



THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW

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Monthly Accomplishments Report October 2023

Chairman's Message

Melinda N. Coonrod

During the month of October, the Commission presented an agency overview and our 2023 Legislative Budget Request (LBR) to the House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee. Additionally, the Commission filled several vacant positions this month and continued to advertise vacant positions throughout the state.

I along with the Director of Field Operations, visited Region I Offices to thank staff for their hard work as well as address operational needs.

Furthermore, we held holiday celebrations that included Halloween decorating and costume contests that were coordinated by our planning and activities committee.

Detailed information about our accomplishments under each division is 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.

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Office of the Commission Clerk

Cases Docketed: 530

- Parole Interviews, Reviews (33), Granted (4), Terminated (5), Released to Guidelines (1), Declined to authorize (1), Rescinded/Re-paroled (0)
- Conditional Medical Release Granted (1), Denied (0), Docketed (1) Note that starting Jan 2020, we don't count the docketed in this total (but I will note it), so CMR total October 2023 is 2.
- Conditional Release cases scheduled for Docket (429)
- Addiction Recovery cases scheduled for Docket (55)

Revocations

Revocations: 517

- Warrants Issued (164)
- Revocations Scheduled for Docket (108)
- Final Hearing Results Received, ROR granted, denied (140)
- Revoked or Reinstated, including ROR, NTA (105)

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

Victims' Services

Victims' Services: 404

- Victims' requests for information on parole, conditional release, and conditional medical cases-138
- Victims Located-72
- Status updates to victims on parole, conditional medical, and clemency cases-150
- Assisted victims who attended parole or clemency hearings-7
- Replied to State Attorney Offices concerning information requests-35
- Selected Staff Assistant OPS-1
- Staff attended an internship event at Florida State University - 1

Field Services

Field Services: 259

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- Parole Interviews (39)
- Revocation Interviews (190)
- Revocation Hearings (30)

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: October 2023

- Submitted 42 requisitions, 25 security request, 40 purchase request, 8 work orders, 4 deliveries, 64 logged in accounting vouchers, 27 HR actions.
- 100% Prompt Pay
- Provided agency staff safety/wellness information
- Attended Administration team meeting, FL Palm meetings, FL Palm and OIT meeting, Leadership meetings, OBIS Modernization meetings, Safety meetings, Legal database meeting, DMS Meeting, PBB meeting, FL Palm Merger Meeting, Classification Modernization Project Orientation, Workers' comp and Return to work for supervisors grant workshop.
- COOP plan updated and submitted.
- Procedure Directives Reviewed
- OBIS GAP analysis submitted.
- Safety training
- Governance Demand plan
- Meeting with VOIP vendors for estimate
- Added and updated users to STMS
- UMC Report on Users
- STMS – Trainings to FCOR Staff
- Safety Training
- Exposure Base Inquiry Survey
- Crime Insurance
- Updated all contracts in FACTS
- Annual review of procedure directives
- Verified employees for Commission Ethics
- Assisted employees with open enrollment
- COOP drive away kits were updated
- Renewed state cars with DMV
- Updated emergency rosters

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: October 2023

During the month of October, the Office of the General Counsel generated eleven (11) court filings, including briefs, responses, motions, orders, and notices.

During the month of October, the Office of the General Counsel responded, through completion, to forty-two (42) public records requests.

During the month of October, the Commission received twenty (20) positive orders, from state circuit courts, district courts of appeal, the Florida Supreme Court, and federal courts. 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, including the denial of a grant of credit for time out on supervision after a supervision revocation, the recommendation for particular programming, the placement of an offender on conditional release, the Commission's discretionary authority to impose special conditions in a conditional release order, the Commission's denial of a grant for a special interview, the sufficiency of the evidence presented at revocation hearings, and the Commission's decision to aggravate for unsatisfactory institutional conduct and its decision not to mitigate based on particular information set forth by an inmate.

Office of External Affairs

The Office of External Affairs is charged with overseeing the Commission's legislative, communications, and public information programs. The Director serves as the agency's chief legislative advocate and chief spokesperson.

Accomplishments: October 2023

- Conducted legislative constituent relations regarding various Commission functions.
- Presented the Legislative Budget Request (LBR) during the House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee.
- Submitted the Statutorily Required Report spreadsheet to the Department of State and created a login for their portal.
- Met with legislators to discuss the LBR and commission priorities.
- Attended several committee meetings.

Office of Executive Clemency

The Office of Executive Clemency (OEC) reports directly to the Governor and Cabinet who sit as the Executive Clemency Board (Clemency Board) in the performance of their duties and responsibilities. This office is responsible for coordinating all

clemency meetings, presenting all applicants to the Clemency Board, accepting clemency applications, referring applications for investigation, and serves as the official custodian of all clemency records.

Accomplishments: October 2023

Currently, 378,959 RCR certificates are available for printing and can be searched on our website: www.fcor.state.fl.us under the clemency tab.

The main goal of the Office of Executive Clemency (OEC) is to support the Executive Clemency Board (Clemency 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 accounts 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 Clemency Board action along with the various forms of denials and grants.

OEC is the custodian of all clemency records an processed over 350 requests received from criminal justice agencies regarding clemency action on individuals being investigated and/or prosecuted. OEC further assisted in responding to clemency records request, legal inquiries and legislative inquiries.

OEC worked closely with the Clemency Board in the presentation and circulation of preliminary review list for RCR Without a Hearing, RFR/Commutation of Sentence and Unfavorable Commission Recommendations for With a Hearing cases as well as applicants who will appear on a clemency agenda. Specific cases requested by the Executive Office of the Governor were also submitted for review and subsequent determinations were made.

RCR Certificates for those granted without a hearing were generated and provided to applicants. OEC informed applicants of the final Clemency Board action regarding denials.

OEC is preparing for the upcoming Clemency Meeting with the Board of Executive Clemency scheduled for December 13, 2023.

Webpage Statistics

- <https://FCOR.state.fl.us> has received 91,390,351 inquiries with 6,279,946 searches for Restoration of Civil Rights (RCR) grants.
- 1,259,266 names were located, and 131,727 certificates have been printed.

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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, full pardons, firearm authority, commutations of sentence, remission of fines, and capital punishment cases.

Accomplishments: October 2023

- Conducted eligibility reviews on pending applications under the criteria of the Rules of Executive Clemency.
- Developed and provided two days of in-person clemency field training in Tampa for regional administrators and supervisors related to procedures and efficiencies for conducting clemency investigations.
- Prepared investigations completed by field offices for Commissioners' review and conducted quality assurance reviews of With Hearing investigations for upcoming Clemency Board Meetings.
- Conducted investigations on Restoration of Civil Rights Without a Hearing cases.
- Conducted investigations on Requests for Review for Commutation of Sentence cases.
- Worked with Department of Corrections IT members and Commission staff on the implementation of the new PBB database and the ongoing implementation of improved features and functionality to the clemency database.
- Updated the office Telephone Procedures Training Manual.
- Provided assistance and support related to eligibility determinations and clemency investigation procedures to Field Services staff.
- Hired two new Commission Investigators and conducted training with several new investigators.
- Provided ad hoc investigation, research, assistance, and other information to the various clemency aides upon specific requests.
- Provided oversight and direction regarding agency records retention, storage, and disposition in accordance with approved retention schedules.
- Provided customer service to clemency applicants.