

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 18, 2026

Recorded by: Jasmine Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

2. Roll Call

A roll call was made with 5 members, and a quorum was declared.

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| ☒ Chair – Sheryl Ranatza | ☒ Pete Fremin |
| ☒ Vice Chair – Steve Prator | ☒ Chucky Tillis |
| ☒ Carolyn Stapleton | |

Staff members present:

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

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

4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the May 11, 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. 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 12:53 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter
Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
Monday, May 18, 2026

1. Call to order/roll call at **9:04 AM**.

By: Chair Sheryl M. Ranatza

Board of Pardons Members	Present	Absent
Chair – Sheryl M. Ranatza	☒	☐
Vice Chair – Steve Prator	☒	☐
Pete Fremin	☒	☐
Chucky Tillis	☒	☐
Carolyn Stapleton	☒	☐

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

Motion Made By:	Motion Seconded By:	Time Out:	Time Returned:
Mr. Prator	Mr. Stapleton	9:21 AM	9:37 AM
Mr. Prator	Mr. Tillis	9:59 AM	10:03 AM

2. Regular Business

a. Approval of minutes from the **May 11, 2026** meeting.

Approved by **Mr. Tillis** and seconded by **Ms. Stapleton**.

b. Pardon Docket

9 cases were heard.

3. Adjournment

Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**

Time adjourned: **12:53 PM**

BOARD OF PARDONS

Date: 05.18.2026

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Richard Walker #701732

I move that the Board go into an executive session. The purpose of this is to discuss the information contained in the record of the present case on the docket that is confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

Motion made by: Prator

Seconded by: Stapleton

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES

NO

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| ☒ | ☐ | MRS. RANATZA |
| ☒ | ☐ | MR. FREMIN |
| ☒ | ☐ | MR. PRATOR |
| ☒ | ☐ | MR. TILLIS |
| ☒ | ☐ | MRS. STAPLETON |

The motion is:

APPROVED

REJECTED

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Time Out: 9:21am

Time Back: 9:39am

Jasmine Thompson
Recording Secretary

BOARD OF PARDONS

Date: 05.18.2024

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Tabatha James #503699

I move that the Board go into an executive session. The purpose of this is to discuss the information contained in the record of the present case on the docket that is confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

Motion made by: Prator

Seconded by: Tillis

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES NO

☒	☐	MRS. RANATZA
☒	☐	MR. FREMIN
☒	☐	MR. PRATOR
☒	☐	MR. TILLIS
☒	☐	MRS. STAPLETON

The motion is:

APPROVED REJECTED

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Time Out: 9:59am

Time Back: 10:03am

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: May 18, 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.	BARBEE, PAMELA R.	799521	PWF Released	22nd JDC St. Tammany	Interference with Custody of Child	REMOVED
2.	BENNETT, JR., BARRY W. Atty: Xavier Alexander	798225	PWF Released	16 th JDC Iberia	Domestic Abuse Battery-First Offense	Grant 5-0 PWF
3.	BRUNER, ROBERT C. Atty: Robert Lancaster	383293	PWF Released	14 th JDC Calcasieu	Possession of CDS with Intent to Distribute a Schedule I: Marijuana	Grant 5-0 PWF
4.	CHAISSON, DERRICK J.	319765	PWF Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	Theft; Simple Burglary	Grant 5-0 PWF
5.	CORMIER, CORTNEY E.	732576	PWF Released	15 th JDC Acadia	Illegal Possession of Stolen Things \$500- \$1000	Denied 2-3
6.	GRIFFITH, CHRISTOPHER W.	425986	PWF Released	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Vehicular Homicide	Grant 5-0 PWF
7.	LECOMPTE, KAYDI R.	552240	PWF Released	32nd JDC Terrebonne	Theft Over \$500	REMOVED
8.	WALKER, RICHARD D.	701732	CTO DWCC	2 nd JDC Jackson	Forcible Rape	Denied 0-4
9.	JAMES, TABATHA T.	503699	CTO LCIW	4 th JDC Ouachita	Second Degree Cruelty to a Juvenile- Habitual Offender; Conspiracy to Commit Simple Robbery, Attempted Simple Robbery	Grant 5-0 IPE
10.	HARRISON, JASON Atty: Grace Bronson	110978	CTO LSP	24th JDC Jefferson	Aggravated Burglary; Second Degree Murder	REMOVED

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11.	DRAKE, STANLEY C.	451159	CTO RLCC	21 st JDC Tangipahoa	Forcible Rape	Denied 0-5
12.	TOLIVER, NICHOLAS C. Atty: Wendell Rogers	463679	CTO RLCC	22 nd JDC Washington	Armed Robbery (HFC), Armed Robbery with Firearm-Additional Penalty (HFC)	Denied 1-4

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