

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, and filed with the agency secretary on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles Administrative Code

INTENDED ACTION: Repeal and Replace

RULE NO.: 640-X-A-2

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended)

RULE TITLE: Form ABPP-2: Parole Guidelines

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Adopted without changes

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XLIV, ISSUE NO. 8, AAM, DATED FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026.

STATUTORY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Code of Alabama 1975, §§ 15-22-21, 15-22-37, 41-22-3

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

ABPP-2

**PAROLE GUIDELINES**

INMATE NAME: _____

AIS#: _____

The Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles considers relevant offender information when making parole decisions, including static and dynamic risk factors, individual factors, and stakeholder input, while applying professional judgment in each case. In addition to the offender's social and criminal history, the Board reviews the parole guidelines. The parole guidelines ensure the consistent review of certain common decisional factors for all offenders. The Baseline Score is used as an aid in conjunction with the individual file review and information provided at the parole hearing as the Board exercises its discretion to determine the offender's parole readiness.

BASELINE PAROLE WEIGHTED FACTORS**I. SEVERITY OF OFFENSE OF CONVICTION:**

LOW	= +1	☐
MODERATE	= +2	☐
HIGH	= +3	☐
VERY HIGH	= +4	☐

SCORE

II. ACTUARIAL ASSESSMENTS:**RISK ASSESSMENT**

SCORE: _____
 DATE ADMINISTERED: _____
 VERSION USED: _____

VERY HIGH RISK	= +5	☐
HIGH RISK	= +3	☐
MODERATE RISK	= +2	☐
LOW RISK	= +0	☐

SCORE

OR

SEX OFFENDER RISK ASSESSMENT: _____ (Indicate if N/A)

SCORE: _____
 DATE ADMINISTERED: _____
 VERSION USED: _____

VERY HIGH RISK	= +5	☐
HIGH RISK	= +3	☐
MODERATE RISK	= +2	☐
LOW RISK	= +0	☐

SCORE

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III. INSTITUTIONAL BEHAVIOR:

0 DISCIPLINARIES WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS	= +0	☐
1 OR 2 NON-VIOLENT DISCIPLINARIES WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS	= +1	☐
3 OR MORE NON-VIOLENT DISCIPLINARIES WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS	= +2	☐
1 DISCIPLINARY INVOLVING VIOLENCE WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS	= +3	☐
MULTIPLE DISCIPLINARIES INVOLVING VIOLENCE WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS	= +5	☐

SCORE

IV. PARTICIPATION IN RISK-REDUCING PROGRAMMING/TREATMENT:

COMPLETION REQUIRED PROGRAMS	= +0	☐
DEFICIENT PROGRAMMING	= +2	☐
REFUSAL/UNACCEPTABLE COMPLIANCE	= +3	☐

SCORE

V. EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT WHILE INCARCERATED

COMPLETION OF GED, HIGHER EDUCATION OR TRADE	= -1	☐
EMPLOYMENT	= -1	☐

SCORE

VI. REENTRY PLAN:

COMPLETE/ACCEPTABLE REENTRY PLAN	= +0	☐
REENTRY PLAN SUBMITTED	= +1	☐
NO REENTRY PLAN	= +2	☐

SCORE

VII. STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY INPUT:

SUPPORT ONLY, WITH NO OPPOSITION	= +0	☐
SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION, OR NO INPUT	= +1	☐
OPPOSITION ONLY	= +2	☐

SCORE

BASELINE PAROLE GUIDELINE TOTAL SCORE

[Note: The Baseline Parole Guideline Score establishes a "baseline" aggregate evaluation of decisional factors associated or actuarially related to risk reduction. The Board's decision is guided by the baseline score, its comprehensive review of the inmate's file, and information provided at the time of the hearing.]

Total Score

0-5 Suggests Parole Grant
6-8 Neutral
9+ Suggests Parole Denial

Under 18 at the time of offense?

☐

Yes

☐

No

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GUIDELINE INSTRUCTIONS

I. SEVERITY OF OFFENSE OF CONVICTION

If serving multiple sentences, score the most severe conviction only.
Sex offenses are scored "Very High"
Felonies involving personal injury are scored "Very High"
Victim cases are scored no lower than "High"

II. ACTUARIAL ASSESSMENTS

All offenders will have an ORAS completed. Sex offenders will also have a Static 99.
The assessment with the highest score will be used. If an ORAS or Static 99 cannot be obtained, an alternate actuarial assessment may be used.

III. INSTITUTIONAL BEHAVIOR

Disciplinaries reported by the Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC) are considered.
Only the highest point score will be used. (Scores will not be combined.)

IV. PARTICIPATION IN RISK-REDUCING PROGRAMING/TREATMENTS

Only programs and treatments ordered by the Court or the Board, or recommended by the ADOC that are risk-reducing/cognitive behavioral as defined by ADOC are scored.

If the offender has completed all programming, score a 0.
If the offender has not completed all programming, score a 2.
If the offender refused participation or was forcibly removed from the program or treatment, score a 3.

V. EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT WHILE INCARCERATED

Education and employment are only considered if obtained during the present term of incarceration.

For education, the inmate must have fully completed the course and a certificate must be on file with the ADOC. Completion scores a minus 1.

For employment, the inmate must have an ADOC custody level of Min-Community or Min-Out and the employment must be verified as current. Employment scores a minus 1.

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VI. REENTRY PROGRESS

If the offender has submitted a reentry plan to include a home and work plan (and treatment plan if applicable) with supporting documentation or otherwise shown sufficient evidence of the plans, score a 0. For example, the offender provides a home address with contact name and phone number, and a letter from an employer saying that there is a job available.

If the offender has submitted an incomplete plan, score a 1. For example, the offender provides a home plan only. Or the plans lack sufficient detail to be able to verify without additional information from the offender.

If the offender has not submitted any plans or they are so lacking in detail they cannot be used, score a 2.

VII. STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY INPUT

This section will be scored by the Board based on input previously submitted, and testimony received during the hearing.

If there is no opposition to parole but there is support given for the offender, score a 0. If there is both support and opposition given, or none at all, score a 1. If there is only opposition, score a 2.

[Note: If the offender committed their present offense(s) prior to the age of 18, the Board reviews whether the juvenile offender has demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation. For juvenile offenders, the Board evaluates the parole guideline factors in light of whether the offender was so young as to diminish their capacity to fully understand the seriousness and consequences of their offense or whether other relevant maturity or rehabilitative- related factors demonstrate a juvenile offender's parole readiness.]

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