SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

MINUTES

Jameson Annex

1600 N Drive

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Parole Board meetings were held on May 30th, 2024, and June 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2024 in various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Full Board meeting was held on June 12th, commencing at 8:34 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

Shelli Gust, Parole Board Admin Manager

Stacy Cole, Parole Admin Specialist

Karena Cassidy, Parole Admin Senior Secretary

Quorum Present? Yes

Absent:

SPECIAL GUESTS: Sam Yost – Case Manager, Travis Donelan – Transitional Case, Eric Timmerman – Case Manager, Nicole Mayer – Case Manager, Nicole Dolan – Parole Agent, Travis Ripperda – Risk Reduction Manager, Tyler Newquist – Parole Agent all on Teams. Jordan Moos – Case Manager, Meredith Jones – Case Manager, Ryan Howey – Case Manager, Ian Miller – Senior Case Manager, Riley DeGroot – Senior Case Manager, Tory Twohig – Intern all in person.

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS WEDNESDAY, June 12th, 2024:

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

*Zephier, Trevor*

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

*Milk, Mark*

Guests: Rose Wendel, Ralph Wendel, Kaylene Wendel, McKenna Wendel, Mary Montoya, Leonard Johnson, Mondae VandeWalker, Tatyana Brill, Marianne (Eve) and Allan Fisher

The following offender was reviewed by the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Albers made a motion to **continue until August 2024,** and Board Member Lieberman seconded the motion, all board members voted aye, the motion carried.

*Rabago, Justin*

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Vice Chair Aasen made a motion to **deny parole and set out 12 months,** and Board Member Hall seconded the motion. Board Member Lieberman proposed reducing the time to set out the case from 12 months to 6 months. Vice Chair Aasen amended the motion, seconded by Board Member Hall to **deny parole and set out 6 months**. All board members voted aye, except Board Member Steele, the motion carried.

*Ahmed, Kadir*

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Beck made a motion to **deny parole and set out 8 months,** and Board Member Brown seconded the motion, all board members voted aye except Board Chair Rau, Board Member Meyers and Board Member Steele, the motion carried.

*Salinas, Anthony*

Guest: Angela Schelfelman

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Present:

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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

Shelli Gust, Parole Admin Manager

Stacy Cole, Parole Admin Specialist

Karena Cassidy, Parole Admin Senior Secretary

Georgia Will, Parole Admin Program Assistant I (TEAMS)

Eilish O’Toole, Parole Admin Analyst (TEAMS)

Quorum Present? Yes

Absent: N/A

SPECIAL GUESTS: Kayla Stucky – Associate Director of Parole Services, Chuck Schroyer – Auxiliary Board Member.

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS THURSDAY, JUNE 13th, 2024:

HEARING PANELS: Board Members Hall conducted DSP hearing virtually. Board Member Lieberman attended Full Board hearings virtually on Wednesday and Thursday.

BOARD TRAINING: SDMF by Stacy Cole and Shelli Gust. Amy Hanson joined and talked about Center House.

MINUTES: Board Member Hall made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 2024 meeting of the Board. Board Member Beck seconded the motion. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Parole Board/Admin**:

There was a Special Session held by the parole board on May 30, 2024, there were early discharges, pardons, waivers (non-compliance) cases reviewed, as well as contested cases. Governor Noem did not act upon any Clemency cases for the month of May. There are 82 Clemency files pending her approval. There were 20 pardon applications received in May and the current set-out period is to July 2024.  Corrections Specialist/Parole Board Admin Manager, Shelli Gust began her DOC training and will finish/finished with that on June 11, 2024.

POLICY REVIEW: **Policy 8.1.A.5 Parole Decisions and Setting of Next Review Date**, was reviewed by the Full Board, Vice Chair Aasen made a motion to approve the policy. Board Member Meyers seconded the motion. All members voting aye, the motion carried.

RECUSALS: N/A

Break 9:45 to 9:55

*Special Session*

Board Member Beck made a motion to approve the special session clemency decisions, Board Member Meyers 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 11:21 AM The next full board meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2024.

BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

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Myron Rau, Board Chair or Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

Submitted by:

Karena Cassidy

Senior Secretary

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