the applicants for commutations, pardons, or paroles, and by a majority vote make a recommendation to the governor. Upon a favorable recommendation, the governor then has the authority to grant pardons, parole, or commutations. The Oklahoma Constitution gives the Oklahoma Legislature the authority to prescribe a minimum mandatory period of confinement that must be served prior to being eligible to be considered for parole. The Pardon and Parole Board only has authority to make recommendations. The Department of Corrections supervises all inmates released to the community.