

STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

February 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2017

Parole Board meetings were held on February 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2017 at various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Parole Board meeting was held on February 16, 2017 at the South Dakota State Penitentiary commencing at 8:03 AM with the following present:

Mark Smith, Chair
Ken Albers, Vice Chair
Paige Bock, Member
Don Holloway, Member
Kevin Krull, Member
Myron Rau, Member
Chuck Schroyer, Member
Rev. Patricia White Horse-Carda
Doug Clark, Director of Parole
Brad Lewandowski, Director of Field Services
Kathleen Bongers, Program Assistant
Stacy Cole, Senior Secretary
Traci Fredrikson, Corrections Specialist
Ashley McDonald, DOC Legal Counsel
Kayla Stucky, Corrections Specialist
Mike Vonsik, Board Office Manager

Quorum Present? Yes

Members who are absent today:

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: Tonya Honomichl, Behavioral Health. Katie Albers, Parole Agent

MINUTES: Board Member Albers made motion to approve the minutes from the January 2017 meeting of the Board. Board Member Krull seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

HEARING PANELS: Board Member Rau was unavailable Tuesday through Thursday in February, 2017. Board Chair Smith was available in February, 2017. Board Member Boch worked in Sioux Falls on Monday in February, 2017. Auxiliary Member Erlandson will work in March, 2017. Board Member Holloway will be unavailable March and April of 2017. Board Member Boch will be unavailable in March, 2017. Board Member Krull will be unavailable on Wednesday and Thursday in March, 2017. Board Chair Smith will be unavailable in April 2017. Board Member Krull will go to Pierre on Monday in April, 2017. There will be 5 rooms run in Springfield in April.

REVIEWED BY THE FULL BOARD:

The following inmate appeared before the full board. Board Member Schroyer motion to grant parole. Board Member Holloway seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

Alex Prendez

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

The following inmate appeared before the full board. Board Member Krull made motion to grant parole to the Stephens House. Board Member Holloway seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

Raymond Gunhammer

The following inmate appeared before the full board. Board Member Albers made motion to grant parole to the Arch. Board Member Schroyer seconded the motion. Board Chair Smith voting nay, All other members voting aye; the motion carried.

Michael Vos

EARNED DISCHARGES:

The following inmate was reviewed for an earned discharge. Board Member Holloway made a motion to deny any earned discharge. Board Member Krull seconded the motion. All members voting aye, the motion carried.

Oscar Houchins

The following inmate was reviewed for an earned discharge due to the fact that he was deported from the United States to Africa and we have no way of supervising him. He will not be allowed to return as he is on a "barred" from the United States list. Board Member Schroyer made a motion to grant a full earned discharge. Board Member Holloway seconded the motion. All members voting aye, the motion carried.

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The following inmate was reviewed for an earned discharge. Board Member Albers made a motion to grant a full earned discharge. Board Member Schroyer seconded the motion. All members voting aye, the motion carried.

Tammy Roloff

The following inmate was reviewed for an earned discharge. Board Member Holloway made a motion to deny any earned discharge. Motion died for lack of a second. Board Member Schroyer made a second motion to grant a full earned discharge. Board Member Krull seconded the motion. Board Member Holloway voting nay, All other members voting aye, the motion carried.

Josh Trudeau

The following inmate was reviewed for an earned discharge. Board Member Krull made a motion to deny any earned discharge. Board Member Holloway seconded the motion. All members voting aye, the motion carried.

David Tolley

AGENDA ITEMS:

Director's Report: Director Clark reported on parole hearing numbers and non-compliance numbers that we are seeing each month. Mr. Clark discussed the changes in our office and other things that have been happening around the state with parole. Doug announced to the Parole board the changes in supervision status among the case managers around the state. They will now be supervised by Rick Leslie, Director of Classification and Transfer. Director Clark will be sending out some policy changes to the Parole board to review in regards to whom and how we classify absconders. The board will also take home the policy on the dispositional process.

Director of Field Services Report: Brad Lewandowski was unavailable. Kayla Stucky reported on his behalf that we have a lot of activity in the field. We are down several agents in each region. She addressed absconder day, in which all agents around the state looked into each one of their own absconder cases and attempted to locate absconders. It was a success in some areas and gave agents new information on absconder whereabouts that have been unaccounted for. Kayla updated the board on some numbers regarding parolee's.

Legal Issues Review: Ashley McDonald addressed several appeals that are in progress. Ashley discussed consecutive cases and in system crimes. Ashley talked about parole date reviews, appeals and statues that pertain to those types of cases. A motion was made regarding Mary Petersen's request to have the board reconsider its previous decision regarding her parole eligibility date. Kevin Krull made motion to deny the request. Chuck seconded the motion. All member voting aye; the motion carried.

Behavioral Health Review: Tonya Honomichl appeared on behalf of behavioral health. Tonya updated us on several cases that discharged their sentences or have been released back to the community. She also updated the board on several other cases that have recently been granted parole and their parole plans have since changed.

Policy Review: Board Member Krull made motion to approve the policy changes on the following policies: Code of ethics, News media and cameras, and Evidence based practices. Board Member Holloway seconded the motion. All members voting aye, the motion carried

Board Training and COMS Updates: Traci Fredrikson spoke with the Board about some training that will be coming up. Traci addressed a commutation letter we received in the mail and asked the board how they would like to proceed with the letter. It was determined the letter will be filed until the inmate actually applies for a commutation. The board has begun using computers instead of paper in hearings. This process is going well for those who use it.

Review of Full Board Appearances for March: Board members reviewed a number of parole applicants who have been recommended for a personal appearance before the full board in March, 2017 or later.

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

Recusals:

Board Member Krull recused himself from the earned final discharge hearing of Tammy Roloff

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

Adjournment: Board Member Schroyer made motion to adjourn the February 16, 2017 meeting of the Board. Board Member Albers seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried. The

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meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM on Thursday February 16, 2017. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

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Mark Smith, Chair

Doug Clark, Director

Submitted by:
Stacy Cole
Senior Secretary

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