



THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW

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Monthly Accomplishments Report – November 2020

Chairman's Message

Melinda N. Coonrod

In the month of November, the Florida Commission on Offender Review (FCOR) was successful in meeting our goals and achieving our mission across all divisions. We've maintained our COVID-19 policies and our dedication to following appropriate guidance and are formulating a plan for post-pandemic operations in 2021.

Meanwhile, the Commission continues to hold all commission hearings telephonically, to include additional hearings for conditional medical release (CMR) cases only. In November, we also prepared the 2020 Annual Report and prepared for the December 16, 2020, meeting of the Board of Executive Clemency.

Detailed information about our accomplishments under each division are found on the following pages. If you have questions about the content of this report, please email publicaffairs@fcor.state.fl.us or call 850-921-2816.

Sincerely,

Melinda N. Coonrod

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: November 2020

Office of the Commission Clerk

Cases Docketed: 505

- Parole Interviews, Reviews (68), Granted (0), Terminated (2), Denied (0), Released to Guidelines (0), Declined to authorize (0), Rescinded/Reparoled (0)
- Conditional Medical Release Granted (3), Denied (5)
- Conditional Release cases scheduled for Docket (386)
- Addiction Recovery cases scheduled for Docket (41)

Revocations

Revocations: 365

- Warrants Issued (110)
- Revocations Scheduled for Docket (81)
- Final Hearing Results Received, ROR granted, denied (94)
- Revoked or Reinstated, including ROR, NTA (80)

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

Victims' Services

Victims' Services: 1,128

- Victims requests for information on parole, conditional release, and conditional medical cases (234)
- Victims Located (93)
- Status updates to victims on parole, conditional medical, and clemency cases (788)
- Assisted victims who attended parole or clemency hearings (13)

Field Services

Field Services: 259

- Parole Interviews (89)
- Revocation Interviews (138)
- Revocation Hearings (32)

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: November 2020

- Submitted 6 requisitions; completed 6 security requests, 16 purchase requests, 3 work orders, 5 deliveries; logged in 99 accounting vouchers; and processed 59 invoices.
- Presented the budget analysis.
- Achieved 100% prompt payment compliance.
- Provided agency staff with safety/wellness information.
- Attended FL Palm meetings, Administration team meeting, OPB meetings, MAC database meetings, Pcard Administrator's Meeting, Purchasing meeting, AFSCME CB Meeting, People First Onboarding-HRO Initial Alignment Meeting, and Quarterly Meeting of the Interagency Advisory Council on Loss Prevention.
- Completed conference calls, meetings, and e-mails related to COVID-19. Assisted with information to provide to staff on COVID-19. Coordinated IT related support for telework, reported daily on administrative hours and expenses due, responded to issues, and tracked expenses and hours related to COVID-19. Reported to EOC expenses daily and reported COVID-19 information to Governor's office weekly. Kept telework request and log daily. Processes Families First Coronavirus Response Act leave requests and reviewed and approved telework. Submitted Smart Sheets to OPB for COVID-19 and worked on hours and costs for the FCOR COVID Story.
- Responded to audit requests for the Auditor General.
- Assisted with the PQC committee meetings.
- Assisted with the design of the Annual Report cover and print file prep for the Victims' brochure and pamphlet.
- Finalized 2021 Open Enrollment.
- Processed agency representations letters.
- Reviewed Florida Single Audit Act.
- Completed VOCA Audit Certification and VOCA Request for Funding.
- Assisted with MOA #A4509.
- Completed training for FDLE revised database for fingerprinting information.
- Coordinated with CenturyLink on call forwarding programming.

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: November 2020

During the month of November, the Office of the General Counsel generated twenty-eight (28) court filings, including briefs, responses, proposed orders, notices, motions, and the like. The Office of the General Counsel responded, through completion, to twenty-seven (27) public record requests.

During the month of November, the Commission received six (6) positive orders, from state circuit court and state appellate court. 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.

Office of Legislative Affairs

The Office of Legislative Affairs is charged with overseeing the Commission's legislative program as the agency's chief legislative advocate.

Accomplishments: November 2020

- Conducted ongoing legislative constituent relations regarding various Commission functions.
- Responded to questions from legislators regarding various Commission functions and questions related to COVID-19.
- Discussed the Commission's Legislative Budget Request with the Office of Policy and Budget.
- Drafted the Legislative Affairs section for the FCOR Annual Report.
- Managed the Citizen Services inbox correspondence and weekly reports.

Office of Communications

The Office of Communications is charged with overseeing the agency's communications and public information program.

Accomplishments: November 2020

- Provided ongoing media relations.
- Composed internal messages to staff.
- Composed correspondence on behalf of the agency to external audiences.
- Attended management meetings.
- Completed ongoing updates to the Commission website.
- Provided proofreading and editing for agency policy documents and other internal communications.
- Prepared the Annual Report for publication.

Office of Executive Clemency

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

Accomplishments: November 2020

- The main goal of the Office of Executive Clemency (OEC) is to support the Executive Clemency Board (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 account 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 Board action.

- OEC is the custodian of all clemency records and processed requests received from criminal justice agencies regarding clemency action on individuals being investigated and/or prosecuted. OEC further assisted in responding to public records request and legislative inquiries.
- FCOR has received legislative funding for an upgrade to the MACNet database that maintains all clemency records. This office has met with Department of Corrections' Information Technology section multiple times per week through the Teams application allowing for sharing of the database screens to defining the scope of this project. This project is running at a fast pace due to the requirement to complete the project by the conclusion of the fiscal year.
- OEC notified all applicants on the agenda for the December Board Meeting that the meeting date was changed from December 9 to December 16. The Capitol remains closed to visitors due to COVID-19 but will be opened for the Clemency Meeting. Coordination is being made with DMS and FDLE to ensure the Cabinet Room will be ready for the meeting.

Webpage Statistics

- <https://FCOR.state.fl.us> has received 78,801,634 inquiries with 5,550,755 searches for Restoration of Civil Rights (RCR) grants.
- 1,114,497 names were located, and 115,346 certificates have been printed.
- Currently, 378,194 RCR certificates are available for printing and can be searched on our website: www.fcor.state.fl.us under the clemency tab or www.FLrestoremyrights.com.

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, restoration of alien status under Florida law, full pardons, firearm authority, commutations of sentence, remission of fines, and capital punishment cases.

Accomplishments: November 2020

- Prepared investigations for upcoming Clemency Board Meetings and conducted quality assurance reviews of With investigations completed by field offices.
- Participated in multiple group meetings with Department of Corrections IT members and Commission staff on the clemency database upgrade.
- Held bimonthly conference call with the Regional Administrators and Supervisors related to procedures for conducting clemency investigations.
- Assisted in the development of clemency information for the agency's annual report.
- Conducted investigations on Requests for Review for Commutation of Sentence cases.
- Conducted investigations on Restoration of Civil Rights Without a Hearing cases.
- Conducted eligibility reviews on applications referred for investigation from the Office of Executive Clemency.
- Provided assistance and support related to eligibility determinations and clemency investigation procedures to Field Services staff.
- Assisted in responses to public records requests, legislative inquiries, and in other responses for clemency information/data requests.
- Provided customer service to clemency applicants.