

Louisiana Board of Pardons Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, November 03, 2023

Recorded by: Whitney Troxclair

1. Call to Order

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

2. Roll Call

- Roll call was taken with 4 Member(s) present. A quorum was declared.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair – Sheryl Ranatza | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete Fremin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair - Tony Marabella | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alvin Roche' |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bonnie Jackson | |

Staff members present:

Whitney Troxclair	Denise Evans
Francis Abbott	Karla Williams

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

4. Regular Business:

- a. The Chairman recognized those present at the meeting:
 - Michael Arata, Attorney (by ZOOM)
 - Stuart Kottle, Attorney at Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, LLC (by ZOOM)
 - Emily Andrews, LA Office of Attorney General
 - Adrienne Aucoin, Attorney, Department of Corrections

- b. Mr. Roche' made a motion to amend the agenda to exclude the 4th bullet under agenda item 3, "the Allen Robertson, et al suit". Motion was seconded by Mr. Fremin. After a call for public comment, the Chair called for a roll call vote:

ROCHE': YES
RANATZA: YES
MARABELLA: YES
FREMIN: YES

After the unanimous vote, the item was removed from the agenda.

- c. Mr. Marabella moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the following pending litigation:
 - *Hillar C. Moore, III, in his capacity as District Attorney for the Parish of East Baton Rouge v. Louisiana Board of Pardons, Docket No. C-737912, in the 19th Judicial District Court for East Baton Rouge Parish, Div. B, Sec. 24; c/w The State of Louisiana through Jeff Landry, in his official capacity as Attorney General and Chief Legal Officer of the State of Louisiana v. The Louisiana Board of Pardons,*

Sheryl M. Ranatza, Tony Marabella, Bonnie Jackson, Curtis “Pete” Fremin and Alvin Roché, Jr., Docket No. C738241; c/w James E. Stewart, Sr., in his capacity as District Attorney for the Parish of Caddo v. Louisiana Board of Pardons, Docket No. C-738255; c/w Phillip Terrell, in his capacity as District Attorney for the Parish of Rapides v. Louisiana Board of Pardons and Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Docket No. C-738283; c/w Billy Joe Harrington, in his capacity as District Attorney for the Parish of Natchitoches v. Louisiana Board of Pardons, Docket No. C-738280; c/w State of Louisiana (DeSoto Parish) v. Louisiana Board of Pardons, Docket No. C-738281; c/w Paul D. Connick, Jr., in his capacity as District Attorney for the Parish of Jefferson v. Louisiana Board of Pardons, Docket No. C-738262 (collectively the “Moore Suits”);

- *Brett Malone v. Louisiana Board of Pardons, Docket No. C-739064, in the 19th Judicial District Court for East Baton Rouge Parish, Div. N, Sec. 26 (the “Malone Suit”);*
- *Sister Helen Prejean v. Louisiana Board of Pardons, Docket No. C-739113, in the 19th Judicial District Court for East Baton Rouge Parish, Div. M, Sec. 27 (the “Prejean Suit”)*

The motion was seconded by **Mr. Fremin**. After a call for public comment, the Chair called for a roll call vote:

ROCHE’: YES

RANATZA: YES

MARABELLA: YES

FREMIN: YES

The Board unanimously voted to adopt the motion for an executive session to discuss the litigation as stated in Mr. Marabella’s motion. The Board convened executive session at 9:39 AM.

- d. At 9:49 AM, **Mr. Roche’ moved** to end the executive session and return to the open meeting. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Fremin** and without objection the Board reconvened in the open meeting.
- e. **Motion was made by Mr. Fremin** to adopt a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections to retain and employ Sher Garner Cahill Richter, Klein, and Hebert, LLC to represent the Board and its individual members, sued in their official capacities, in the following and related litigation: the Moore suits, the Malone suit, and the Prejean suit. The suits were defined in the motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Roche’**, after which the Chair called for a roll call vote:

ROCHE’: YES

RANATZA: YES

MARABELLA: YES

FREMIN: YES

After the unanimous vote, the resolution was adopted. The resolution along with the proposed contract will be forwarded to the Attorney General and the Governor for their respective approval.

5. Adjournment:

- a. There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Roche, seconded by Mr. Fremin, to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM.

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Whitney Troxclair, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
 Department of Corrections Headquarters
 Friday, November 03, 2023

1. Meeting call to order/roll call at: 9:31 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 - Tony Marabella	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alvin Roche' Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonnie Jackson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pete Fremin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Exec. Session Time Out	Motion By:	Seconded By:	Time Back in Reg. Session
9:39 AM	Tony Marabella	Pete Fremin	9:49 AM
Break	Motion By:	Seconded By:	Time Back

2. Regular Business:

3. Adjourn:
 Motion Made by: Mr. Roche'
 Time adjourned: 9:51 AM

BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 11/3/23

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: Mr. Marabella

Seconded by: Mr. Fremin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- | YES | NO | |
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| <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**

Time Out: 9:39 AM
Time Back: 9:49 AM

Mitney Roederis
s/Recording Secretary