



State of Utah

Board of Pardons & Parole
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

POLICY: 2.01 General Matters

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Chair, Utah Board of Pardons and Parole

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2.01.01 Mission Statement of the Board of Pardons and Parole

The mission of the Board of Pardons and Parole is to protect public safety through informed and just decisions that consider victim input, the accountability of those under our jurisdiction, risk reduction, and rehabilitation.

2.01.01 Vision Statement of the Board of Pardons and Parole

Keeping Utah safe through fair, evidence-based decision-making practices, and public transparency.

2.01.03 Board Guiding Philosophy

- A. Public safety is the primary objective of the Board. We achieve public safety through intentional, conscientious, and evidence-based decision making that considers the nature and circumstance of offenses, criminal history, conduct and progress in prison and on parole, risk assessments, reentry plans, victim impact, and any other relevant factors. We promote sustained rehabilitation for individuals under our jurisdiction to enable them to safely reintegrate into society.
- B. The Board demonstrates the highest professional and ethical standards in making decisions about release, clemency, and pardons.
- C. The Board is accountable to the people of the state of Utah. Stakeholders include the public, local communities, victims and their representatives,

and those who are under our jurisdiction, as well as our criminal justice system partners, including the Governor's Office, Utah State Legislature, and the Utah State Courts.

- D. The Board believes outcomes need to be measured and performance continually improved.
- E. The Board believes fairness and equity is achieved through collaborative decision making and diversity of thought among Board members.