



**TEXAS BOARD  
OF  
PARDONS AND PAROLES**

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## **BOARD POLICY**

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**SUBJECT: CLEMENCY**

**PURPOSE:** To establish a policy statement of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles regarding executive clemency matters.

**AUTHORITY:** Texas Constitution, Article 4, Section 11  
Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 48  
Texas Administrative Code, Title 37, Part V, Chapter 143

**POLICY:** It is the policy of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (Board) to consider clemency applications submitted in accordance with Texas Administrative Code, Title 37, Part V, Chapter 143 (Board Rules). The Board will administer the clemency process and make recommendations to the Governor, fully accounting for the public's safety and due consideration. The Board shall not discriminate against any applicant because of race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, national origin, or genetic information.

**ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2008.**

**RISSIE OWENS, PRESIDING OFFICER (CHAIR)**

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*\* Signature on file.*