

# Louisiana Board of Pardons

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 21, 2025

Recorded by: Karla Williams

### 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 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:

Karla Williams	Chiquita McQuirter	----
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3. **Public Comment** was allowed on request before any action item.

### 4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the April 7, 2025 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: The Board of Pardons conducted 12 hearings.

### 5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Ranatza at 1:59 PM.

*Chiquita McQuirter*

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Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons  
 Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters  
 Monday, April 21, 2025

1. Call to order/roll call at **9:01 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:

2. Regular Business
- a. Approval of minutes from the **April 7, 2025** meeting.  
 Approved by **Ms. Stapleton** and seconded by **Mr. Tillis**.
  - b. Pardon Docket  
**12** cases were heard.

3. Adjournment  
 Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**  
 Time adjourned: **1:59 PM**

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

**JEFF M. LANDRY**  
GOVERNOR



**SHERYL M. RANATZA**  
BOARD CHAIRMAN

**PARDON HEARING DOCKET: April 21, 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.	BLANKS, CHARLES A.	598250	PWF Released	26 <sup>th</sup> JDC Webster	Malfeasance in Office Sexual Conduct	<b>Denied 2-3</b>
2.	CARRIER, CHRISTOPHER J.	421273	PWF Released	13 <sup>th</sup> JDC / 33 <sup>rd</sup> JDC Allen/Evangeline	Possession of Cocaine; Theft	<b>Grant 5-0 PWF</b>
3.	GONZALES, JEREMY W.	534848	PWF Released	23 <sup>rd</sup> JDC Ascension	Possession of Methamphetamine	<b>Grant 5-0 PWF</b>
4.	PELOW, ROBERT M.	353865	PWF Released	1 <sup>st</sup> JDC Caddo	Manufacture and Growth of Marijuana	<b>WITHDREW</b>
5.	HOLLAND, PAUL S.	516151	CTO DWCC	14 <sup>th</sup> JDC / 38 <sup>th</sup> JDC Calcasieu/Cameron	Sexual Battery; Sexual Battery; Sexual Battery; Sexual Battery; Sexual Battery	<b>WITHDREW</b>
6.	NEIGHBORS, JR., JERRY L.	570869	CTO DWCC	3 <sup>rd</sup> JDC Lincoln	Sexual Battery- 2 Cts.; Attempted Aggravated Rape	<b>Denied 0-5</b>
7.	AUSTIN, MONCHELLE R. ATTY: ASHWINI VELCHAMY	585578	CTO LCIW	19 <sup>th</sup> JDC East Baton Rouge	Manslaughter	<b>Denied 2-3</b>
8.	BENN, TODD	384760	CTO EHCC	23 <sup>rd</sup> JDC St. James	Second Degree Murder	<b>Grant 4-1 99 Years w/IPE</b>
9.	BIRDSONG, JR., SOLOMON	102863	CTO LSP	1 <sup>st</sup> JDC Caddo	First Degree Murder	<b>Denied 3-2</b>
10.	EASTER, DEMETRICK D.	381074	CTO LSP	1 <sup>st</sup> JDC Caddo	Possession of Cocaine; Second Degree Murder	<b>Denied 2-3</b>

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11.	JONES, JR., RAY	92526	CTO LSP	1 <sup>st</sup> JDC Caddo	First Degree Murder	<b>Grant 4-1 99 Years w/IPE</b>
12.	REESE, EDDIE L.	107705	CTO LSP	24 <sup>th</sup> JDC Jefferson	Aggravated Rape	<b>Denied 1-4</b>
13.	<del>THOMAS, DAVID L.</del>	<del>95120</del>	<del>CTO</del> <del>LSP</del>	<del>4<sup>th</sup> JDC</del> <del>Ouachita</del>	<del>Aggravated Rape</del>	<b>REMOVED</b>
14.	WASHINGTON, JR., JOHNSON	85245	CTO LSP	29 <sup>th</sup> JDC St. Charles	First Degree Murder	<b>Denied 1-4</b>
15.	MARCHAND, CURTIS D.	381022	CTO SPB	19 <sup>th</sup> JDC East Baton Rouge	Second Degree Murder; Simple Burglary – 2 Cts.	<b>Denied 0-4</b>

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