SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

MINUTES

Jameson Annex

1600 N Drive

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Parole Board meetings were held on February 29th, 2024, and March 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, 2024 in various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Full Board meeting was held on Wednesday, March 13th, commencing at 11:41 A.M. with the following present:

Present:

Myron Rau, Board Chair

Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

Peter Lieberman, Member

Jan Steele, Member  
 Patricia Meyers, Member (MS TEAMS)

Vaughn Beck, Member

Ken Albers, Member

Kurt Hall, Member

John Brown, Member

Gregg Gass, Auxiliary Member

Val McGovern, Parole Board Corrections Specialist

Stacy Cole, Parole Admin Specialist

Eilish O’Toole, Parole Admin Corrections Analyst

Karena Cassidy, Parole Admin Senior Secretary

Georgia Will, Parole Admin Program Assistant I

Kennedy Goblirsch- Parole Admin Intern

Quorum Present? Yes

Absent: Peter Lieberman

SPECIAL GUESTS: Tom Gilchrist- SOMP, Riley DeGroot- Senior CM, Ryan Howey – Case Manager, Nicole Mayer – Case Manager, Sam Yost – Case Manager, Angela Pechous – Case Manager, Mal Foss – Resource Coordinator, Travis Ripperda – Risk Reduction Manager.

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS WEDNESDAY, March 13th, 2024:

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Aasen made a motion to **grant parole,** and Board Member Meyers seconded the motion, all board members voted aye, except Board Members Beck, Albers, Hall and Auxiliary Board Member Gass, the motion carried.

*Clayton, Jovaun*

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Aasen made a motion to **grant parole,** andAuxiliaryBoard Member Gass seconded the motion. All board members voted aye; the motion carried.

*Richardson, Silky*

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

*Highwolf, Clay*

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Albers made a motion to **grant parole with the recommendation to transitional housing,** AuxiliaryBoard Member Gass seconded the motion. All board members voted aye; the motion carried.

*Folk, Shawn*

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

*Iron Heart, Jewel*

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Present:

Myron Rau, Board Chair

Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

Peter Lieberman, Member

Jan Steele, Member  
 Patricia Meyers, Member (MS TEAMS)

Vaughn Beck, Member

Ken Albers, Member

Kurt Hall, Member

John Brown, Member

Val McGovern, Parole Board Corrections Specialist

Stacy Cole, Parole Admin Specialist

Eilish O’Toole, Parole Admin Corrections Analyst

Karena Cassidy, Parole Admin Senior Secretary

Georgia Will, Parole Admin Program Assistant I

Kennedy Goblirsch- Parole Admin Intern

Quorum Present? Yes

Absent: Peter Lieberman

SPECIAL GUESTS: Janessa Newby- DSS, Travis Ripperda – Risk Reduction Manager, John Hult Reporter SD Searchlight.

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS THURSDAY, March 14th, 2024:

HEARING PANELS: Chair Rau, Board Member Brown and Board Member Albers worked virtually from the board office on 3/11. Board Member Meyers attended all hearings virtually. No other significant changes.

BOARD TRAINING: Call to Freedom by Mary Jackson, McKensie Huska, Peri DeCory, and Rachal Berg.

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

BOARD REPORT: Val McGovern was available and updated the board on the following:

**Parole Board/Admin**:

There was a Special Session held by the parole board on February 29th, there were early discharges, pardons, waivers (parole/non-compliance) cases reviewed, as well as 7 contested cases conducted.

- Val McGovern continues to audit the Top 50 absconder warrants in NCIC to ensure they are active.

- Governor Noem approved 1 pardon application and 1 commutation application on February 19th. She also denied 4 commutation applications.

-There were 21 pardon applications received in February and the current set-out period is to May 2024. Approximately 36 pending clemency cases are pending a decision by Governor Noem.

- Board Members Myers and Beck, attended the Parole Board NIC training in Colorado in February (21st-23rd).

-Val McGovern has submitted her resignation with the DOC, her last working day with the department will be March 20th, 2024.

FIELD SERVICES REPORT: Associate Field Service Director, Kayla Stucky and Director Lewandowski were unavailable, Val McGovern updated the board on the following:

* Southeast: 0 open positions
* Northeast: 0 open positions
* West: 3 open positions

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

RECUSALS: Auxiliary Board Member Gass recused from the discretionary parole hearing of Anthony Monnens.

FULL BOARD CASES:

The following offender was paper reviewed by the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Albers made a motion to **grant parole.** Vice Chair Aasen seconded the motion, all board members voted aye, except Board Member Beck was not available, the motion carried.

*Hudson, Justin*

The following offender was paper reviewed by the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Brown made a motion to **grant parole to new number.** Board Member Steele seconded the motion, all board members voted aye, except Board Member Beck was not available, the motion carried.

*Moreno, Martine*

The following offender was paper reviewed by the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Meyers made a motion to **grant parole to new number.** Board Member Hall seconded the motion, all board members voted aye, except Board Member Beck was not available, the motion carried.

*Randle, David*

*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, except Board Member Beck was not available, 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 12:22 PM The next full board meeting is scheduled for April 18th, 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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