

STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

March 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2017

Parole Board meetings were held on March 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2017 at various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Parole Board meeting was held on March 16, 2017 at the South Dakota State Penitentiary commencing at 8:07 AM with the following present:

Mark Smith, Chair
Ken Albers, Vice Chair
Myron Rau, Member
Rev. Patricia White Horse-Carda, Member
Greg Erlandson, Auxiliary Member (Telephonically)
Dave Nelson, Auxiliary Member
Kay Nikolas, Auxiliary Member (Telephonically)
Tom Simmons, Auxiliary Member
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: Paige Bock, Member, Don Holloway, Member, Kevin Krull, Member, Chuck Schroyer, Member

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: Tonya Honomichl and Kayla LaBrie of Behavioral Health. We had several Auxiliary board members present today either in person or telephonically. Auxiliary Member Greg Erlandson joined the South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles Full Board Meeting telephonically at 10:00 AM. Auxiliary Member Kay Nikolas joined the South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles Full Board Meeting telephonically at 8:00 AM and then again at 10:00AM.. Auxiliary Member Tom Simmons joined the South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles Full Board Meeting in person at 10:00 AM. Parole Agent BJ Schmidt was present. Case Manager Bard Boldt was present. Classification and Transfer Director Rick Leslie was present.

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

HEARING PANELS: Auxiliary Member Erlandson worked in March, 2017. Board Member Holloway will be unavailable in April of 2017. Board Chair Smith will be unavailable in April, 2017. There will be 5 rooms run in Springfield in April, 2017. Auxiliary Board Member Erlandson will work in April, 2017..

REVIEWED BY THE FULL BOARD:

The following inmate appeared before the full board. Board Member Albers made a motion to grant parole to the Glory House with stipulations. Board Member White Horse - Carda seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

Christian Marshall

The following inmate appeared before the full board. Auxiliary Board Member Nelson made motion to deny Parole and set out 5 months. Board Member Rau seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

James Richmond

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

The following inmate appeared before the full board. Board Member Schroyer made motion to grant parole to ISC to Florida. Board Member White Horse - Carda seconded the motion. Auxiliary Board Member Erlandson, and Board Members Rau and Smith voting nay, Board Members Albers, Krull, Schroyer and White Horse – Carda voting aye; the motion to grant parole died. Inmate Scherr will have a NRD in November 2017.

Nicholas Scherr

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

Allen Satterlee

The following inmate appeared before the full board. Board Member Schroyer made motion to grant parole to Kingdom Boundaries. Board Member White Horse - Carda seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

Martin Marrs

The following inmate appeared before the full board. Board Member Schroyer made motion to grant parole to Stepping Stones. Board Member White Horse - Carda seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

Merlyn Eagle Hawk

EARNED DISCHARGES:

The following inmate was reviewed for an earned discharge. Board Member Albers made a motion to grant a full earned final discharge. Board Member Rau seconded the motion. Auxiliary Member Nelson recused himself. All members voting aye, the motion carried.

Nancy Frerichs

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

Angela Bartleson

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

Kristin Barnes

The following inmate was reviewed for an earned discharge. Board Member Albers made a motion to grant an earned final discharge. Board Member Rau seconded the motion. Auxiliary Member Nelson voting nay, all other members voting aye, the motion carried.

Robert Pittman

Board Chair Smith called for a break at 9:41 AM to 9:49 AM

AGENDA ITEMS:

Director's Report: Director Clark reported on parole hearing numbers and non-compliance numbers. Mr. Clark discussed some upcoming training we will be holding. We had training that had to be cancelled this month due to the bad weather around the country. Mr. Clark made a recommendation to pursue rescheduling it for the May board week. We discussed the hearing panels and how we will proceed with hearings. Director Clark talked about the changes again that are happening with the transition to centralized case management. We really want to free up our transitional staff so they can assist with helping the offenders releasing and transitioning back into the communities. We will begin to send the Directors report and the Director of Field Services report, along with other information to the board through email following each Board week. Secretary Kaemingk signed the new Absconder policy. Director Clark explained the new policy and procedures. Extended detainment numbers fluctuate monthly and may have inflated lately as a result of a recent procedural change.

Director of Field Services Report: Brad Lewandowski updated the board on the field. We now have three opening in Sioux Falls but have three offers pending. We will have an opening in Watertown.

Legal Issues Review: Ashley McDonald had no updates for the board members but was available and answered concerns the board had for other discussions that took place during the meeting.

Behavioral Health Review: Tonya Honomichl and Kayla LaBrie appeared on behalf of behavioral health. Tonya updated us on several cases that discharged their sentences or have been released back or preparing to release back to the community.

Policy Review: Board Member Rau made motion to approve the policy changes on the following policies: 8.1.A.43 Dispositional Hearings
Board Member White Horse - Carda 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. We will pursue the training that we had to cancel for this month and will rescheduled it for May, 2017 and will keep the board members updated.

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

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

Recusals:

Board Member Krull recused himself from the following hearing(s):

Dawn Around Him
Shawn Bentz

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 Rau made motion to adjourn the March 16, 2017 meeting of the Board. Vice Chair Albers seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM on Thursday March 16, 2017. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

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Mark Smith, Chair

Doug Clark, Director

Submitted by:
Stacy Cole
Senior Secretary