

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 06, 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 4 members, and a quorum was declared.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair – Sheryl Ranatza | <input 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	Markell Lewis	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 March 25, 2026 meeting were reviewed.
 - i. Mr. Tillis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prator, to accept the minutes without any corrections. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Mr. Pete Fremin arrived at the meeting after roll call was taken. He was present at the start of the hearing for Angelon Pardon #343449.
- c. Clemency/Pardon hearings: The Board of Pardons conducted 13 hearings.

5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Ranatza at 3:29 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter
Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
 Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
 Monday, April 06, 2026

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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. Tillis	Ms. Stapleton	10:42 AM	10:49 AM

2. Regular Business
- a. Approval of minutes from the **March 25, 2026** meeting.
 Approved by **Mr. Tillis** and seconded by **Mr. Prator**.
 - b. Pardon Docket
13 cases were heard.

3. Adjournment
 Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**
 Time adjourned: **3:29 PM**

BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 4-6-26

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Carolyn Cobbs #100118

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: Tillis

Seconded by: Stapleton

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES NO

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MRS. RANATZA |
| <input 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: 10:42am

Time Back: 10:49am

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: April 6, 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.	BERTUCCI, DYLAN D.	770644	PWF Released	22 nd JDC St. Tammany	Resisting a Police Officer with Force or Violence	Denied 0-4
2.	CARROLL, JOSH D.	606610	PWF Released	5 th JDC West Carroll	Simple Burglary	Grant 4-1 PWF
3.	DARDAR, MICAH N.	420322	PWF Released	16 th JDC / 17 th JDC St. Mary/Lafourche	Distribution of Marijuana; PWID Marijuana	Denied 0-4
4.	DEAR, ERIC M.	528516	PWF Released	36 th JDC Beauregard	Computer Aided Solicitation for Sexual Purposes-5 cts.	Denied 0-4
5.	ROSETTE, JON B.	726803	PWF Released	21 st JDC Livingston	Possession of Methamphetamines, Attempted Illegal Use of Weapon while Possessing CDS	Denied 1-3
6.	TRAHAN, LESLIE M.	797339	PWF Released	15 th JDC Lafayette	Simple Battery-Domestic; Simple Battery	Grant 4-0 PWF
7.	WILLIS, GERALD J.	103259	CTO EHCC	ORLEANS	First Degree Rape, Aggravated Kidnapping; First Degree Murder	Denied 2-2
8.	COBBS, CAROLYN Atty: Stanislav Moroz	100118	CTO LCIW	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Second Degree Murder	Denied 1-2
9.	PARDON, ANGELON Atty: Ashwini Velchamy	343449	CTO LCIW	24 th JDC Jefferson	Second Degree Murder	Grant 5-0 99 Years w/IPE
10.	SANDERS, ROBERT E.	322550	CTO RLCC	9 th JDC Rapides	Aggravated Assault-Domestic-3 cts.; Second Degree Battery, Second Degree Kidnapping	Grant 4-0 13 Years w/IPE

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

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11.	JOHNSON, KRISTOPHER R.	429322	CTO SPB	4 th JDC Ouachita	Manslaughter	Denied 0-4
12.	ZENO, JR., EDWARD J.	542792	CTO SPB	15 th JDC Lafayette	Simple Burglary; Manslaughter; Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	Denied 0-4
13.	SANTOS, JOSE C.	551693	CTO Franklin Parish DC	24 th JDC Jefferson	Manslaughter	Denied 0-4