



**SPECIAL EDITION**

**NEW PAROLE BOARD APPOINTMENTS  
ANNOUNCED**

Executive Order 2011-3 abolished the current 15-member Michigan Parole and Commutation Board and established a new 10-member Michigan Parole Board. Director Richard M. McKeon announced appointments today to the new Board which will officially be established on April 15. The appointees will begin job-shadowing current Board members on March 7, learning the process and function of the Board to ensure a smooth transition. In addition to the establishment of the new Parole Board, the organizational structure will also be changed. Effective immediately, the Parole Board will be housed within the Field Operations Administration.

New Parole Board members are:

- Tom Combs (four-year term): Tom will serve as the Chairperson of the Michigan Parole Board. He has been with the Michigan Department of Corrections since 1982 and is the current Administrator for the Substance Abuse Services Section. During his career, Tom has served as a corrections officer, field agent, field supervisor, supervisor of the electronic monitoring center, and community resource manager in the Office of Field Programs. He has a B.A. in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Michigan State University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University.
- Amy Bonito (four-year term): Amy is the current Administrative Assistant for the Field Operations Administration's Outstate Region. She has been with the Department since 1998, serving as a field agent and acting parole violation specialist. Amy has a B.A. in English, Black American Studies, and Criminal Justice from Western Michigan University and a Juris Doctorate from Michigan State University Detroit College of Law.
- Barbara Sampson (four-year term): Barbara has served on the Parole Board since 2003 and was appointed chairperson in 2007. Prior to her appointment to the Parole Board, she served in positions as program manager and as quality assurance liaison for the Wayne County Department of Community Justice/Adult Services, as an adjunct instructor at Wayne State University, and as a corrections officer with the Department. Barbara has a B.A. from Wayne State University and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from University of Detroit.

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- **Sonia Amos-Warchock (four-year term):** Sonia is a current Parole Board member who has served on the Board since 2009. She has been with the Michigan Department of Corrections since 1989, serving as a corrections officer, probation agent, parole/probation supervisor, acting area manager, and parole violation specialist. Sonia has a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Northern Michigan University.
- **Stephen DeBoer (three-year term):** Stephen has been on the Parole Board since 2005. Prior to that, he served for 10 years as the Barry County Sheriff, and also served as first lieutenant and post commander, sergeant, and trooper for the Michigan State Police during a career spanning 25 years. Stephen has an extensive educational background in law enforcement including completion of the F.B.I. National Academy and the National Sheriff's Institute. Stephen attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI.
- **Anthony King (three-year term):** Anthony King is a current member of the Parole Board and will continue serving in that position on the new Board. He has been on the Board since 2008. King has an extensive background in college academia in the areas of teaching, research, and administration. His prior positions include Adjunct Associate Professor at Michigan State University, Associate Professor at Wayne State University, and Associate Professor at the University of Alabama. Anthony has B.A. degrees in Sociology and Social Sciences from Cleveland State University, a Master's Degree in Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis, MO, and a Ph.D. in Social Work from Washington University. Anthony has a wealth of practice experience and published reports on crime, families and effects on crime on communities.
- **Jayne Price (three-year term):** Jayne Price is currently a parole/probation supervisor with the Michigan Department of Corrections, serving in Kent County. Jayne started as a corrections officer with the Department in 1983 and has also served as a sergeant, resident unit manager, and parole/probation officer. She has an Associates Degree in Elementary Education from Grand Rapids Junior College, a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Grand Valley State University, and a Master's Degree in Communication from Western Michigan University. Jayne has served on at least eight community boards during her career, including serving as chairperson on two of those boards.
- **Charles Brown (two-year term):** Charles was appointed to the Parole Board in 2009 and will continue serving as a Board member. Charles has over 40 years of law enforcement experience including ten years as the Saginaw County Sheriff. Prior to that, he served as a criminal investigator for the Saginaw County Prosecutor's Of-

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face, and had a distinguished career in the Michigan State Police, serving as a trooper, sergeant, and detective sergeant. Charles has an Associates Degree in Secondary Education and completed the National Sheriff's Institute and the F.B.I.'s Law Enforcement Executive Academy.

- **Abigail Callejas (two-year term):** Abigail is currently a probation supervisor with the Michigan Department of Corrections, serving in Oakland County. She started with the Department in 1998 as a probation officer, then promoted to a department specialist in the Office of Community Corrections. Prior to coming to the Department, Abigail worked as a program developer with Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids. She has a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University and Master's Degrees in Adult Corrections and Juvenile Delinquency from Michigan State University.
- **Michael Eagen (two-year term):** Michael worked as a prosecuting attorney with the Eaton County Prosecutor's Office for 25 years, serving as an assistant prosecuting attorney, senior assistant prosecuting attorney, and chief assistant prosecuting attorney. Michael has advised state, county, and local officials on legal issues within Eaton County and had 15 years experience supervising other attorneys within the office. Previous work experience includes time as a law clerk for the Eaton County Circuit Court, work with the Dickinson, Wright, VanDusen, and Freeman Law Office and with the Michigan Department of Community Health. Michael has a B.A. in Psychology from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctorate from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

"Each of these appointees brings to the Parole Board a wealth of experience within various components of the criminal justice system," Director McKeon said. "Their career diversity will help ensure that the new Board continues to make sound and appropriate decisions regarding prisoners who will be safely released back into society."

McKeon added, "I want to thank the current members for their commitment to the Board and the Department, especially during this time of increased scrutiny of the parole release process and the resulting pressures placed on Board members. Again, thank you for your service to the State."