

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 02, 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	Karla Williams	Chiquita McQuirter
Jalen Cavalier	Francis Abbott	----

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

4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the January 5, 2026 meeting were reviewed.
 - i. Mr. Tillis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stapleton, 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 Malcolm Hill #327937.
- c. Clemency/Pardon hearings: The Board of Pardons conducted 11 hearings.

5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Ranatza at 2:35 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter

Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
 Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
 Monday, February 02, 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	Mr. Fremin	11:02 AM	11:06 AM
Mr. Prator	Mr. Fremin	1:53 PM	1:59 PM

2. Regular Business
- a. Approval of minutes from the **February 2, 2026** meeting.
 Approved by **Mr. Tillis** and seconded by **Ms. Stapleton**.
 - b. Pardon Docket
11 cases were heard.

3. Adjournment
 Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**
 Time adjourned: **2:35 PM**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST & RECUSAL DISCLOSURE FORM

TO: BOARD CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM: Sheryl Banatza
Board/Committee Member

DATE: 02.02.2026

CASE: Jesse Stone #624993 02.02.2026
Name DOC # Date of Hearing

I. Notice of Recusal

I am formally notifying the Board of my recusal from all participation, discussion, and voting regarding the matter listed above. The action is taken in accordance with R.S. 42:1112 (Participation in Matters Involving Personal/Financial Interest) and Board Policy.

II. Reason for Recusal

Familial relationship. The application/offender is a relative within the degree of relationship as specified by the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics.

Professional/Personal Relationship: I have a current or past relationship with the applicant, their family, or their legal counsel that may create an appearance of bias.

Financial Interest: I, or a member of my immediate family, have a financial interest in the outcome of the case.

Prior Involvement: I have had a prior involvement in this specific case or with this offender in a different professional capacity (e.g., law enforcement, prosecution, defense, etc.)

Other: _____

III. Member Affirmation:

By signing below, I certify that:

1. I will physically remove myself from the hearing room during this case.
2. I will not discuss this matter with any other Board member or staff.
3. I will not attempt to influence the decision-making process in any manner.

Signature: Sheryl Banatza Date: 02.02.2026

BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 02-02-2026

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Douglas Robertson #91333

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: Mr. Tillis

Seconded by: Mr. Fremin

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: 11:02 am

Time Back: 11:06 am

Jamie Thompson

Recording Secretary

BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 2/2/26

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mark Roy # 337113

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: Prator

Seconded by: Fremin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES	NO	
<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: 1:53pm

Time Back: 1:59pm

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: February 2, 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.	BEAUCHAMP, RUSSELL Atty: Frank Ferrara	327172	CTO Released	21 st JDC Livingston	Distribution of Schedule II: Cocaine	Continue
2.	BUFFINGTON, GUY	791083	PWF Released	4 th JDC Morehouse	Simple Burglary	Grant 4-0 PWF
3.	CHAMBERLAIN, CARLTON	593403	PWF Released	14 th JDC Calcasieu	PWID Schedule I: Marijuana	Grant 4-0 PWF
4.	MOSS, DUSTIN Atty: Katherine Gilmer	720937	PWF Released	26 th JDC Bossier	Indecent-Behavior-Juveniles	Denied 0-4
5.	REED, RICHARD	397017	PWF Released	16 th JDC St. Mary	Simple Battery; Issuing Worthless Checks; Theft-5 Counts	Grant 4-0 PWF
6.	STOWE, JESSE Atty: Jane Hogan	624993	CTO DCI	22 nd JDC St. Tammany	Att. First Degree Murder, Armed Robbery	Denied 0-4
7.	BUNIFF, JOHN Atty: William Just	434890	CTO EHCC	24 th JDC Jefferson	Second Degree Murder; Possession of Schedule II: Cocaine	Denied 0-4
8.	HILL, MALCOLM	327937	CTO LSP	ORLEANS	First Degree Murder-3 Counts	Denied 0-4
9.	PIER, KENWARD	117568	CTO LSP	1st JDC Cade	Second Degree Murder	REMOVED
10.	ROBERTSON, DOUGLAS	91333	CTO LSP	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	First Degree Robbery-Habitual Offender	Grant 5-0 40 Years

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11.	ROY, MARK	337113	CTO SPB	18 th JDC Iberville	Manslaughter	Denied 0-4
12.	BOWDEN, MICHAEL	615569	CTO Caldwell CC	ORLEANS	Armed Robbery 2 Counts, Forcible Rape	REMOVED
13.	ROBERTS, DEVONTE	729964	CTO Rapides DC #3	14 th JDC Calcasieu	Armed Robbery	Grant 5-0 25 Years w/IPE

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