

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 24, 2025

Recorded by: Jasmine Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

2. Roll Call

A roll call was made with 5 members, and 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 – Steve Prator | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chucky Tillis |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Stapleton | |

Staff members present:

Francis Abbott	Chiquita McQuirter	Sharel Favorite
Karla Williams	Jasmine Thompson	----

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

4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the March 10, 2025 meeting were reviewed.
 - i. Mr. Tillis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fremin, to accept the minutes without any corrections. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Clemency/Pardon hearings: The Board of Pardons conducted 10 hearings.

5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Ranatza at 12:34 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter

Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
 Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
 Monday, March 24, 2025

1. Call to order/roll call at **9:03 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:
Mr. Fremin	Mr. Tillis	11:30 AM	11:32 AM
Mr. Fremin	Mr. Tillis	12:02 PM	12:04 PM

2. Regular Business
- a. Approval of minutes from the **March 10, 2025** meeting.
 Approved by **Mr. Tillis** and seconded by **Mr. Fremin**.
 - b. Pardon Docket
11 cases were heard.

3. Adjournment
 Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**
 Time adjourned: **12:34 PM**

BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 3/24/25

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Anthony Boult #279530

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: Fremm

Seconded by: Tillis

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- | YES | NO | |
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| <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 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Time Out: 11:30am

Time Back: 11:32am

Jasmine Thompson

Recording Secretary

BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: _____

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Gregory Cotton #119098

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: Fremin

Seconded by: Tillis

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES NO

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <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: 12:02pm

Time Back: 12:04pm

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: March 24, 2025 – 9:00 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.	BABB, PEGGI L.	552338	PWF Released	1 st JDC Caddo	Theft	Grant 5-0 PWF
2.	BRASWELL, SEAN K.	435050	PWF Released	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Possession of LSD	Grant 5-0 PWF
3.	CASTRO VALDEZ, ROBERTO ATTY: ERNEST BAUER, JR.	537537	PWF Released	22nd JDC St. Tammany	Manufacture and Growth of Marijuana	CONTINUED
4.	CHIASSON, JR., LONNIE M.	700283	PWF Released	17 th JDC Lafourche	Possession of Xanax	Grant 5-0 PWF
5.	GAUTREUX, JEFFERY A.	539945	PWF Released	17 th JDC Lafourche	False Representation of CDS – Possession of Non-Narcotic	Grant 5-0 PWF
6.	JAMES, JOHN D.	603243	PWF Released	35 th JDC Grant	Domestic Abuse Battery	Grant 5-0 PWF
7.	MAESTAS, JOSEPH M.	366520	PWF Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	2 Cts. – PWID Marijuana; 2 Cts. – Distribution of Marijuana	Deny 0-5
8.	CHARLES, EMILE D.	587595	CTO DCI	16th JDC St. Mary	Manslaughter	REMOVED
9.	JENKINS, SR., DONALD	118753	CTO DCI	23 rd JDC Assumption	First Degree Murder	Deny 0-5
10.	BOULT, ANTHONY N. ATTY: ERICA NAVALANCE	279530	CTO LSP	1 st JDC Caddo	Second Degree Murder; Att. Second Degree Murder	Grant 4-1 CTO 99 yrs w/IPE

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11.	BRANCH, JR., ALEX	65973	CTO LSP	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	First Degree Rape	Deny 0-5
12.	COTTON, GREGORY W.	119098	CTO LSP	22 nd JDC Washington	Second Degree Murder	Deny 0-5
13.	JOSEPH, ROOSEVELT	423474	CTO LSP	9 th JDC Rapides	First Degree Murder	Deny 1-4
14.	LAMBERT, SR., DAVID E.	342498	CTO LSP	21 st JDC Tangipahoa	2 Cts. – First Degree Murder	Deny 0-5

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