

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 05, 2026

Recorded by: Jasmine Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 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:

Jasmine Thompson	Chiquita McQuirter	Francis Abbott
Jalen Cavalier	Karla Williams	----

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

4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the December 1, 2025 meeting were reviewed.
 - i. Mr. Prator 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 9 hearings.

5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Ranatza at 12:08 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter

Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
 Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
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1. Call to order/roll call at **9:00 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 **December 1, 2025** meeting.
 Approved by **Mr. Prator** and seconded by **Mr. Fremin**.
 - b. Pardon Docket
9 cases were

heard. 3. Adjournment
 Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**
 Time adjourned: **12:08 PM**

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

JEFF M. LANDRY
GOVERNOR



SHERYL M. RANATZA
BOARD CHAIRMAN

PARDON HEARING DOCKET: January 5, 2026 – 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.	CHARLES, DEMARIO M.	497990	PWF Released	10 th JDC Natchitoches	Simple Burglary	Grant 4-1 PWF
2.	GONZALES, LOUIS	595592	PWF Released	26 th JDC Bossier	Possession of Schedule II CDS	Grant 5-0 PWF
3.	JACKSON, ROBERT	383663	PWF Released	1 st JDC Caddo	Aggravated Second Degree Battery; Illegal Use of a Weapon or Dangerous Instrument	Denied 1-3
4.	SIMMONS, JEFFERY	222415	PWF Released	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Possession of Cocaine; Theft (Felony); Theft \$300-\$500 - 3 Counts	Denied 0-5
5.	FORD, EDDIE	88167	CTO DWCC	1 st JDC/20 th JDC Caddo/W Feliciana	Second Degree Murder, Armed Robbery; Attempted Simple Escape Type I	CONTINUED
6.	SCOTT, MICHAEL J.	363713	CTO DCI	Orleans	Second Degree Murder	Denied 3-2
7.	PARDON, ANGELON	343449	CTO LCIW	24 th JDC Jefferson	Second Degree Murder	CONTINUED
8.	ARNOLD, DREW D.	96979	CTO LSP	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Second Degree Murder	Grant 5-0 99 Years w/IPE
9.	HARRISON, SR., MORRIS L.	124891	CTO LSP	6 th JDC Madison	Second Degree Murder	Grant 4-1 99 Years w/IPE
10.	GOODLY, KEVIN D.	411386	CTO SPB	27 th JDC St. Landry	Second Degree Murder	Denied 2-3

CTO=Commutation of Sentence - PWF=Pardon with Restoration of Firearms - PWO= Pardon without Restoration of Firearms - Released=Not incarcerated

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11.	ROBERSON, SR., MARLON L. Atty: Norris Nash, II	397065	CTO E Baton Rouge TWP	16 th JDC Iberia	Possession of Firearm by a Convicted Felon	Grant 5-0 15 Years w/IPE
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