

SD Board of Pardons and Paroles

1600 N. Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57104



MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Pardons and Paroles April 2025

The Board of Pardons and Paroles hearing panels held meetings on March 27th, 2025 and April 14th and 15th, 2025 at the following facilities in the State of South Dakota:

- South Dakota State Penitentiary
- Jameson Annex
- Mike Durfee State Prison
- South Dakota Women's Prison
- Rapid City Minimum Center
- Board of Pardons and Paroles Office

A Full Board meeting was held at Jameson Annex on April 16th, 2025, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rau. A quorum was present. Present were the following board members:

- Myron Rau, Board Chair
- Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair
- Ken Albers, Member
- Vaughn Beck, Member [Teams]
- John Brown, Member
- Kurt Hall, Member
- Peter Lieberman, Member
- Patricia Meyers, Member [Teams]
- Jan Steele, Member

Support staff in attendance: Shelli Gust – Board Administration Manager; Stacy Cole – Board Corrections Specialist; Karena Cassidy – Board Senior Secretary; Kennedy Goblirsch – Board Intern

Special guests in attendance in person: Travis Uecker – Case Manager; Cassandra Cronemann; Danielle Hess

Special guests in attendance on Teams: Eilish O'Toole – Board Corrections Analyst; Travis Ripperda – Risk Reduction Manager; Samuel Yost – Case Manager; Brenna Carlson – SOMP; Jeff Neill – SOMP; Brittany Shelburg – Case Manager; Riley DeGroot – Senior Case Manager; Rose Weddell; Andrea Kost – Case Manager; Nichole Mayer – Case Manager; Ryan Howey – Case Manager

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II. Call for Public Input

No public input.

III. Parole Hearings

A. *Hawk Wing, David*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *David Hawk Wing*. The hearing was a paper review, and the offender was not present.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Member Albers for summarization. Testimony was provided by staff: Brenna Carlson – SOMP. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to grant parole to new number #65458.
Made:	Albers
Seconded by:	Hall
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Meyers, Steele, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	Lieberman
Results:	Motion carried.

B. *Aldrich, Kaylee*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Kaylee Aldrich*. The hearing was a paper review, and the offender was not present.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Member Beck for summarization. The offender has a pending major and was advised that a full hearing would not be conducted until the major is resolved. The following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to continue to the May 2025 full board.
Made:	Beck
Seconded by:	Albers
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Lieberman, Meyers, Steele, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

C. *Weddell, Curtis*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Curtis Weddell*. The offender was present on Teams. Guest(s) on Teams: Rose Weddell

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Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Member Brown for summarization. Testimony was provided by the offender. Testimony was provided by staff: Andrea Kost – Case Manager. Testimony was provided by guests: Rose Weddell. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to grant parole.
Made:	Brown
Seconded by:	Lieberman
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Lieberman, Meyers, Steele, Aasen
Votes Opposed:	Rau
Results:	Motion carried.

D. *Dossett, James*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *James Dossett*. The offender was present. Guest(s): Cassandra Cronemann, Danielle Hess.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to himself and Board Member Beck for summarization. Testimony was provided by the offender. Testimony was provided by staff: Brenna Carlson – SOMP. Testimony was provided by guests: Cassandra Cronemann, Danielle Hess. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to grant parole.
Made:	Beck
Seconded by:	Aasen
Votes in Favor:	Beck, Brown, Lieberman, Meyers, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	Albers, Hall, Steele
Results:	Motion carried.

E. *Greger, Waylon*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Waylon Greger*. The offender was present on Teams.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Members Lieberman and Steele for summarization. Testimony was provided by the offender. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to deny parole and set the next review date for April 2027.
Made:	Hall
Seconded by:	Beck
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Lieberman, Meyers, Steele, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

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F. *Eastman, Phillip*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Phillip Eastman*. The hearing was a paper review, and the offender was not present.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Members Hall and Lieberman for summarization. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to deny parole and set the next review date for December 2025.
Made:	Hall
Seconded by:	Lieberman
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Lieberman, Meyers, Steele, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

Following the action, the following motion to reconsider [requiring a 2/3 vote] was made:

Motion:	Motion to reconsider the previous action to deny parole and set the next review date for December 2025.
Made:	Albers
Seconded by:	Aasen
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	Lieberman, Meyers, Steele
Results:	Motion carried.

Following the motion to reconsider, the board held additional discussion. Testimony was provided by staff: Sam Yost – Case Manager, Jeff Neill - SOMP. The following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to deny parole and set the next review date for April 2027.
Made:	Hall
Seconded by:	Albers
Amended Motion:	Motion to deny parole and set the next review date for April 2026.
Made:	Aasen
Seconded by:	Lieberman
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Lieberman, Meyers, Steele, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	None.
Results:	Motion carried.

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IV. Adjourn

The Full Board adjourned from parole matters at approximately 11:43 a.m.

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Board of Pardons and Paroles
April 2025

A Full Board meeting was held at Jameson Annex on April 17th, 2025, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rau. A quorum was present. Present were the following board members:

- Myron Rau, Board Chair
- Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair
- Ken Albers, Member
- Vaughn Beck, Member [Teams]
- John Brown, Member
- Kurt Hall, Member
- Peter Lieberman, Member
- Patricia Meyers, Member [Teams]
- Jan Steele, Member

Support staff in attendance: Shelli Gust – Board Administration Manager; Stacy Cole – Board Corrections Specialist; Karena Cassidy – Board Senior Secretary

Special guests in attendance: None

Special guests in attendance on Teams: Eilish O'Toole – Board Corrections Analyst; Bob Mercer

II. Call for Public Input

No public input.

III. Minutes

Board Members reviewed the minutes for the March 2025 meetings of the Board. Motion by Aasen, second by Steele to approve the March 2025 minutes. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

IV. April Hearing Panels

Board Members Beck and Meyers appeared all week on Teams. There were no changes to the posted schedule.

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V. May Proposed Schedule

Board Members reviewed the proposed schedule for May. Due to a lower number of full board cases in May, the board will hold its business meeting on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 and not convene on May 15th. Board Members indicated whether they would be appearing via Teams and had no further changes to the proposed schedule.

VI. Board Report / Field Services Report

Board Members reviewed the board report and monthly metrics. There was a Special Session held on March 27th; there were early discharges, waivers (parole/SSV/non-compliance), a parole revocation hearing, a non-compliance hearing, suspended sentence revocation hearings, paper reviews of pardon applications, and paper reviews of commutation applications. Governor Rhoden took action on clemency matters in March and granted 12 pardons. There were 19 pardon applications received in March, and the current set-out period is June 2025.

Board Member Aasen asked for metrics showing the grant and deny rate by facility for FY24 and FY25. Staff will work to provide those at the next full board meeting.

VII. Items for Discussion

The Board discussed the importance of protecting the community when making decisions and requested that staff attempt to provide more information about an offender's original offense for full board cases. The Board was advised that Senate Bill 83, decreasing first and second violations of ingestion of certain controlled substances to a Class 1 misdemeanor, will take effect on July 1st, 2025. The Board discussed amending its parole success plan to include elements of the offender's specific release plan. The Board requested future training be provided by a case manager to have them explain their release plan process. Staff will work to set that up. The Board discussed an accountability letter that will now be included with the commutation application. The Board discussed a letter that has been written by an offender encouraging other offenders to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered on the tablet, and the Board was in support of that letter being added to the tablets. The Board was reminded that board orders may require offenders to live in a specific type of housing, such as transitional housing, but should not require a specific transitional house, such as the Glory House.

VIII. Training

Board members reviewed portions of the South Dakota Department of Corrections 2024 Statistical Report.

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IX. Policy Review

Board members reviewed Policy 8.1.A.4: Parole Date Review. Staff recommended minor revisions to the policies so that the language was consistent with statute and current and best practices. Motion by Aasen, second by Lieberman to adopt Policy 8.1.A.4: Parole Date Review as amended. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

X. Full Board Cases / Potential Upcoming Paper Review Cases

Board Members were advised that the May calendar has 2 full board parole hearings and 1 full board commutation hearing currently scheduled.

XI. Special Session Decisions

Motion by Beck, second by Brown to ratify the special session clemency decisions. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

XII. Attachments – Decisions

Incorporated by reference is the attached listing, entitled Parole Board Actions, for all parole violations, suspended sentence violations, non-compliance, discretionary parole, appeal of parole dates, earned discharge, and rescission decisions made by the Board this month.

XIII. Adjourn

The Full Board meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. The next full board meeting is scheduled for May 14th, 2025.

BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Myron Rau, Board Chair or Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

Submitted by:
Shelli Gust
Parole Board Administration Manager
Board of Pardons and Paroles