

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Recorded by: Jasmine Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:39 AM.

2. Roll Call

A roll call was made with 5 members, and a quorum was declared.

- Chair – Sheryl Ranatza
- Pete Fremin
- Vice Chair – Steve Prator
- Chucky Tillis
- Carolyn Stapleton

Staff members present:

Jasmine Thompson	Chiquita McQuirter	Francis Abbott
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3. **Public Comment** was allowed on request before any action item.

4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the December 17, 2024 meeting were reviewed.
 - i. **Ms. Stapleton** made a motion, seconded by **Mr. Tillis**, to accept the minutes without any corrections. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Clemency/Pardon hearings
 - i. **Mr. Fremin** made a motion, seconded by **Mr. Tillis**, in the interest of efficiency, to invoke the three minute rule today for all speakers both in favor and in opposition. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. The Board of Pardons conducted 20 hearings.

5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by **Mrs. Ranatza** at 1:54 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter

Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
 Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
 Wednesday, December 18, 2024

1. Call to order/roll call at **8:39 AM**.
 By: Chair Sheryl M. Ranatza

Board of Pardons Members	Present	Absent
Chair – Sheryl M. Ranatza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice Chair – Steve Prator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pete Fremin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chucky Tillis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carolyn Stapleton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

Motion Made By:	Motion Seconded By:	Time Out:	Time Returned:
Steve Prator	Pete Fremin	11:17 AM	11:21 AM

2. Regular Business
 - a. Approval of minutes from the **December 17, 2024** meeting.
 Approved by **Ms. Stapleton** and seconded by **Mr. Tillis**.
 - b. Pardon Docket
20 cases were heard.
3. Adjournment
 Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**
 Time adjourned: **1:54 PM**

BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 12/18/24

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Laquiana Harris

I move that the board go into an executive session. The purpose of this is to discuss the information contained in the record of each case on the docket that is confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

Motion made by: Prator

Seconded by: Fremm

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MRS. RANATZA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MR. FREMIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MR. PRATOR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MR. TILLIS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MRS. STAPLETON

The motion is:

APPROVED **REJECTED**

Time Out: 11:17am

Time Back: 11:21am

Jasmine Thompson
Recording Secretary

**BOARD OF PARDONS & COMMITTEE ON PAROLE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

JEFF M. LANDRY
GOVERNOR



SHERYL M. RANATZA
BOARD CHAIRMAN

PARDON HEARING DOCKET: December 18, 2024 – 8:30 AM

**Hearing Location: Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
504 Mayflower Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 (225) 342-5422**

Assigned	Applicant's Name	DOC #	Request/Location	JDC/Location	Offense	Vote
1.	HEREDIA, SETH	713586	PWF Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	2 Cts. – Simple Burglary of an Inhabited Dwelling	Deny 2-3
2.	PENDER, JAMES	321445	PWF Released	6 th JDC Tensas	Manslaughter	Grant 5-0 PWF
3.	VINCENT, RICKIE	127657	PWF Released	9 th JDC Rapides	PWID Cocaine; Distribution of Cocaine	Grant 5-0 PWF
4.	AU, MAI ATTY: PABLO RODRIGUEZ	395957	PWF Released	22 nd JDC St. Tammany	PWID Marijuana	Grant 5-0 PWO
5.	AUGER, CARRIE	745292	PWF Released	3 rd JDC Union	Possession of Methamphetamine	Deny 0-5
6.	BRIGHT, ARMER ATTY: JENNIFER CAMERON	773658	PWF Released	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Theft	Deny 2-3
7.	GREEN, ARLEACE	337625	PWF Released	3 rd JDC Lincoln	Possession of Cocaine	Grant 5-0 PWF
8.	JOHNSON, ARDIS	424721	PWF Released	1 st JDC Caddo	Indecent Behavior with Juveniles	Deny 0-5
9.	LOWE, BENJAMIN	485233	PWF Released	4 th JDC / 3 rd JDC Ouachita / Union	Possession of Methamphetamine, Attempted Possession of Methamphetamine; Operation of a Clandestine Lab; Possession of Methamphetamine	Deny 0-5
10.	VINCE, SONNY	203112	PWF Released	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Attempted PWID Marijuana	Grant 5-0 PWF

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11.	AFZAL, FIAZ ATTY: ANDRE BELLANGER	624695	PWF Released	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	35 Cts. – Medicaid Fraud	Deny 1-4
12.	HARRIS, LAQUIANA	536006	PWF Released	4 th JDC Ouachita	Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery	Grant 5-0 PWF
13.	CHIASSON, JOSEPH	470659	PWF Released	15 th JDC Lafayette	Operating a Vehicle Intoxicated - Third Offense; Operating a Vehicle Intoxicated	Deny 2-3
14.	LEBLANC, COLBY	737056	PWF Released	15 th JDC Vermilion	Attempted PWID Marijuana	Deny 0-5
15.	STEWART, MATTHEW	341385	PWF Released	ORLEANS	Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Cocaine	Grant 5-0 PWF
16.	ABUELHAJ, SAMIR	702214	PWF Released	14 th JDC Calcasieu	Aggravated Battery	Deny 3-2
17.	BELL, SAM	333436	PWF Released	17 th JDC / 32 nd JDC Lafourche / Terrebonne	Distribution of Cocaine; Simple Burglary, Simple Burglary; Possession of Cocaine	Grant 5-0 PWF
18.	LAMPKIN, BENJAMIN	421955	PWF Released	26 th JDC / 1 st JDC Bossier / Caddo	Possession of Xanax; Contributing to the Delinquency of Juvenile - Sex Acts	Deny 0-5
19.	SWIFT, STROMILE	773660	PWF Released	1 st JDC Caddo	Stalking	Grant 5-0 PWF
20.	GREENHOUSE, NORRIS	726128	PWF Released	12 th JDC Avoyelles	Malfeasance in Office, Negligent Homicide	Deny 0-5

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