



MONTANA BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE



Jimmy Patelis

Jimmy Patelis was appointed by Governor Greg Gianforte in June of 2021 to the Montana State Parole Board as a board member and is currently Vice-Chairman of the Criminal Justice Oversight Committee (CJOC) for the state of Montana. He served as a House Representative for two terms, where he served as Vice-Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee. Prior to his political career he retired as the Chief United States Probation Officer of the District of Montana after 25 years of service.

Mr. Patelis started his career at the Montana State Prison and then a state probation officer for the Montana Department of Corrections before being appointed as a Federal United States Probation Officer.

He was born and raised in the Philadelphia area and received a football scholarship to Montana Tech in Butte, MT, where he was named First Team All-Conference for two years and was named Associated Press All-American his senior year. He graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science in Society and Technology.

In 1998 he graduated from a 3-year Federal Judiciary Leadership Program in Washington D.C. In 2018, Jimmy was inducted into the Montana Tech Football Hall of Fame. He is currently on the Executive Director's Board of the Montana High School Association and a member of the Association of Paroling Authorities International.