



**LOUISIANA BOARD OF PARDONS  
AND COMMITTEE ON PAROLE**

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**BOARD POLICY**

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**SUBJECT:**                    **VOTING/VOTES REQUIRED**

**PURPOSE:**                To establish a policy that outlines the number of votes required for actions of the Louisiana Committee on Parole

**AUTHORITY:**            LAC Title 22, Part XI, Chapter 5; La. R.S. 15:574.2, 15:574.4, 15:574.9

**REFERENCE:**            Board Policy 05-511-POL, "Public Hearings/Video Conferencing," 05-513-POL, "Single Member Action," 08-801-POL, "Ameliorative Penalty Consideration"

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Louisiana Board of Pardons, Committee on Parole, to consider cases in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 22, Part XI, Chapter 5. The votes required to take action are outlined in this policy.

**PROCEDURES:**

**A. Unanimous Vote**

1. A unanimous vote is required to grant parole.
2. A five-member parole panel is required for a person convicted of a crime of violence against any peace officer as defined in R.S. 14.30(B).
3. A five-member parole panel is required for a person serving a life sentence for second-degree murder committed after July 2, 1973, and prior to June 29, 1979.
4. A unanimous vote is required to impose all special conditions of release.

**B. Majority Vote**

1. A majority vote is required to revoke parole.
2. A majority vote is required to continue or recess a meeting or hearing.

**C. Rescission**

Once the panel votes to grant or deny parole at a particular hearing, the vote may not be rescinded at the hearing.

**D. Special Conditions**

If a member of a panel moves that a particular condition of parole be considered and determined prior to the vote to grant or deny parole, that issue shall be determined prior to the vote on parole. Otherwise, following a vote granting parole, the panel shall consider whether to impose special conditions of release.

**E. Ex-Officio Members**

The ex-officio member of the Board is a non-voting member.

**SHERYL M. RANATZA, CHAIRMAN**

*\*Signature on file*

*This policy replaces and supersedes Board Policy 05-514-POL, "Voting/Votes Required," dated August 20, 2021.*