



### **EXECUTIVE ORDER #30**

#### **Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Pardon Advisory Board**

**WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 6 of the Wisconsin Constitution vests in the Governor the exclusive and discretionary power to grant reprieves, commutations, and pardons;

**WHEREAS**, a grant of clemency can provide an individual with a second chance to contribute to society and better their life;

**WHEREAS**, it is advantageous to clemency applicants, the public, and the Governor to have a uniform application process and an informed review of requests for clemency; and

**WHEREAS**, this informed review may be ably performed by a board of advisors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby re-create the Pardon Advisory Board (Board) according to the following guidelines:

1. Membership. The Board shall consist of up to nine individuals appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, including:
  - a. The Governor's Chief Legal Counsel, or a designee, who shall be a voting member and shall act as Chair of the Board.
  - b. An individual nominated by the Attorney General.
2. Applications for Clemency.
  - a. In the interest of uniformity, all clemency applicants shall apply using an application that has been provided by the Office of the Governor subsequent to this order.
  - b. Any application provided by the Office of the Governor pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section may contain additional conditions, requirements, and procedures for clemency. The Governor may modify these conditions, requirements, and procedures as necessary.
  - c. Applications for clemency submitted by individuals prior to the issuance of this Order may not be considered by the Board. These individuals may submit a new application using the above procedures.
3. Operations.
  - a. Hearings shall be held publicly and at the discretion of the Chair, on a date and at a place set at least three weeks in advance.

- b. Three members, including the Chair, constitute a quorum for executive action by the Board.

4. Recommendations.


- a. After the conclusion of each hearing, the Board shall meet in closed session, as is permitted by Section 19.85(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes for purpose of generating a recommendation as to each heard application.
- b. If the Board recommends clemency, the Chair shall convey the Board's recommendation to the Governor.
- c. An affirmative recommendation from the Board is not binding on the Governor.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this Twelfth Day of June in the year of two thousand nineteen.

  
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TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State