



# THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW

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## Monthly Accomplishments Report July 2024

### Chairman's Message

David A. Wyant

During the month of July, my tenure as Chairman began and I am extremely excited for the opportunity to lead the agency. On July 2nd, I addressed all FCOR staff members by outlining my vision and expectations for the agency. Overall, the meeting was successful and senior leadership received positive feedback.

In addition, I met with the Office of External Affairs and members of the senior management team to discuss the 2025-26 Legislative Budget Request (LBR). We are still in the early stages of drafting the LBR, but we are confident that the issues included are substantive and would positively impact the agency. As discussions evolve, we are on schedule to submit the final draft of the LBR by the October 15<sup>th</sup> due date.

Furthermore, I plan to meet with senior management staff individually to discuss ways to improve internal processes so our agency can operate at the highest level of efficiency.

Detailed information about our accomplishments can be found on the following pages. If you have questions, please email [publicaffairs@fcor.state.fl.us](mailto:publicaffairs@fcor.state.fl.us) or call 850-921-2816.

Sincerely,

Chairman

## Division of Operations

The Division of Operations is the largest unit of the Commission and is comprised of four sections: The Revocations Unit, Victims' Services, Office of the Commission Clerk, and Field Services. Twelve field offices are divided among five regional areas across the state with each region staffed by an administrator who directs the day-to-day activities of the professionals and support staff assigned to offices located within the region.

Operations is responsible for multiple functions in the administration of post-prison supervisory release programs. These supervised release programs include parole, conditional medical release, control release, conditional release, and addiction recovery release supervision. Through its Field Services staff, Operations conducts parole interviews, administrative hearings for alleged violations of supervision, as well as clemency investigations for the Board of Executive Clemency.

### Accomplishments: July 2024

#### Office of the Commission Clerk

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Cases Docketed: 747

- Parole Interviews, Reviews (64), Granted (2), Terminated (1), Released to Guidelines (0), Declined to authorize (0), Rescinded/Re-paroled (0)
- Conditional Medical Release Granted (1), Denied (2), Docketed (4)
- Conditional Release cases scheduled for Docket (597)
- Addiction Recovery cases scheduled for Docket (76)

#### Revocations

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Revocations: 625

- Warrants Issued (165)
- Revocations Scheduled for Docket (164)
- Final Hearing Results Received, ROR granted, denied (147)
- Revoked or reinstated, including ROR, NTA (149)

*\*Includes parole, conditional release, addiction recovery release, and conditional medical release and control release cases.*

#### Victims' Services

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Victims' Services: 494

- Victims' requests for information on parole, conditional release, and conditional medical cases-201
- Victims Located-55
- Status updates to victims on parole, conditional medical, and clemency cases-142
- Assisted victims who attended parole in person or remotely- 32
- Notified Sate Attorney Offices of upcoming hearings and outcomes-64

#### Field Services

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Field Services: 316

- Parole Interviews (61)
- Revocation Interviews (212)

- Revocation Hearings (43)

## Division of Administration

*The Division of Administration provides administrative support to the Commission's Central Office and 12 field offices. Administration includes Human Resources, Finance and Accounting, Purchasing, Safety, Grants, Contracts, Inventory, Emergency Management, and General Services.*

### **Accomplishments: July 2024**

- Submitted 30 requisitions, 31 security requests, 15 work orders, 4 deliveries, 48 processed invoices , 25 HR actions, 53 Travel Vouchers.
- Provided agency staff safety/wellness information.
- Attended Administration team meeting, FL Palm meetings, FL Palm and OIT meeting, FL Palm Change Management Leadership meetings, OBIS Modernization meetings , OBIS Change Management, and OBIS Leadership meeting , FDC OIT meetings, Legal database meetings, VOIP meetings ,Weekly FDC/KPMG PALM Support Status Touchpoint, Human Resource Officers' Meeting, IT TRP meetings, PALM Transition Roadmap Walkthrough, Meetings for Revocation database.
- Reviewed Legal database minutes, custom reports, change to vender contract.
- Coordinating VOIP migration for CO and all field offices.
- Ordering supplies, IT and furniture including research and obtaining up to date quotes.
- Facilitated agency-wide Defensive Driver Training
- Non-Esheat Survey
- Completed fleet management actions.
- Attended Florida Administrative Services Meeting
- Selected vendor, submitted requisition, and onboarded new security guard for the building lobby.
- Assisted in Transition of new Commissioner, new Chairman, & new Director of Administration

## Office of General Counsel

*The Office of the General Counsel is charged with successfully prevailing on litigation filed against the Commission, providing quality legal advice and representation in a prompt manner, and engaging in proactive legal counseling to prevent unnecessary litigation in the future.*

### **Accomplishments: July 2024**

During the month of July, the Office of the General Counsel generated thirteen (13) court filings, including briefs, responses, motions, orders, and notices.

During the month of July, the Office of the General Counsel responded, through completion, to eighty-seven (87) public records requests.

During the month of July, the Commission received eight (8) positive orders, from state circuit courts, district courts of appeal, the Florida Supreme Court, and federal courts. These orders are in the nature of reaffirming long-held and long-standing precedent governing some of the more common challenges presented against the Commission, including the denial of a grant of credit for time out on supervision after a supervision revocation, the recommendation for particular programming, the placement of an offender on conditional release, the Commission's discretionary authority to impose special conditions in a conditional release order, the Commission's denial of a grant for a special interview, the sufficiency of the evidence presented at revocation hearings, and the Commission's decision to aggravate for unsatisfactory institutional conduct and its decision not to mitigate based on particular information set forth by an inmate.

## Office of External Affairs

*The Office of External Affairs is charged with overseeing the Commission's legislative, communications, and public information programs. The Director serves as the agency's chief legislative advocate and chief spokesperson.*

### **Accomplishments: July 2024**

- Conducted legislative constituent relations regarding various Commission functions.
- Worked on the 2025-26 LBR.
- Sent out invite letters to legislators for the Polk County out of town vote.
- Conducted meet and greet meetings with all the cabinet aids with the new chairman.
- Completed CDC training.

## Office of Executive Clemency

*The Office of Executive Clemency (OEC) reports directly to the Governor and Cabinet who sit as the Executive Clemency Board (Clemency Board) in the performance of their duties and responsibilities. This office is responsible for coordinating all clemency meetings, presenting all applicants to the Clemency Board, accepting clemency applications, referring applications for investigation, and serves as the official custodian of all clemency records.*

### **Accomplishments: July 2024**

Currently 378,973 RCR certificates are available for printing and can be searched on our website: [www.fcor.state.fl.us](http://www.fcor.state.fl.us) under the clemency tab.

The main goal of the Office of Executive Clemency (OEC) is to support the Executive Clemency Board (Clemency Board). OEC staff also provides assistance to the public regarding the clemency process, applications and historical records.

OEC maintains multiple phone lines and a web email accounts that are staffed daily to answer inquiries.

OEC receives and processes clemency applications and notifies the applicants of their eligibility for the different forms of clemency. Correspondence is provided to the applicants explaining the next steps in

the process and advising of any additional information that is needed to move their application forward. OEC informs applicants of the final Clemency Board action along with the various forms of denials and grants.

OEC is the custodian of all clemency records and processed over 350 requests received from criminal justice agencies regarding clemency action on individuals being investigated and/or prosecuted. OEC further assisted in responding to clemency records request, legal inquiries and legislative inquiries.

OEC worked closely with the Clemency Board in the presentation and circulation of preliminary review list for RCR Without a Hearing, RFR/Commutation of Sentence and Unfavorable Commission Recommendations for With a Hearing cases as well as applicants who will appear on a clemency agenda. Specific cases requested by the Executive Office of the Governor were also submitted for review and subsequent determinations were made.

OEC is preparing for the upcoming clemency meeting before the Board of Executive Clemency scheduled for September 25, 2024.

## **Webpage Statistics**

- <https://FCOR.state.fl.us> has received 91,795,923 inquiries with 6,279,946 searches for Restoration of Civil Rights (RCR) grants.
- 1,272,307 names were located, and 135,655 certificates have been printed.

## **Office of Clemency Investigations**

*The Office of Clemency Investigations is charged with investigating, reviewing, evaluating, and reporting to the Clemency Board in all types of clemency cases including, but not limited to, the restoration of civil rights, full pardons, firearm authority, commutations of sentence, remission of fines, and capital punishment cases.*

## **Accomplishments: July 2024**

- Conducted investigations on Restoration of Civil Rights Without a Hearing cases.
- Conducted investigations on Requests for Review for Commutation of Sentence cases.
- Prepared investigations completed by field offices for Commissioners' review and conducted quality assurance reviews of With Hearing investigations for upcoming Clemency Board Meetings.
- Conducted eligibility reviews on pending applications under the criteria of the Rules of Executive Clemency.
- Assisted in the development of clemency information for multiple annual agency reports and legislative budget request.

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- Held conference call with the Regional Administrators and Supervisors with discussion on conducting clemency investigations, workload priorities/goals, database issues, and the Rules of Executive Clemency.
- Conducted clemency training sessions with several investigators in our section.
- Provided assistance and support related to eligibility determinations and clemency investigation procedures to Field Services staff.
- Assisted applicants through reinstatement of their clemency applications after verification of satisfaction of certain eligibility requirements.
- Worked with Department of Corrections IT members and Commission staff on the ongoing implementation of improved features and functionality to the clemency and PBB databases.
- Provided oversight and direction regarding agency records retention, storage, and disposition in accordance with approved retention schedules.
- Provided ad hoc investigation, research, assistance, and other information to the various clemency aides upon specific requests.
- Provided customer service to clemency applicants.