

**Louisiana Board of Pardons
Meeting Minutes**

Date: **Monday, May 15, 2023**

Recorded by: **Aniyah Hulbert**

1. Call to Order

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order at **8:30 AM**.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was done with 5 Member(s) present. A quorum was declared.

- Chair – Sheryl Ranatza Pete Fremin
- Vice Chair - Tony Marabella Alvin Roche'
- Bonnie Jackson

Staff members present:

Aniyah Hulbert	----	----
John Poche	----	----
Francis Abbott	----	----

3. Public Comment was allowed on request before any action item.

4. Regular Business:

- a. The minutes from the **May 8, 2023** meeting were reviewed.
 - i. Motion was made by **Mr. Roche'**, seconded by **Mrs. Jackson** to accept the minutes without any corrections. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Clemency hearings: The Board conducted **10** hearings.

5. Adjournment:

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by **Mrs. Ranatza** at **4:12PM**.

Whitney Troxclair

Whitney Troxclair, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
 Department of Corrections Headquarters
 Monday, May 15, 2023

1. Meeting call to order/roll call at: 8:30 AM
 By: Chair Sheryl M. Ranatza

Louisiana Board of Pardons: Board Members	Present	Absent
Chair - Sheryl M. Ranatza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice-Chair - Anthony Marabella	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alvin Roche' Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonnie Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pete Fremin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Exec. Session Time Out	Motion By:	Seconded By:	Time Back in Reg. Session
11:35 A.M.	Bonnie Jackson	Anthony Marabella	11:39 A.M.
Break	Motion By:	Seconded By:	Time Back

2. Regular Business:
- a.) Approval of Minutes from Monday, May 08, 2023 Hearing
 Approved by **Mr. Roche'** and seconded by **Mrs. Jackson**
 - b.) Pardon Docket:
10 cases heard

3. Adjourn:
 Motion Made by: Mrs. Ranatza
 Time adjourned: 4:12 PM

BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 5/15/03

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

I move that the Board go into Executive Session, the purpose of which is to discuss information contained in the record of each case on the morning/afternoon docket that is confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

Motion made by: Bonnie Jackson

Seconded by: Tony Marabella

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	MRS. JACKSON
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	MR. MARABELLA
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	MRS. RANATZA
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	MR. ROCHE'
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	MR. FREMIN

The motion is:

APPROVED	REJECTED
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Time Out: 11:35am
Time Back: 11:39am

Angela Hillcut
s/Recording Secretary



LOUISIANA BOARD OF PARDONS

HEARING DOCKET: May 15, 2023 – 8:30 AM

**Hearing Location: LA Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Headquarters Complex
703 South Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225.342.5421**

Assigned	Applicant's Name	DOC #	Request/Location	JDC/Location	Offense	Vote
1.	KENNARD, JAMES B.	420591	PWF	19 TH JDC EAST BATON ROUGE	Possession of Diazepam; Possession of Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid (GHB)	GRANT 5-0 PWF
2.	ARCENEUX, CHRISTOPHER J. ATTY: BRENITA SOFTLEY	480442	CTO LSP	24 TH JDC JEFFERSON	First Degree Murder	DENY 0-4
3.	AUSTIN JR. , NOEL J.	305854	CTO LSP	24 TH JDC JEFFERSON	Habitual and Attempted First Degree Murder; Attempted First Degree Murder; Aggravated Battery; Possession with the Intent to Distribute Cocaine	DENY 2-2
4.	BROWN, MATTHEW ATTY: AMY MYERS	112575	CTO LSP	22 ND JDC WASHINGTON	Second Degree Murder	DENY 0-4
5.	BURTON, FRITZ	105246	CTO LSP	ORLEANS	Second Degree Murder	DENY 3-2
6.	FOY SR., RUSSELL E.	99089	CTO LSP	1 ST JDC CADDO	2 Cts. – First Degree Murder	DENY 0-4
7.	LEWIS, ROBERT E. ATTY: BRUCE HAMILTON	98335	CTO LSP	22 ND JDC ST. TAMMANY	Habitual – First Degree Robbery	GRANT 5-0 CTO 75 YEARS
8.	MERRIDITH JR., HENRY C.	409592	CTO LSP	27 TH JDC ST. LANDRY	Second Degree Murder	DENY 0-4
9.	RUFFINS, CARL C. ATTY: JANE HOGAN	412788	CTO LSP	1 ST JDC CADDO	Second Degree Murder	GRANT 4-0 CTO 50 YEARS
10.	THORNTON, MELVIN	351810	CTO LSP	3 RD JDC LINCOLN	Second Degree Murder	DENY 0-4

CTO=Commutation of Sentence - PWF=Pardon with Restoration of Firearms - PWOFF=Pardon without Restoration of Firearms - Released=Not incarcerated