



## **Board of Parole**

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**Iowa Board of Parole**  
**House Juiciary Budget Presentation**  
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# Mission of the BOP

The mission of the Board is to enhance overall public safety by making evidence-based parole decisions to successfully re-enter offenders back into the community to become productive and responsible citizens.

# Budget Request

Status Quo Budget FY2027 Total 1,545,114

Balance Carry Forward

Total 32,710

Technology Reinvestment Fund Total

20,000 ends in FY2026

# Technology Challenges

ATG vendor- Cost to create reports can be \$10,000  
DOC is looking to replace the data system. This would be a huge help to the Board.

We have no direct technology staff

We don't have back up when technology goes down

- Iowa Corrections Offender Network (ICON)
- Internet – Google Meet and Zoom

Daily Closed Door session recordings – current lawsuit

# Project Updates

- Risk Assessment Research with Arnold Ventures
- Technical Assistance with Council of State Government Justice Center
- Victim Care and Customer Service
- Technical Assistance with National Institute of Corrections
- Nursing home for sex offenders and hospice care
- Correct Life / Bostick, Ensign / DSM Rehabilitation and iCare Health Network

# Release Decision Statistics

Release Decisions	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Parole	3,488	3,293	3,220
Work Release	1,202	1,211	989
Special Sentence	551	563	549
Release Denied	4,702	3,621	3,897
Appeals Denied	824	626	650
Appeals w/ Modification	21	21	7
Interview Granted	417	431	475
Other/Miscellaneous	692	533	702
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,897</b>	<b>*10,299</b>	<b>*10,489</b>

\*Drop in Total Release Decisions due to change in ICON  
To align with the State Code, reducing no release churn

# Daily Board Member Tasks

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Workload strategy for the week	Interviews	Interviews	Continue case reviews: annuals	Vote on any commutations
Prep for interviews and case reviews	Case review: Residentials	Continue case reviews: annuals	Continue Case reviews: specials	Vote on any clemencies
No release recommendations	Case review: Victim cases	Continue case reviews: specials	Specials: no housing	Prepare for next week's interviews
Appeals	Case review: Annuals	Clean up any cases not completed	Monthly team meeting/training	Visit institutions and districts
Special Condition Changes	Case review: Specials	Run consent	Run consent	Visit community partners
Prep for any Juvenile Lifers	No release recommendations	Prepare for commutations and clemencies	Prepare for commutations and clemencies	Participate in training offered
Prep for commutations and clemencies	Run Consent		Process all case reviews	

# Daily Board ALJ Team Tasks

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Prepare for hearings				
Revocation Hearings 9AM – 3 PM Every ½ hour	Revocation Hearings 9AM – 3 PM Every ½ hour	Revocation Hearings 9AM – 3 PM Every ½ hour	Revocation Hearings 9AM – 3 PM Every ½ hour	Revocation Hearings 9AM – 3 PM Every ½ hour
Submit Orders				
Stipulations, Automatic Revocations and reinstatement Orders				
			Monthly team meeting and training	

# Team Training

## Team Culture

- Strategic Planning
- Vicarious Trauma
- AED Training
- Enneagram
- DISC

## Roles and Responsibility

- DOC Programming
- Classification
- Risk Assessments

## Board Training

- Use of codes SOPs
- Use of technology
- Sex Offender Treatment

# Stakeholder Relationships

## Improved DOC relationships by:

- Institution Visits
- Community District Visits
- Weekly DOC leadership meetings
- Weekly DOC Liaison meetings
- Ongoing training
- Training institutions on BOP job

## Goal to build relationships with:

- Sheriffs and Deputy Association
- Police Chief Association
- County Attorneys
- County Victim liaisons
- Community Partners
- Behavioral Health  
Administrative Service  
Organizations
- Nursing home associations
- Public Defenders