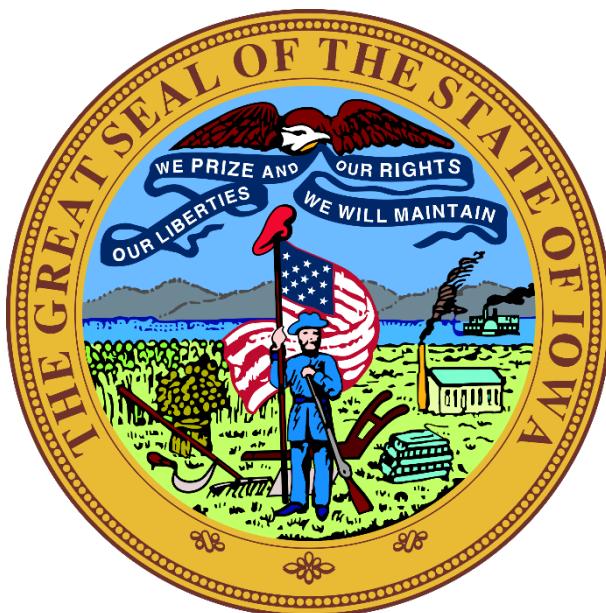




Iowa Board of Parole
Annual Report Fiscal Year 2020



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Highlights

- The Board of Parole completed 14,502 deliberations in FY20. The deliberations resulted in 4,724 paroles 1,462 work releases, and the imposition of 545 special sentences pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 903B.
- The Board continued to prioritize its work to ensure registered victims have the opportunity to provide input into the deliberative process and are notified of decisions made by the Board. At the end of FY20 there were a total of 6,573 victims registered with the Board. There was a total of 3,820 victim notices sent in FY20. In addition, the Board continues to have a toll-free victim telephone number to facilitate communication (800) 448-4611.
- The recidivism rate for the FY20 reporting year was 39.8%.
- The membership of the Board of Parole changed in FY20. Andrew Boettger replaced Norman Granger as Vice Chair of the Board in February, 2020. Board Member Sheila Wilson retired in December 2019. Ralph Haskins and Susie Weinacht were appointed to the Board in January 2020.
- The Iowa Board of Parole did not attend the Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) annual conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The parole revocation diversion program, named the Community Success Program, which was implemented to provide additional community support to parolees who are struggling but have a commitment to succeed and submit to additional oversight, continued under the direction of ALJ Michelle Becker.
- Parole Board Administrative Law Judges issued 3,474 decisions in FY20.
- In January 2020, Chair Miller served as a member of the Criminal Justice Reform Committee discussing conditions of release, implemented Board involvement (along with the Department of Corrections (DOC)) in the Robina Project, began regular formal quarterly Board trainings, presented to the Justice System Appropriations Committee Co-Chair Gary Worthan, and presented to the full committee along with Parole Liaison Officer Andrea Muelhaupt and Jack Heuton with the Department of Corrections, April thru June participated in twice weekly COVID-19 update calls with the DOC and completed visits to each correctional facility. She was appointed to the IPI board and was inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame in June.
- A training manual for staff and board members was created by Parole Liaison Officer Patricia Jay. This document provides detailed and helpful information that supports the Board's mission by assuring that staff and Board members are trained to perform their duties.
- Under the leadership of the Chair, policy manuals were developed for staff and Board members for the first time. These documents assure that the Board and staff know and understand their responsibilities.

Agency Overview

The Board of Parole was established in 1907 by the 37th Iowa General Assembly. The Board is composed of one full-time chairperson, one full-time vice-chairperson, and three per diem members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for staggered four-year terms. Board membership must include one layperson, one attorney licensed to practice law in Iowa with knowledge in correctional procedures and issues, and an individual who holds a master's degree in social work or counseling and guidance and who is knowledgeable about correctional procedures and issues. In addition, the Board must be as gender and political party balanced as possible. The Board reports directly to the Governor, and the chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The Board has its own support staff¹, but also receives administrative support from the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC).

The mission of the Board is to enhance overall public safety by making evidence-based and informed parole decisions for the successful re-entry of offenders back into the community to become productive and responsible citizens. To achieve this mission, the Board:

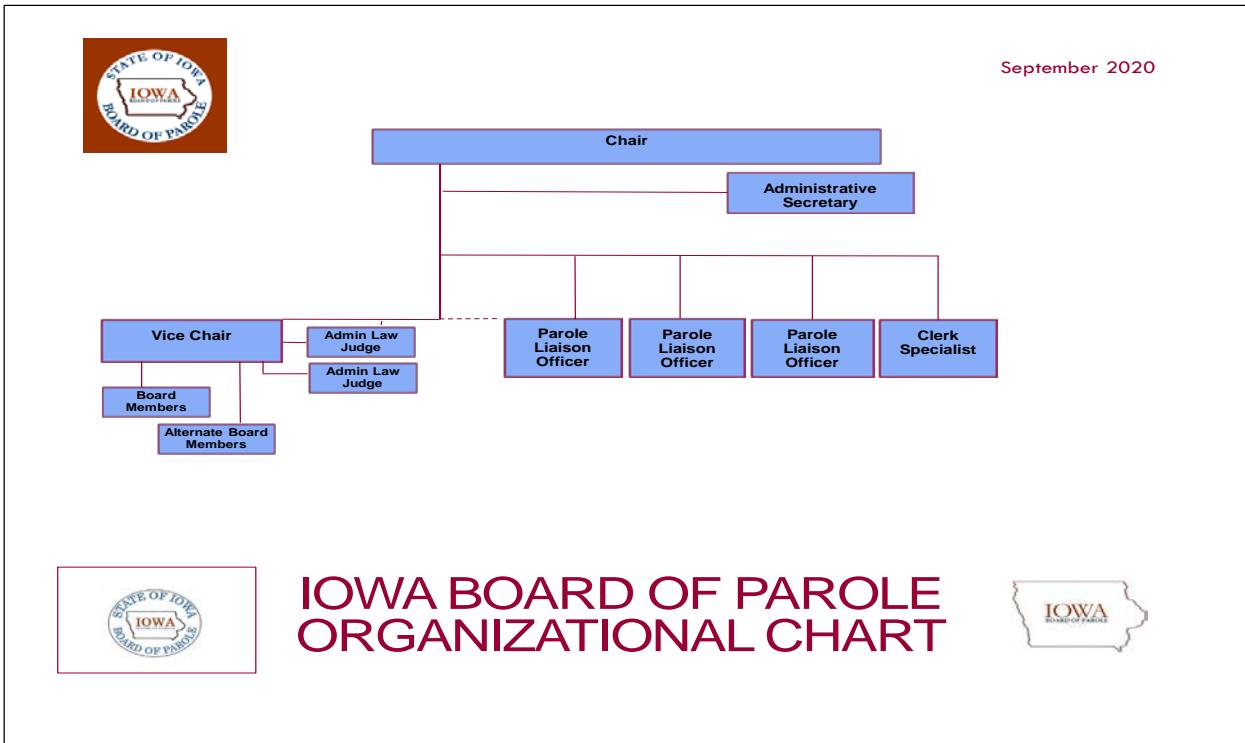
- Reviews and interviews offenders for parole and work release consideration in accordance with applicable administrative rules and via a deliberative system that respects the interest of the public, victims, and offenders, while being mindful of the finite resources available.
- Gathers and reviews information regarding new parole and work release programs being instituted or considered nationwide to determine which programs may be appropriate for use in Iowa.
- Utilizes evidence-based practices to perform risk assessments and promote supervised release at the appropriate time and level.
- Works to enhance a collaborative working relationship with all stakeholders in the criminal justice system by providing technical assistance, information and counseling on matters related to the Board of Parole's purpose.
- Reviews and makes recommendations to the Governor regarding applications for reprieves, pardons, commutation of sentences, and special restoration of citizenship rights pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 914.

COVID-19 Response

In response to the global pandemic, COVID-19, the Board of Parole took various intentional steps to ensure as few persons as necessary were incarcerated. Beginning in March of 2020, the Board sat two separate panels as the demand warranted to process as many persons recommended by the Department of Corrections for some type of release as possible, subject to time and financial constraints. In addition, the Board invited each institution to send incarcerated individuals who had been denied some type of release during the first four months of the virus spread to be reviewed afresh in early fall of 2020. The Board continues to work in conjunction with the Department of Corrections to identify safe and ready candidates for release in this trying time.

¹ See Table of Organization

Iowa Board of Parole Organizational Table



Board of Parole Members – Biographies

Helen Miller, Chair. Appointed to the board by Governor Kim Reynolds in 2019, Miller holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Howard University (Washington, DC), Master of Science in Library Science from Our Lady of the Lake University (San Antonio, TX) and a law degree from Georgetown University Law School (Washington, DC). Miller has worked as law librarian, practicing attorney (criminal defense, appeals, mental health), volunteer mediator, teacher and legislator. Miller served eight terms in the Iowa House of Representatives representing Fort Dodge and rural Webster County from 2003 to January 2019. She founded and hosted the national Iowa Criminal Justice Summit in 2015, and the mini criminal justice reforms summits in Fort Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa City and Ames (2015-16). Miller has received numerous awards and recognitions, most notably the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Lifetime Achievement Award (2018), Herbert Hoover Uncommon Public Service Award (2015), Polk County Women's Bar Association, Willie Stevenson Glanton Award (2016) inducted into the Iowa African American Hall of Fame (2012), inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame (2020) and a recipient of the National Bar Association 2020 Gertrude Rush Award.

Andrew Boettger, Vice Chair. Andrew Boettger was appointed Vice Chair of the Board of Parole in February 2020. A partner at the law firm of Hastings, Gartin, & Boettger, LLP, in Ames, Mr. Boettger has engaged in the private practice of law since 2005. Mr. Boettger has practiced in criminal defense, appeals, mediations, family law, and the prosecution of attorneys accused of violating rules of professional conduct, among other areas of the law that have prepared him for this role. His voluntary work has included various capacities on non-profit boards committed to improving delivery of mental health services and social services generally. A native of Harlan, Mr. Boettger is a proud graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and Regent University School of Law, a proud Iowan, and a proud father. He is humbled by the opportunity to serve Iowans in this role.

Ralph Haskins, Board Member. Appointed by Governor Kim Reynolds as a member of the Iowa Board of Parole in 2019. Mr. Haskins holds a Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University and numerous professional certifications. He and his wife have called Iowa their home since 1982 when he received a corporate transfer to the state. He attributes their relocation as a true gift bringing them to their cherished State of Iowa where they raised their four children and he successfully launched his career and founded a successful residential design-build construction firm and a construction material supply company. Mr. Haskins has been involved in numerous volunteer and philanthropic activities including chairing an international faith-based mission organization and is a past president of the Des Moines Area Home Builders Association. He attends Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines and has been active in projects there including oversight of building the Knapp House of Hope in partnership with MainStream Living. In addition, he has employed and mentored numerous incarcerated individuals and believes in second chances. He is also an active citizen engaging in various policy matters and takes pleasure in serving Governor Reynolds in the capacity as the Board of Parole layperson appointee.

Kathleen Kooiker, Board Member. Appointed to the Board of Parole in 2018. Born in Commack, Long Island, New York, she moved to Iowa in 1972 and graduated from Creston High School in 1975. She holds a Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree from Simpson College. Kathleen was a legal assistant in the Reynoldson Law Firm and the Clarke County Attorney's office before being appointed Clarke County Magistrate in 1983. She served on the bench for over thirty years. She was affiliated with Children and Families of Iowa for two years, assisting abused and neglected children, providing resources to their parents while the families were under court supervision and documenting progress monthly to the court regarding each child assigned to her. Kathleen also taught English as a Second Language for over fifteen years at Southwestern Community College and founded the Osceola Children's Theater after school

program. She has volunteered for over thirty years as director of two annual stage productions, which feature elementary school children as actors. In 2006 she received the Osceola Chamber-Main Street and Osceola Rotary Club Annual Community Service Award for her many hours of volunteer work. Kathleen served over ten years on the Iowa County Attorneys' Standards and Conduct Committee and several terms on the board of directors of the Iowa Magistrate's Association and the Clarke Area Arts Council. She and her husband enjoy spending time with their two daughters and two grandchildren.

Sue "Susie" Weinacht, Board Member. Appointed as an Alternate Member of the Board of Parole in 2017; then Board Member in 2019. Recognized by her community as a leader who makes a difference in the lives of many for the betterment of humanity; Susie is a recipient of the State of Iowa 2020 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Achievement Award for her demonstrated commitment to the vision of Dr. King by promoting the racial equality of all people in Iowa through service, diversity, cultural awareness, and active community participation. Among other recent recognitions is the Cedar Rapids Gazette Everyday Hero recognition, Woman of Achievement in Service to the Community, by Waypoint Services, and the Community Biggie Award, presented by Iowa BIG. Her educational background includes earning an Executive Leadership Certificate Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, and a BSc in Education & Teaching Certificate from Eastern Illinois University. As an elected government official (At-Large City Council Member and appointment as Mayor Pro Tem) Susie strived to learn as much as possible to provide citizens the representation entrusted to her and earned status as a Certified Elected Official through the Iowa League of Cities, and Bronze Certification from National League of Cities University. Other involvement and leadership certifications: Leadership Iowa (Assoc. of Business & Industry), The Pacific Institute - Cultural Transformation, Disney Institute Keys of Excellence, and the Chamber of Commerce. She has authored several guest columns including: •"You're Welcome to Join Us" September 2018, the Cedar Rapids Gazette. Our history, our culture, and our future are tied to being inclusive and welcoming. •"False-label law can help stop deadly drugs" May 2015, the Des Moines Register. Tackling synthetic drugs from a consumer fraud & protection approach. •"Community Investment Now Recreation Destination" September 2018, the Cedar Rapids Gazette. Mt Trashmore: From quarry, to landfill, and now a recreation destination of 70+ acres of walking & biking trails. Susie currently serves as a member, by judicial appointment, of the Sixth Judicial District | Iowa Department of Corrections Board.

Gregory B. Crocker, Alternate Board Member. Appointed as an Alternate Member of the Board of Parole in 2017. Gregory B. Crocker is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa with a B. A. in public administration. He has a long career in public service in the areas of law enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighter and City Administrator, and is a veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Crocker is also a Public Address Announcer for a variety of organizations that include Drum Corps International, Winter Guard International, West Des Moines Valley High School and is one of two of the voices of "Marching Mizzou", the marching band for the University of Missouri. He and his family reside in Central Iowa.

Dr. Vincent Lewis, Alternate Board Member. Appointed to the Board of Parole as an alternate in January 2020, Vincent Lewis grew up in Des Moines, was drafted as a young adult and served in Vietnam returning to Des Moines more determined to attend college and get a degree in a helping vocation. All of his degrees are from Drake University. He graduated with a teaching degree, started teaching in the Des Moines Public Schools and over the next few years completed an MSE, a SPEC and finally a doctoral degree in administration and counseling. He retired as principal of Des Moines North High School. He also served as a special education teacher working with emotionally and behaviorally disordered students, middle school principal and alternative high school principal for 39 years; 22 of those years as an administrator. He has taught graduate classes at Upper Iowa University, Graceland University, Drake University and Des Moines Area 11 Educational Agency. While he teaches parenting classes throughout the Des Moines Metro area and other locations as requested, he has recently worked as Director of Gender Specific Programs at Children and Family Urban Ministries in inner city Des Moines. He has

received numerous awards and recognitions for his years of service on many community improvement and youth advocacy boards. Vince has done workshops, speaking engagements and consulting regarding parenting without punishing, classroom behavior management, diversity and human relations awareness that is non-confrontational about preconceptions, stereotypes and misperceptions about those who are different from us to groups from church to school to corporate groups. During his free time he enjoys creating and building functional wood projects. He calls it his "Therapy by Saw Dust". Some of his projects may be viewed at one of the local art shows. He has a wife of 42 years, who is a well-established local artist, four children and six grandchildren, all of which are the joy and blessing of his life.

Jackie Romp, Alternate Board Member. Appointed as an Alternate Member of the Board of Parole in 2013. Jacklyn Van Ekeren Romp is a graduate of Iowa State University with a B.A. in Political Science, and then earned her J.D. from the University of Iowa, College of Law. She is admitted to practice law in Iowa and Illinois. Ms. Romp began her professional career as an attorney with the Chicago-based international law firm McDermott, Will & Emery. She also practiced with the Des Moines firm of Bradshaw, Fowler, Proctor and Fairgrave, and subsequently served as Legal Counsel and Administrative Rules Coordinator for the Office of the Governor of Iowa, and as Vice Chair of the Iowa Board of Parole. Romp received gubernatorial appointments to the Iowa Board of Regents (1985-89), the Iowa Board of Parole (1998-1999), and the Iowa Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund Board (1995-97). In her capacity with the Board of Regents, she also served on the Board of Directors of the Iowa State University Achievement Foundation and Iowa Public Television. Romp currently serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Des Moines Public Schools Foundation. Previously, she served on the Board of Directors of the University of Iowa Alumni Association, Terrace Hill Society, Junior League of Des Moines, Iowa Association of Business and Industry, and Friends of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). She is a past member of the Des Moines A.M. Rotary, the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, and Leadership Iowa. She is a member of Central Presbyterian Church where she has served on the Foundation, Christian Education Board, and Board of Deacons.

Strategic Plan

In October 2017, the Iowa Board of Parole undertook a strategic planning exercise to identify areas of focus for future development of the Board and its members. In August 2019, the Strategic Plan was reviewed again based on additional insight and information gathered since the implementation of this plan.

Training and Professional Development

- Utilize the collective wisdom and resources of the Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI), including participation in the annual training conference and other nationally recognized paroling/corrections associations.
- Participate in facility and field location visits to gain better understand operations and facilitate open and active communication across agency boundaries.
- Review intervention programs utilized in Iowa and similar states and explore if those programs would be beneficial to our offender population.
- Utilize a current compilation of intervention programs that include their primary area of focus.
- Continue the practice, when feasible, of including an educational component in each business meeting to learn about and remain up to date on current practices, research, data, and legislation that affects paroling activities.

Analysis and Data Sophistication in Conjunction with Department of Corrections

- Research and evaluate recidivism rates and identify patterns.
- Research and evaluate revocation activity to identify patterns.
- Evaluate and continue to develop evidence-based policies and practices.

Stakeholder and Public Outreach

- Enhance and maintain the Board's website for purposes of providing accessibility to information pertaining to Board operations, meetings, and schedules.
- Enhance partnership with Department of Corrections policy makers.
- Enhance partnership with the Community Based Corrections system.
- Enhance the notification system for registered victims.
- Assist the Governor, when requested, to collect and make recommendations for clemency and commutation of offender sentences.

Population Review Program in Conjunction with Department of Corrections

- Develop and enhance the Board's methods for identifying cases and target populations to review via periodic internal reviews of the prison population.
- Review candidates at the appropriate time for release consideration.
- Research and evaluate alternatives to traditional revocation.

Parole Risk Assessment Tools

The Board adopted the Iowa Violence and Victimization Instrument (IVVI) as its primary static risk assessment tool for non-sex offenders in December of 2012. The risk assessment was created by the Iowa Department of Corrections, at the request of the Board, to replace long-standing and aging risk assessments. The assessment's main use is to aid the Board in measuring the potential for reoffending. Validation data for the prior risk assessment tool, the Iowa Parole Risk Assessment, was included in prior annual reports and can be obtained by contacting the Board of Parole.

The Board continued to utilize the Iowa Sex Offender Risk Assessment (ISORA) and the Static-99 for sex offender specific risk calculation.

The IDOC has developed a new dynamic risk assessment tool called the Dynamic Risk Assessment for Offender Reentry – Institution (DRAOR – Institution) for use in case planning. Early data suggests this tool can also be utilized at the release decision making stage by the Board. This must be confirmed via a validation process before it can be adopted for use by the Board.

Iowa Corrections Offender Network (ICON)

On August 26, 2013, the Iowa Corrections Offender Network (ICON) Board of Parole case review module was deployed. This deployment changed the way the Board handled information gathering, filing, file review and voting. This module made it possible for the Board and the Iowa Department of Corrections to share information on a real-time basis and has increased Board workflow and efficiency.

Since the development of the original module, the Board has added a revocation module. In addition, the Board and IDOC collaborated to develop and implement a centralized Victim Registration Module.

Future ICON development will include an Executive Clemency and Commutation module and full digitization of existing paper files for use within ICON.

Polycom Videoconferencing

In FY20, the Board conducted 510 remote interviews over the Polycom videoconference system. Utilization of the Polycom system allowed victims from around the state to interact with the Board without necessarily needing to travel to Des Moines in order to participate in a parole hearing. Utilization of Polycom has continued to result in increased efficiency and the redirection of limited resources, which historically would have been used for Board travel to DOC facilities, and towards the development of additional technological improvements and Board training.

Summary of Time Served Prior to Parole, Work Release, Special Sentence and Prison Population Forecast

<https://humanrights.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/media/2020%20Iowa%20Prison%20Population%20Forecast.pdf>

Workload and Decision Statistics Summary

Workload & Performance Summary: The Board meets approximately 12 days per month for panel screenings. Panels consist of three Board members, one of which is typically the Chair or Vice-Chair. During these panel days the Board conducts case screenings, interviews, appeal reviews, and special reviews. The incorporation of ICON into the daily screening process has helped the Board to complete a large workload in an efficient and timely manner. The Board has had an increase of the number of deliberations, the number of release decisions issued, and the number of parole revocation hearings. With the automation of our operations, added time is required for each hearing in order to review each case in its entirety. A complete breakdown of the Board's workload for FY20 can be found below.

WORKLOAD & PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

FY2018 FY2019 FY2020

DELIBERATIONS

Case Reviews	12,134	12,921	13,992
Interviews	365	464	510
TOTAL DELIBERATIONS	12,499	13,385	14,502

RELEASE DECISIONS

Paroles Granted	3,954	4,527	4,724
Work Release Granted	1,722	1,986	1,462
Special Sentence Granted ²	555	515	545
Denial of Release	4,694	4,670	5,453
TOTAL RELEASE DECISIONS	10,925	11,698	12,184

PAROLE REVOCATIONS

PAROLE REVOCATION HEARINGS	3,068	3,474	3,350
Parole Revoked to Prison ³	858	928	926
Automatic Revocations	300	389	397
Parole Revoked to Work Release	591	554	544
Paroles Revoked ⁴	1,563	1,590	1,606
TOTAL PAROLES REVOKED	1,863	1,979	2,003

SPECIAL REVIEW DECISIONS

Amend Decision	310	394	488
Paroles Rescinded	166	191	166
Work Release Rescinded	134	166	200
Special Sentence Rescinded	12	23	10
Deny Special Review	33	41	25
TOTAL SPECIAL REVIEW DECISIONS	655	815	889

² Commencement of a Special Sentence is non-discretionary. Iowa Code Chapter 903B mandates the special parole supervision sentence begin at the discharge of a qualifying sex offense.

³ Does not include Automatic Revocations

⁴ Includes revoking parole to work release, and revoke and discharge parole and does not include automatic-revocation

WORKLOAD & PERFORMANCE SUMMARY
 FY2018 FY2019 FY2020

APPEAL DECISIONS

Appeal with Modification	8	25	29
Appeal Denied	671	567	1,104
TOTAL APPEAL DECISIONS	679	592	1,133

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE ⁵	1	13	24
Commutations Recommended	0	0	0
PARDON ⁶	7	7	58
SPECIAL RESTORATION OF CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS ⁷	6	12	80

OTHER BOARD WORK

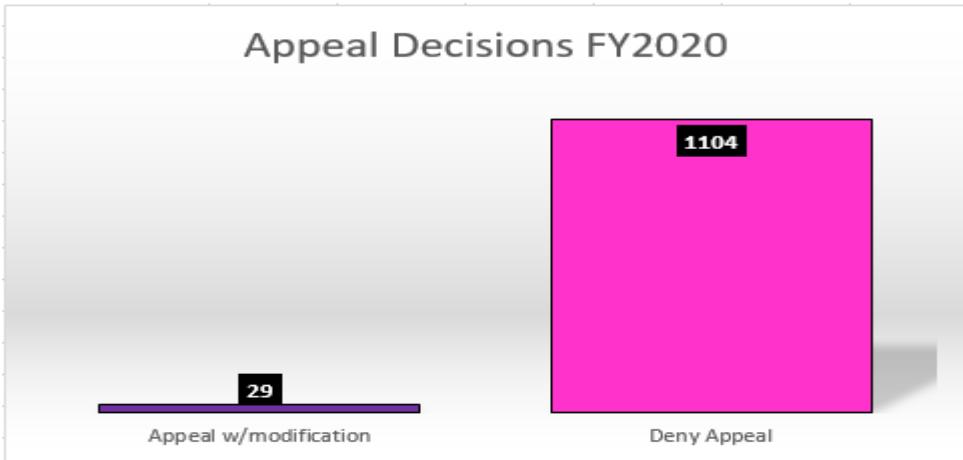
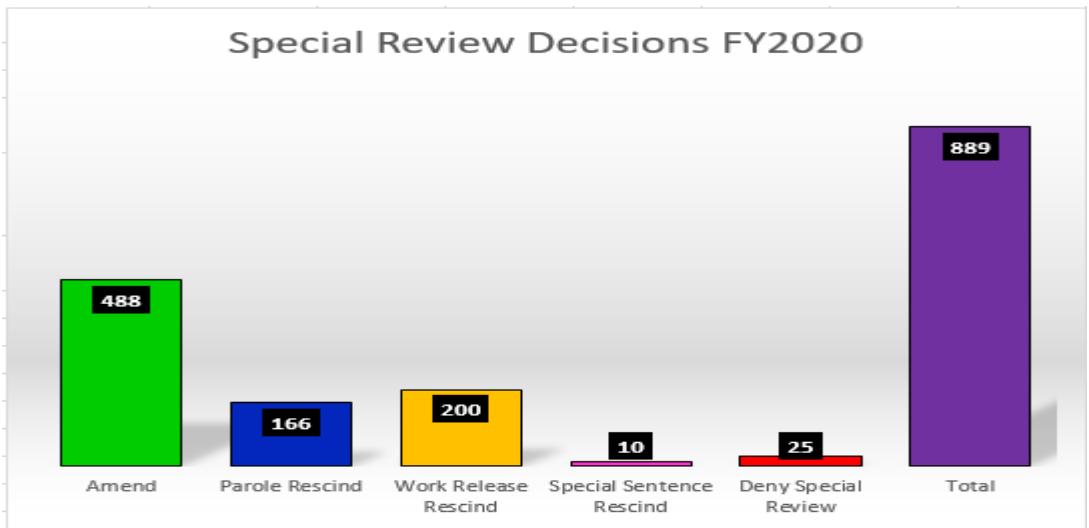
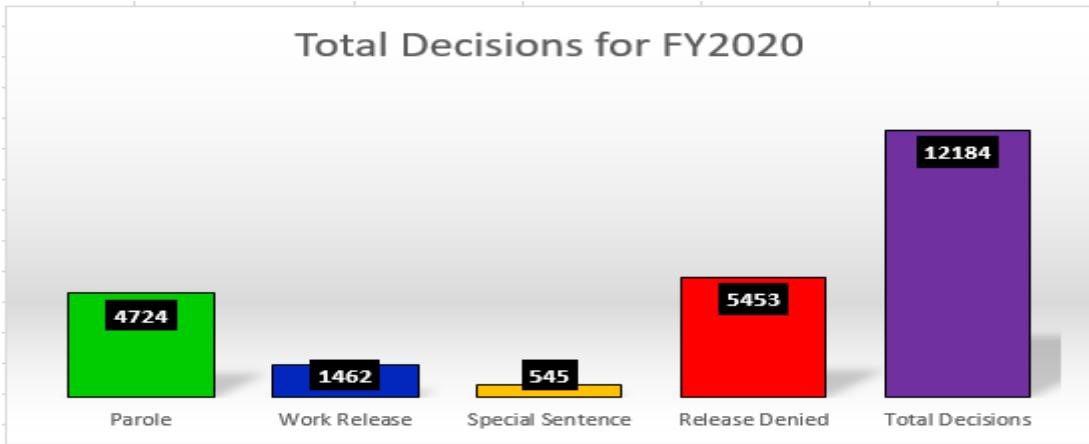
Registered Victims at Year end	6,067	6,337	6,573
Victim Notices: Decision Letters	3,117	3,633	3,820
Victim Notices: Interview Letters	538	722	781
Victim Registration Letters	1,700	2,318	1,620

⁵ Number of commutation applications that were referred to the Office of the Governor following an investigation by the Board of Parole.

⁶ Number of pardon applications that were referred to the Office of the Governor following review by Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations.

⁷ Number of special restoration of citizenship rights applications that were referred to the Office of the Governor following review by Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations.

Graphs of Board's Workload



Recidivism

Recidivism definitions and terms used in this Report were developed by The Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) to establish standard performance measures of importance to corrections. All statistical compilations included herein were provided by the Iowa Department of Corrections.

The recidivism rate is the percent of offenders released from prison or work release who returned to prison within three years. The releases tracked are parole, discharges due to end of sentence, and sex offender releases to special sentence supervision.

The recidivism rate may be further defined by the reason for the prison return: new convictions with sentences to prison; and technical returns (all other reasons).

The recidivism reporting year is the conclusion of the three-year tracking period for a release group. In other words, reporting year FY2020 describes recidivism for offenders who left prison in FY17.

The recidivism rate for FY2020 was 39.8%

Race	Total Exits	Total Returns	Return Rate
American Indian or Alaska Native	88	43	48.9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	39	13	33.3%
Black	1,069	412	38.5%
N/A	4		
White	3,649	1460	40.0%
Totals	4,849	1928	39.8%

FY20 Recidivism by New Convicting Crime Type

Convicting Crime Offense Type	Total Exits	Total Returns	Return Rate	Allocation of Return x Type
Drug	1,494	641	42.9%	33%
Other	398	316	79.4%	16%
Property	1,316	492	37.4%	26%
Public Order	555	220	39.6%	11%
Violent	1,086	259	23.8%	13%
Totals	4,849	1928	39.8%	100%

FY20 Return by New vs. Tech

	FY20	
Row Labels	N	%
No Recidivism	2879	60.3%
New Charge	988	20.7%
Technical	906	19.0%
Grand Total	4773	100.0%

Return Rate to Prison Compared to Releases

Initial Prison Supervision Status	Total Exits	Total Returns	Return Rate
Totals	4,849	1928	39.8%

Total Parolees Served in FY20

Supervision Status	Active at Start	New Admits	Offenders Served
Parole	4,086	4072	8158
Special Sentence	1,146	426	1572
Statewide Total	5,232	4,498	9,730

Parole Revocations

The parole revocation process begins with the receipt of a parole officer's violation report. The alleged violator is subsequently notified to appear before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for a Parole Revocation Hearing. The ALJ determines whether or not the parolee is in violation of the terms of the parole agreement. If the ALJ finds that a parole violation has occurred, one of the following sanctions may be imposed:

- Re-instatement of parole
- Re-instatement of parole with additional conditions imposed (for example, but not limited to, substance abuse evaluation, GPS monitoring, intensive parole supervision, referral to an appropriate treatment program)
- Revocation of parole to a work release program
- Revocation of parole and return to prison

Pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 908.10 and 908.10A, Board ALJs do not hear cases involving parolees sentenced to prison for new felonies or aggravated misdemeanors. In these instances, the parole is deemed revoked as of the date of the commission of the new offense. Although no hearing is conducted for an automatic revocation, an ALJ is required to process the revocation order and notify the parolee of the revocation.

Parole Revocation Statistics

A total of 2,003 paroles were revoked in FY20. This number includes sex offenders who are subject to special sentence supervision pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 903B.

PAROLE REVOCATION HEARINGS	3,350
Parole Revoked to Prison ⁸	926
Automatic Revocations	397
Parole Revoked to Work Release	554
Paroles Revoked ⁹	1,606
TOTAL PAROLES REVOKED	2,003

⁸ Does not include Automatic Revocations

⁹ Includes revoking parole to work release, and revoke and discharge parole.

Community Success Program

In September 2018 the Board of Parole launched a diversion program for parolees in the community facing revocation of their parole status. The purpose of the Community Success Program (CSP) is to prevent returns to prison by engaging parolees in a process of changing their behavior and living in accordance with self-identified values.

The goals of CSP are to partner with the parolee and parole officer to accomplish these objectives:

- assist the parolee in setting goals;
- help the parolee identify barriers to reaching goals;
- assist the parolee in identifying resources to assist in achieving goals;
- encourage the parolee to build a network of positive support; and
- offer periodic review of a parolee's progress toward goals.

CSP is administered by one Board of Parole Administrative Law Judge. The program is administered statewide and periodic reviews are conducted in person or via phone or video conferencing depending on the location of the parolee and parole officer. Fourteen began the program in FY20; in that same period, 159 reviews with parolees and their parole officers were conducted as part of CSP. There were twenty-nine individuals who exited the program in FY20; the breakdown can be seen in the graph below. As of June 30, 2020, thirteen parolees were enrolled in the Community Success Program.

Successful Completion of Program	
Discharged Sentence While Under CSP	6
Continued on Parole without Revocation	5

Unsuccessful Completion of Program	
Revoked to Work Release	5
Revoked to Prison	13

Victim Services

The Board recognizes the special place that victims occupy as unwilling participants in our criminal justice system. Victims can provide crucial insight into the crimes committed against them by individuals that the Board considers for discretionary release.

The Board established its first program for victim participation in 1986. As part of this program the position of Victim Coordinator was added to the Board's staff. Today, the Victim Coordinator's primary responsibility is to assist victims who want to exercise the following rights established by the Iowa Victim Rights Act, Iowa Code Chapter 915:

- Notify victims of violent crimes, not less than twenty days prior to the Board conducting a hearing at which the offender will be interviewed, and inform the victim that they may submit their opinion concerning the release of the offender in writing prior to the hearing or may appear personally or by counsel at the hearing to express an opinion concerning the offender's release.
- Notify the victim, whether or not the victim appears at the hearing or expresses an opinion, of the Board's decision regarding release of the offender.

The Board continues to register victims of violent offenses. The ICON victim module, merging DOC and BOP victim records, was completed in FY16 and has helped make this process much more accurate and efficient.

At the end of FY20 a total of 6,573 victims were registered with the Board of Parole. The Board mailed a total of 3,820 victim notifications during FY20.

Appendix A – Summary of Board/Staff Training FY2020

Staff Member	Event/Training	Date
Helen Miller	Institution visit to Fort Dodge	7/22/19
Helen Miller	Institution visit to North Central Correctional Facility in Rockwell City	7/26/19
Cein Moran	Victim Offender Meeting	8/1/19
Helen Miller, Cein Moran	Institution visit to Mt. Pleasant	8/9/19
Helen Miller, Cein Moran and Greg Crocker	Institution visit to Ft. Madison	9/6/19
Helen Miller, Greg Crocker, Trish Jay and Marilee Mitchell	Institution visit to Anamosa	9/13/19
Cein Moran	Multi State Conference - Victim Information	9/17-19/19
Michelle Becker	Women in Corrections Conference - Newton Iowa State Association of Counties Conference - Presenter	9/26-27/19
Cein Moran		10/3/19
Helen Miller, Greg Crocker and Susie Weinacht	Institution visit to Clarinda	10/10/19
Helen Miller, Steve Clarke	IAALJ Administrative Law Judge - CLE	10/11/19
Helen Miller	NAACP Disparities Summit	10/15/19
Helen Miller, Andrea Muelhaupt, Patricia Jay and Marilee Mitchell	Institution visit to Newton and Mitchellville	10/17/19
Helen Miller and Michelle Becker	Government Attorney - CLE	10/18/19
Norm Granger	City of Cedar Rapids - Police Officer Meeting - Presenter	10/18/19
Helen Miller	Community Supervision Conference - Austin, TX	10/21-23/19 11/7, 11/13, 11/20, 12/2, 12/11, 2/26, 6/24
Helen Miller and Andrea Muelhaupt	FOCUS Meetings	11/1/19
Marilee Mitchell	DAS 1/3 Training	11/7/19
Patricia Jay and Marilee Mitchell	IVVI Training	11/22/19
Helen Miller	General Practice CLE	11/3-6/2019
Helen Miller	NBCSL Conference	11/22/19
Andrea Muelhaupt	Iowa Board for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (IBTSA) Meeting	7/11/19
Andrea Muelhaupt	Parole Detainer Issues	7/16/19
Andrea Muelhaupt	Residential Managers Meeting	8/6/19
Andrea Muelhaupt	IMCC Legislative Banquet	8/26/19
Andrea Muelhaupt	NCF - Testify on special sentence issues in post conviction relief trial	9/19/19
Andrea Muelhaupt	Robina Conference Call with University of Cincinnati	9/18/19
Andrea Muelhaupt	Bill Management Training for 2020 Legislative Session	10/2/19
Andrea Muelhaupt	IBTSA Meeting	10/10/19
Andrea Muelhaupt	Treatment Directors Meeting	10/24/19
Andrea Muelhaupt	Justice Advisory Board (JAB) Meeting	11/6/19
Andrea Muelhaupt	Representative Worthan Meeting	11/18/19

Andrea Muelhaupt	Presentation at District Directors Meeting	1/16/2020
Steve Clarke	Proposed Rule Changes (ISBA CLE)	9/16/2019
Steve Clarke	Iowa Children's Justice Initiative (CLE)	10/17-18/2019 and 12/19/2019
Steve Clarke	Lawline (CLE)	11/19/2019 and 12/5/2019
Steve Clarke	Hints and Tips on Practicing Remotely (ISBA CLE)	3/24/2020
Steve Clarke	Presenter - Considerations/Consequences if Criminal Client is on Parole (SPD CLE)	5/8/2020
Steve Clarke	US District Court, Northern District - Practicing in a Pandemic	5/21/2020
Helen Miller	Twice weekly COVID-19 DOC Update Meetings	April thru June
Helen Miller	IPI Board meeting	June
Helen Miller	Governor's FOCUS Committee	August-November
Helen Miller	National Black Caucus of State Legislators Conference	December