

# Louisiana Board of Pardons

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 11, 2026

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:

Jasmine Thompson	Sharel Favorite	Chiquita McQuirter
Whitney Troxclair	Francis Abbott	---

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

### 4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the April 6, 2026 meeting were reviewed.
  - i. Mr. Prator 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 12:14 PM.

*Chiquita McQuirter*

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Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons  
 Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters  
 Monday, May 11, 2026

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:
<b>Mr. Fremin</b>	<b>Ms. Stapleton</b>	<b>10:09 AM</b>	<b>10:14 AM</b>

2. Regular Business
- a. Approval of minutes from the **April 6, 2026** meeting.  
 Approved by **Mr. Prator** and seconded by **Mr. Tillis**.
  - b. Pardon Docket  
12 cases were heard.

3. Adjournment  
 Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**  
 Time adjourned: **12:14 PM**

# BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 05.11.2026

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ben Gibson #786804

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. Fremin

Seconded by: Ms. Stapleton

## 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: 10:09 AM

Time Back: 10:14 AM

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Recording Secretary

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

**JEFF M. LANDRY**  
GOVERNOR



**SHERYL M. RANATZA**  
BOARD CHAIRMAN

**PARDON HEARING DOCKET: May 11, 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.	ALEXANDER, AARON J.	396776	PWF Released	16 <sup>th</sup> JDC St. Martin	Distribution of Marijuana	<b>Grant 5-0 PWF</b>
2.	BENJAMIN, JR., ROY R. Atty: Rhett Spano	623048	PWF Released	14 <sup>th</sup> JDC Calcasieu	Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile	<b>Denied 0-4</b>
3.	BROUSSARD, SHAINA C.	734142	PWF Released	15 <sup>th</sup> JDC Vermilion	Possession of Methamphetamines	<b>Grant 4-0 PWF</b>
4.	BROWN, ALLISON A.	579397	PWF Released	15 <sup>th</sup> JDC Lafayette	Possession of Schedule II	<b>Grant 4-0 PWF</b>
5.	FORD, DAVAN L.	575190	PWF Released	19 <sup>th</sup> JDC East Baton Rouge	Second Degree Robbery	<b>Grant 4-1 PWF</b>
6.	GIBSON, BEN M.	786804	PWF Released	26 <sup>th</sup> JDC Bossier	Possession of Schedule III: Testosterone	<b>Denied 0-4</b>
7.	HARDWICK, JR., ALTON R.	249428	PWF Released	4 <sup>th</sup> JDC Ouachita	Theft	<b>Grant 4-1 PWF</b>
8.	HASSAN, SAMEE M.	705804	PWF Released	3 <sup>rd</sup> JDC Lincoln	PWID Marijuana-3 cts., PWID Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	<b>Grant 5-0 PWF</b>
9.	JACKSON, CHRISHAWN D. (Spann)	619156	PWF Released	1 <sup>st</sup> JDC Caddo	Obstruction of Justice	<b>Grant 4-0 PWF</b>
10.	JONES, KIRSEN K. (Walters)	633639	PWF Released	4 <sup>th</sup> JDC Ouachita	Possession of Hydrocodone	<b>Grant 5-0 PWF</b>

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11.	RUSSO, JR., FRANK A. Atty: Franz Borgharot	503727	PWF Released	15 <sup>th</sup> JDC/16 <sup>th</sup> JDC Lafayette/St. Martin	Unauthorized Entry of an Inhabited Dwelling; Simple Burglary; Domestic Abuse-Aggravated Assault; Domestic Abuse Battery; Violation of Protective Orders; Second Degree Battery	<b>Denied 1-3</b>
12.	WATSON, RYAN C. Atty: Keith Whiddon	737621	PWF Released	4 <sup>th</sup> JDC Ouachita	Felony Theft	<b>Grant 4-1 PWF</b>

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