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## **Utah Board of Pardons and Parole Grants Commutation Hearing to Death-row Inmate Taberon Honie**

**June 28, 2024 – SALT LAKE CITY** – The Utah Board of Pardons and Parole today announces its decision to grant a commutation hearing to Taberon Honie, the death-row inmate scheduled for execution on August 8, 2024.

“This pivotal step underscores the Board’s commitment to fairness, justice, and integrity within Utah’s criminal justice system,” said Jennifer Yim, Administrative Director at the Board.

The five-member Board of Pardons will hold the hearing in July. Their final decision regarding the commutation of Honie’s sentence will be made before the scheduled execution date.

“The Utah Board of Pardons and Parole remains committed to fostering a process rooted in procedural justice, and accountability, while ensuring that every decision reflects these core principles,” Yim said.

The hearing process involves up to five steps: filing the petition, reviewing the petition, granting or denying a hearing, conducting a hearing, and making the decision to grant or deny the commutation petition.

“At the hearing, the petitioner may present testimony and provide supporting arguments concerning the substantial issues raised in a given petition,” she said. “The State may also present testimony and provide arguments against the substantial issues raised in the given petition. The Board will also provide victims with an opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

“The hearing will occur before the full Board at the Utah State Correction Facility in Salt Lake City. Notice of the hearing will be posted on [bop.utah.gov](http://bop.utah.gov) as well as the State of Utah Public Meeting and Notice website.”

After the hearing concludes, the Board will determine by majority decision whether to grant or deny the commutation petition. The decision will be announced by the Board and posted on its website: [bop.utah.gov](http://bop.utah.gov).

For more information about the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole and the State’s official response to the petition, go to [bop.utah.gov](http://bop.utah.gov).

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**About The Utah Board of Pardons and Parole**

The Utah Board of Pardons and Parole is an independent body established by the Utah Constitution. The Board plays a critical role in the State's criminal justice administration, making fair and informed decisions on parole-related matters, thereby contributing to public safety and offender rehabilitation.

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