SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

MINUTES

Jameson Annex

1600 N Drive

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Parole Board meetings were held on March 28th, 2024, and April 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th, 2024 in various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Full Board meeting was held on Wednesday, April 17th, commencing at 8:32 A.M. with the following present:

Present:

Myron Rau, Board Chair

Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

Peter Lieberman, Member

Jan Steele, Member  
 Patricia Meyers, Member

Vaughn Beck, Member

Ken Albers, Member

Kurt Hall, Member

John Brown, Member

Gregg Gass, Auxiliary Member

Stacy Cole, Parole Admin Specialist

Karena Cassidy, Parole Admin Senior Secretary

Kennedy Goblirsch- Parole Admin Intern

Jayden Clark – Parole Admin Intern

Quorum Present? Yes

Absent:

SPECIAL GUESTS: Jeff Neill- SOMP, Riley DeGroot- Senior CM, Ryan Howey – Case Manager, Nicole Mayer – Case Manager, Sam Yost – Case Manager, Taylor Yost – Case Manager, Meredith Jones – Case Manager, Janessa Newby – Resource Coordinator, Travis Ripperda– Risk Reduction Manager, Travis Donelan – Transitional Case Manager, Brenna Carlson – Program Manager, SOMP, John Hult – Reporter, SD Searchlight.

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS WEDNESDAY, April 17th, 2024:

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Lieberman made a motion to **grant parole,** and Board Member Hall seconded the motion, all board members voted aye, the motion carried.

*Altman, Nathaniel*

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Albers made a motion to **deny parole and put out 24 months,** andVice Chair Aasen seconded the motion. All board members voted aye; the motion carried.

*Rabenberg, Curtis*

The following offender appeared before the full board virtually for a Parole hearing. Board Member Albers made a motion to **deny parole and put out 8 months,** Board Member Beck seconded the motion. All board members voted aye; except Vice Chair Aasen, the motion carried.

*Arguello, Fidel*

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Meyers made a motion to **grant parole with a board order to transitional housing, no contact with minors, and GPS**. The motion died for a lack of second. Board Member Beck made an alternate motion to **deny parole and put out 18 months,** Board Member Albers seconded the motion. All board members voted aye; except Board Members Steele, Meyers, and Lieberman, the motion carried.

*Spotted Elk, Andrew*

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Beck made a motion to **deny parole and put out 24 months,** Board Member Lieberman seconded the motion. All board members voted aye, except Board Chair Rau, the motion carried.

*Mc Millen, Terry*

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Albers made a motion to **grant parole**. The motion died for a lack of second. Board Member Beck made an alternative motion to **deny parole and put out 12 months,** Board Member Hall seconded the motion. All board members voted aye, except Board Member Albers, the motion carried.

*Gainsforth, Xavier*

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Beck made a motion to **deny parole and put out 24 months,** Board Member Hall seconded the motion. All board members voted aye, except Board Chair Rau, the motion carried.

*Selhime, Neil*

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Present:

Myron Rau, Board Chair

Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

Peter Lieberman, Member

Jan Steele, Member  
 Patricia Meyers, Member

Vaughn Beck, Member

Ken Albers, Member

Kurt Hall, Member

John Brown, Member

Stacy Cole, Parole Admin Specialist

Karena Cassidy, Parole Admin Senior Secretary

Georgia Will, Parole Admin Program Assistant I

Quorum Present? Yes

Absent:

SPECIAL GUESTS: Brittany Shelburg – Case Manager, John Hult Reporter SD Searchlight.

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS THURSDAY, April 18th, 2024:

HEARING PANELS: Board Members Meyers and Steele conducted Pierre Classroom D parole hearings virtually on 4/15. Board Member switched from the DSP Large Room to the DSP 3rd Room.

BOARD TRAINING:

MINUTES: Board Member Brown made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 2024 meeting of the Board. Vice Chair Aasen seconded the motion. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Parole Board/Admin**:

- There was a Special Session held by the parole board on January 25th, 2024, there were early discharges, pardons, waivers (parole/non-compliance) cases reviewed, as well as 4 contested cases conducted.

- Governor Noem approved 27 clemency applications on January 14th and denied 6 applications.

-There were 20 pardon applications received in January and the current set-out period is to April 2024. There are approximately 36 pending clemency cases pending a decision by Governor Noem.

- Board Members Myers and Beck, will be attending the Parole Board NIC training in Colorado in February (21st-23rd), and have confirmed their attendance.

- New Board Member Brown has started his onboarding, he was virtually present for contested hearings on January 25th. He will be shadowing Chair Rau during Board week in February.

**Field Services:**

**Staffing Update**

* Open positions: As of April 1, 2024:
* Northeast Region: 0 open positions.
* Southeast Region: 2 open positions.
* West Region: 2 open positions.
* Resignations: Per Liz Effling, Parole reports that they will no longer be reporting this information

POLICY REVIEW: **Policy 8.1.A.5 Parole Decisions and Setting of Next Review Date**, was tabled until May Full Board Meeting. The main update will be the qualifier for the full board.

RECUSALS: N/A

FULL BOARD CASES:

The following offender was paper reviewed by the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Beck made a motion to **grant parole.** Board Member Lieberman seconded the motion, all board members voted aye, the motion carried.

*Randall, Thomas*

*Special Session*

Vice Chair Aasen made a motion to approve the special session clemency decisions, Board Member Hall seconded the motion. All board members voted aye the motion carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM The next full board meeting is scheduled for May16th, 2024.

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Myron Rau, Board Chair or Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

Submitted by:

Karena Cassidy

Senior Secretary

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