

**STATE OF OHIO,
ADULT PAROLE AUTHORITY
COLUMBUS, OHIO**

Date of Meeting: April 15, 2020

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Adult Parole Authority held at
4545 Fisher Road Suite D, Columbus, Ohio 43228

IN RE: Thomas Noe—Supplemental Report
Pardon/Commutation/Reprieve 2967.07 O.R.C. Filed: April 8, 2020

OFFENSE FOR WHICH CLEMENCY IS REQUESTED:

CRIME: Engaging in Corrupt Acts F1; Theft F1; **SENTENCE:** 18 years
Theft F3; 4 counts Money Laundering
F3; 18 counts Forgery F5

ADMITTED: 10/30/2008

CASE NUMBER: CR0200601348

COUNTY: Lucas

EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE DATE: 10/22/2026

GROUND FOR APPLICATION: Applicant's age, more that 50% of sentence served, perceived susceptibility to Covid-19 virus.

Thomas Noe applied for clemency January 31, 2018. The case was heard October 4, 2018, by seven members of the parole board who voted five to two for an unfavorable recommendation for commutation in a report submitted to former Governor Kasich on October 31, 2018. Governor Kasich did not render a decision prior to leaving office, therefore the case is still pending a decision by the governor. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, current board members reviewed all materials from that hearing; recent submissions from the applicant's attorney, including the applicant's medical records; and submissions by the Inspector General, the Bureau of Workers Compensation, the Lucas County prosecutor and Senator Tim Schaffer.

CONCLUSION:

After thorough review of all materials, both original and more recent submissions, board members unanimously confirmed the original unfavorable recommendation for commutation of sentence. The most recent submission for review requested that board members consider only the applicant's health when completing this review. While the board took into consideration the applicant's health issues, they determined that the applicant's health did not outweigh the seriousness of the applicant's behavior.

- The applicant is currently classified as requiring routine, follow up care as are many inmates currently in the prison system.
- The applicant's crime represents a substantial violation of public trust, causing both direct and indirect harm to the citizens of Ohio.
- Granting clemency would not act as a deterrent to future criminal behavior by either the applicant or others in a similar position of handling public funds.
- Once again, the applicant has failed to address what the Lucas County Prosecutor and others have stressed as critical in this case—how repayment of any portion of the noteworthy court costs and restitution ordered in this case will be achieved.

If commutation is granted to the applicant, the board recommends placing the applicant under Adult Parole Authority supervision with a special condition to begin immediate payment of the court costs and restitution ordered by the sentencing court.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parole Board, by a majority vote of nine (9) to zero (0), recommends to Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, that clemency be denied in the case of Thomas Noe.

Members Voted "Favorable"

AMH, SMH, GWH, MCH, LMH, KEK, LEP, _____
TLR, SRW _____

Members Voted "Unfavorable"