

STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

August 10, 11, 12 and 13 2015

Parole Board meetings were held on August 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2015 at various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Parole Board meeting was held on August 13, 2015 at the South Dakota State Penitentiary commencing at 8:04 AM with the following present:

Kay Nikolas, Chair  
Ken Albers, Member  
Keith Bonenberger, Auxiliary Board Member  
Dave Nelson, Member  
Rev. Patricia White Horse – Carda, Member  
Myron Rau, Member  
Jim Smith, Auxiliary Member  
Doug Clark, Director  
Brad Lewandowski - Director of Parole Services.  
Ashley McDonald, Department of Corrections Legal Counsel  
Mike Vonsik, Board Office Manager  
Traci Fredrikson, Corrections Specialist  
Kathleen Bongers, Program Assistant  
Stacy Cole, Senior Secretary  
Jullie Weiland, Intern

Quorum Present? Yes

Members who are absent today are: Greg Erlandson, Member, Mark Smith, Vice Chair, Don Holloway, Member, Kevin Krull, Member, Val McGovern, Corrections Analyst, Kayla Steckelberg, Corrections Specialist

REPRESENTATIONS: Ashley McDonald, Department Of Corrections Legal Counsel representative, was available for questions.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Laurie Feiler was present and available for any questions. McKenzie Grim and Tonya Honomichl of Behavioral Health appeared and were available for any questions.

MINUTES: Board Member Rau made motion to approve the minutes from the July 2015 meeting of the Board. Auxiliary Member Smith seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

HEARING PANELS Board Member Holloway was unavailable for August, 2015. Board Member Krull was unavailable in August, 2015. Vice Chair Smith was unavailable in August, 2015. Auxiliary Member Keith Bonenberger, and Auxiliary Member Jim Smith worked in August, 2015. Vice Chair Smith will work in Pierre in September 2015. Board Member Nelson and Board Member Albers will work at SDSP on Monday of board week in September 2015. Board Chari Nikolas will be unavailable September 14, 2015 Board Member Rau will be unavailable October 8, 2015. Board Member Nelson will be unavailable on Monday October 8, 2015.

REVIEWED BY THE FULL BOARD:

The following inmate was considered for earned discharge by the full board. Board Member Rau made motion to grant an early discharge. Board member Albers seconded the motion; all other members voting aye; the motion carried

Benjamin Ginter

The following inmate was considered for earned discharge by the full board. Board Member Rau made motion to grant an early discharge. Board member Albers seconded the motion; Board Member Nelson and Auxiliary Board Member Bonenberger opposed; all other members voting aye; the motion carried

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APPEARANCES BEFORE THE FULL BOARD:

The following inmate appeared before the full board. Auxiliary Board Member Bonenberger made motion to grant parole upon successful completion of MRT. Board Member Rau seconded the motion; all other members voting aye; the motion carried

Trevor Otter Robe

The following inmate appeared before the full board. Auxiliary Board Member Smith made motion to grant parole to plan. Board Member White Horse - Carda seconded the motion; all other members voting aye; the motion carried

Prentice Flood

The following inmate appeared before the full board. Board Member Albers made motion to grant parole. Board Member Rau seconded the motion; all other members voting aye; the motion carried

Ronny Crawford

The following inmate appeared before the full board. Auxiliary Board Member Smith made motion to grant parole. Board Member White Horse - Carda seconded the motion; all other members voting aye; the motion carried

Thomas Randall

APPEARANCES BEFORE THE FULL BOARD (SIX MEMBERS) IN SPRINGFIELD:

NONE

Board Chair Nikolas called a recess from 9:48 AM to 10:00 AM

AGENDA ITEMS:

Director's Report: Director Clark updated us on statistical numbers. No significant changes to report.

Director of Field Services Report: Brad Lewandowski was available for any questions. No significant changes to report.

Legal Issues Review: Ashley McDonald was available for questions. Ashley announced the dismissal of the Debra Jenner case against the South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles as well as the Supreme Court decision to uphold the boards order revoking Cole Kelley's suspended time. No other significant changes to report.

Behavioral Health Review: Tonya Honomichl and McKenzie Grim appeared on behalf of behavioral health. Tonya updated us on 3 SMI cases that discharged their sentences or have been released back to the community.

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Policy Review: 8.1.A.14 will be reviewed and voted on in September 2015.

Board Training Review and COMS Update: Traci Fredrikson updated us on all future training with nothing new to report. There is a 2 day training coming up in October 2015 in Texas.

Review of Full Board Appearances for September: Board members reviewed a number of parole applicants who have been recommended for a personal appearance before the full board in September or later.

Decisions: Board member Albers made motion to ratify and affirm all decisions; Board Member Rau seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

Recusals:

Board Chair Nikolas recused herself from the following hearing:

    Mariah Nickeson

Board Member Nelson recused himself from the following hearing:

    Trevor Otter Robe  
    Ronny Crawford

ATTACHMENTS – DECISIONS: Please refer to the attached listing entitled Board Decisions for all parole violations, suspended sentence violations, non compliance, discretionary parole, early discharge, and rescission decisions made by the Board this month.

Adjournment: Auxiliary Board Member Smith made motion to adjourn the August 13, 2015 meeting of the Board. Board member White Horse - Carda seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM on Thursday, August 13, 2015. The next board meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

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Kay Nikolas, Chair

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Doug Clark, Director

Submitted by:  
Stacy Cole  
Senior Secretary