SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

 MINUTES

Jameson Annex

1600 N Drive

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Parole Board meetings were held on January 25th, 2024, and February 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, 2024 in various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Full Board meeting was held on Wednesday, February 14th, commencing at 11:30 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

Val McGovern, Parole Board Corrections Specialist

Brad Lewandowski, Director of Parole

Kati Albers, Parole Admin Supervisor

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

Jayden Clark – Parole Admin Intern

Kennedy Goblirsch- Parole Admin Intern

Quorum Present? Yes

Absent: N/A

SPECIAL GUESTS: Tom Gilchrist- SOMP, Rose Sullivan- Parole Agent, Lizzie Riggen- Parole Agent, Lillie Tacke- Parole Agent, Liz Effling- Parole Field Operations Specialist, Hannah Hohn- Parole Agent, Shay Potter- Parole Agent, Gabrielle Warwick- Parole Agent, Riley DeGroot- Senior CM, Lindsey Miller- Parole Agent, Doug Cook- Case Manager, Jeff Neill- SOMP, Lee Schroeder- Case Manager, Carli Stark

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS WEDNESDAY, February 14th, 2024:

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

*Erks,Jacob*

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Lieberman made a motion to **continue this to a paper review in March 2024,** Board Member Meyers seconded the motion. All board members voted aye, except Board Member Albers, and Board Chair Rau, the motion carried.

*Hudson, Justin*

The following offender appeared before the full board virtually for a Parole hearing. Board Member Aasen made a motion to **grant parole,**  Board Member Myers, Board Member Steele and Vice Chair Aasen voted aye. All other board members voted nay, motion failed. A motion was made by Board Member Beck to **deny parole** and set to her **suspended sentence release date** (SSRD), motion was seconded by Board Member Hall. Board Member Beck, Board Member Liberman, Board Member Hall, Board Member Albers, Board Member Brown and Chair Rau voted aye, Board Member Meyers, Board Member Steele and Vice Chair Aasen voted nay, the motion carried.

*Mousseaux, Pearl*

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Hall a motion to **grant parole,** Board Member Aasen seconded the motion. All board members voted aye, except Board Member Lieberman, he abstained from voting, the motion carried.

*Wilson, Curtis*

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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

Val McGovern, Parole Board Corrections Specialist

Brad Lewandowski, Director of Parole

Kayla Stucky, Field Service Assistant Director

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: N/A

SPECIAL GUESTS: Liz Riggen- Parole Agent, Brandy Weber- Parole Agent, Gabrielle Warwick- Parole Agent, Hannah Hohn- Parole Agent, Shay Potter- Parole Agent, Lillie Tacke- Parole Agent, Karla Chen-Jimenez- Tribal Agent, Liz Effling- Parole Field Operations Specialist, Lee Schroeder- Case Manager, Riley DeGroot- Senior Case Manager, Janessa Newby- DSS, Ryan Landon- Nursing Manager

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS THURSDAY, February 15th, 2024:

HEARING PANELS: Board Member Steele worked virtually from the board office on 2/12. Board Members Meyers and Hall conducted RCC hearings virtually on 2/12. No other significant changes.

BOARD TRAINING: N/A

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

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

- 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 REPORT: Associate Field Service Director, Kayla Stucky and Director Lewandowski updated the board on the following:

* Open positions: Open positions: As of February 2, 2024:

Northeast Region: 0 open positions; 1 new agent started in Pierre and in Watertown during January

Southeast Region: 0 open positions; 2 new agents started in Sioux Falls during January

West Region: 3 open positions: 2 new agents started in Rapid City February 1, 2024.

* Resignations: 0
* Watertown Support Staff Sandy Heuer passed away unexpectedly on January 15, 2024.

POLICY REVIEW: **Policy 8.1.A.5 Parole Decisions and Setting of Next Review Date**, was discussed. The main update will be the qualifier for the full board. The draft version will be sent to Chair Rau and Vice Chair Aasen before being finalized. **Policy 8.1.A.9 Executive Clemency, Pardon, Reprieve or Remission of Fines and Forfeiture** was reviewed and discussed. The board approved that the clemency matrix to be inputted into the policy, but that it also include language that if someone is within 6 months of flatting their parole supervision, that they do not submit an early discharge application. A motion was made by Board Vice Chair Aasen to approve the updates/changes, seconded by Board Member Meyers, all board members voted aye, the motion carried.

RECUSALS: N/A

FULL BOARD CASES:

The following offender appeared virtually before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Albers made a motion to **call for the question** at 9:52 A.M., but that motion was withdrawn. Board Member Aasen made a motion to **grant parole,** and Board Member Meyers seconded the motion, all board members voted aye, except Board Member Hall and Chair Rau, the motion carried.

*Black Tail Deer, Duane*

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Albers made a motion to **deny parole** and set next review for July 2025**,** Board Member Lieberman seconded the motion. All board members voted aye, except Board Member Meyers, Vice Chair Aasen, Chair Rau and Board Member Brown, the motion carried.

*Fox, Eric*

*Special Session*

Board Member Liberman made a motion to approve the special session clemency decisions, Board Member Brown 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 12:17 PM The next full board meeting is scheduled for March 13th, 2024.

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 Myron Rau, Board Chair or Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

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Val McGovern, Corrections Specialist

Submitted by:

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