



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES
MINUTES

Jameson Annex
1600 N Drive
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Parole Board meetings were held on November 29th and December 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2023 in various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Full Board meeting was held on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023, commencing at 11:29 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
Charles Schroyer, Member
Ken Albers, Member
Kurt Hall, Member
Val McGovern, Parole Board Corrections Specialist
Brad Lewandowski, Director of Parole
Kati Albers, Parole Admin Supervisor
Stacy Cole, Clemency Specialist
Eilish O'Toole, Parole Admin Corrections Analyst
Karena Cassidy, Senior Secretary of Parole Board Operations
Georgia Will, Parole Admin Program Assistant
Jayden Clark – Parole Admin Intern

Quorum Present? Yes

Absent: N/A

SPECIAL GUESTS: Rose Sullivan- Parole Agent, Mark Callaghan- Parole Agent, Liz Effling- Parole Field Operations Specialist, Amber Torres- Parole Agent, Thomas Gilchrist- SOMP, Travis Ripperda- Risk Reduction, Karla Chen-Jimenez- Tribal Agent, Lauren Salazar- Senior Parole Agent, Sam Yost- Case Manager, Miranda Ward- Case Manager, Janessa Newby- Behavioral Health, Tyler Tycz- Case Manager, Travis Donelan- Transitional Case Manager, Chris Martin- West Region Field Supervisor



AGENDA ITEMS:

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS WEDNESDAY,
December 13th, 2023

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

Harrington, Dillon

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Aasen made a motion to **grant parole, with a board order to transitional housing only** Board Member Albers seconded the motion. All board members voted aye, except Board Member Hall and Board Member Lieberman.

Haug, Dalton

Guests: Leah and Cory Haug

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Lieberman made a motion to **deny parole with a next review of 9 months (September 2024)**, Board Member Hall seconded the motion. All board members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Best, Marc

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

Byington, Brian

Break: 1:15 p.m.- 1:21 p.m.



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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
Charles Schroyer, Member
Ken Albers, Member
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Absent: N/A

SPECIAL GUESTS: Brenna Carlson- SOMP Manager, Brittany Shelburg- Case Manager, John Hult- Media (SD Searchlight), Rose Sullivan- Parole Agent, Mark Callaghan- Parole Agent, Liz Effling- Parole Field Operations Specialist, Amber Torres- Parole Agent, Lauren Salazar- Senior Parole Agent, Tyler Tycz- Case Manager

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS THURSDAY,
December 14th, 2023:

HEARING PANELS: No changes to hearing panels, hearing went as planned.

BOARD TRAINING: N/A



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

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

- There were 17 pardon applications received in November and the current set-out period is to March 2023. There are currently 54 pending clemency cases pending a decision by Governor Noem.
- Board Members Myers, Hall, Beck, and Steele have their applications submitted for the Parole Board NIC training in Colorado in February, this is pending an application review and acceptance from NIC.
- Chuck Schroyer's last board week will be January 8-11th, Val McGovern previously reached out to the Supreme Court Justice and is awaiting their new appointment.
- Contested hearings that go before the board will not have a BH (Behavioral Health) summary. Most of these cases will have a discretionary date set and will not be pending a release, if questions arise during the hearing, Val McGovern will reach out to proper staff to get the questions answered.
- An Affidavit was sent to a reservation regarding a parole absconder to confirm her revocation of parole, in the hope of maintaining a parole detainer and not needing to send a Governor's Warrant. So far, no other complications have come from this specific case.

FIELD SERVICES REPORT: Director Lewandowski updated the board on the following:

- Open positions: 9 agent positions: 2 Sioux Falls (position has been re-posted), 5 Rapid City (positions relisted (three currently vacant)) 1 Watertown (position listed and interviews are on-going), 1 Pierre (Specialist position moved from Rapid City; conditional offer has been accepted); .5 secretary positions: Part-time Spearfish (not listing at this time).

Agent Ashtyn Shafer started in Sioux Falls 11/9/2023.

Agent Anthony Fontenot started in Pierre 11/13/2023.

A conditional offer was made to Amanda Forbes for the parole agent specialist position in Pierre, SD. The tentative start date is scheduled for January/February 2024 as she is moving from out of state.

Chris Martin (Parole Agent in Rapid City) began his duties as the West Region Supervisor 11/24/2023.

Agents in training: 4: 2 Sioux Falls (Ashtyn Shafer (.5 months); Mallory Arndt (2 month)), 2 in Rapid City (Agent Sullivan (4 month), Agent Martin (3 months)).

Agents on light duty: 1 Mitchell (through 12/4/2023)

Resignations: 1 Rachel Engelstad (Sioux Falls)

Upcoming Resignations: 2: Taylor Santana (Rapid City – 12/8/2023), Jason Goodall (Rapid City – 12/14/2023)



POLICY REVIEW: Policies 8.1.A.6 Code of Ethics and 8.1.A.10 Executive Clemency Commutation, were reviewed before the full board meeting, there were no recommended updates therefore the only official changes/updates that will occur will be the effective date and supersession date.

Discussion:

N/A

RECUSALS: There were not any recusals for the month of December.

FULL BOARD CASES:

The following offender had a paper review parole hearing in front of the full board. Board Member Albers made a motion to **grant parole, to his new #** Board Member Beck, seconded the motion. All board members voted aye; the motion carried.

Clifton, Benjamin

The following offender had a parole hearing in front of the full board. Board Member Aasen made a motion to **grant parole**, Board Member Steele seconded the motion. All board members voted aye; except Board Member Lieberman and Board Member Hall, the motion carried.

Steineke, Taylor (MS Teams)

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 10:35AM The next full board meeting is scheduled for January 19th, 2024.

BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Myron Rau, Board Chair or Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

Val McGovern, Corrections Specialist

Submitted by:
Val McGovern
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