

February 2023



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES
MINUTES

Jameson Annex
1600 N Drive
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Parole Board meetings were held on February 1st, 2023, February 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2023 in various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Full Board meeting was held on Wednesday, February 15th, 2023, commencing at 12:26 P.M. with the following present:

Present:

Myron Rau, Board Chair
Ken Albers, Member
Kurt Hall, Member
Charles Schroyer, Member
Peter Lieberman, Member
Jan Steele, Member
Patricia Meyers, Member
Vaughn Beck, Member
Shannon Riter-Osborn, Auxiliary Member
Val McGovern, Executive Director of Board of Pardons and Paroles
Brad Lewandowski, Director of Parole
Traci Fredrikson, Operations Supervisor
Stacy Cole, Corrections Specialist
Eilish O'Toole, Program Assistant
Karena Cassidy, Senior Secretary
Georgia Will, Parole Admin Intern
Jayden Clark, Parole Admin Intern

Quorum Present? Yes

Absent: Kirsten Aasen, Board Vice Chair

SPECIAL GUESTS: Tom Lais-Corrections Specialist, Travis Donelan-Case Manager, Riley DeGroot-Case Manager, Terry Cummings-Program Assistant I, Rex Squyres-Program Assistant II, Brenna Carlson- Program Manager, Jeff Neill-SOMP, John Hult-Spotlight, KELO

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS WEDNESDAY, February 15th, 2023:



The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Lieberman made a motion to deny parole and set a next review date for 8 months, Board Member Meyers seconded the motion. All other board members supported the motion and voted aye; the motion carried.

Cournoyer, Laurie

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Schroyer made a motion to grant parole to Serenity Hills as a board order. Board Member Meyers seconded the motion. All other board members supported the motion and voted aye, except Board Member Albers, the motion carried.

Murphy, Jonathan

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Hall made a motion to deny parole. Board Member Beck seconded the motion. All other board members supported the motion and voted aye, except Board Member Schroyer, Board Member Steele and Chair Rau, the motion carried.

Stoff, Lance



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Present:

Myron Rau, Board Chair
Ken Albers, Member
Kurt Hall, Member
Charles Schroyer, Member
Peter Lieberman, Member
Jan Steele, Member
Patricia Meyers, Member
Vaughn Beck, Member
Shannon Riter-Osborn, Auxiliary Member
Val McGovern, Executive Director of Board of Pardons and Paroles
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Stacy Cole, Corrections Specialist
Eilish O'Toole, Program Assistant
Karena Cassidy, Senior Secretary
Georgia Will, Parole Admin Intern
Jayden Clark, Parole Admin Intern

Quorum Present? Yes

Absent: Kirsten Aasen, Board Vice Chair

COUNSEL PRESENT:

N/A

SPECIAL GUESTS: Travis Donelan-Case Manager, Terry Cummings- Program Assistant, Riley DeGroot, Case Manager, Tom Gilchrist -SOMP, Eric Timmerman-Case Manager, Deb Eilers-Case Manager, Brenna Carlson- Program Manager, Jeff Neill-SOMP, John Hult-Spotlight, KELO



HEARING PANELS: Board Member Steele assisted with hearings at SDWP on Monday, February 13th and Charles Schroyer conducted contested hearings in Sioux Falls with Board Member Beck. Auxiliary Board Member Shannon Riter-Osborn assisted with Full Board hearings on Wednesday February 15th and Thursday, February 16th. No other significant changes.

AGENDA ITEMS:

BOARD TRAINING: Scheduled training, with DOC Restrictive Housing Unit Manger Jarod Hettich.

MINUTES: Board Member Albers made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 2023 meeting of the Board. Board Member Steele seconded the motion. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

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

An extra days of parole board hearings were scheduled and conducted on February 1st, 2023. Board Chair Rau and Vice Chair Aasen reviewed and approved approx.62 parole violation waivers and reviewed early discharge applications/clemency and commutation cases.

The South Dakota Senate approved the Chief Justice’s appointment of Patricia Meyers to the Board of Pardons and Paroles on a 34-0 vote January 23rd. Board Beck was able to virtually observe hearings in the month of January and Board Member Myers was in person for hearings.

The Non-compliance findings have been reviewed and approved by the parole board; they are now being used by parole admin. staff effective February board week. Policies 8.1.A.13 Rescission of Parole has been revised and approved by the Parole Board.

There were 14 pardon applications received in the month of January and the current set out period is to May 2022. Governor Noem acted on 8 clemency recommendations on January 29th. There are currently 38 pending review.

Director McGovern has continued to complete validation inquiries submitted by the Department of Public Safety to ensure fidelity in NCIC entries/clears. The quarterly warrant audit has been completed by Kathleen Coppe (RC, Secretary), this was the comparison of the warrants in M: Drive to the absconder report ensuring that they coincide with one another for accuracy. Virtual expectations (rules) are now being sent to visitors that will be attending hearings virtually.

FIELD SERVICES REPORT: Assistant Director Kayla Stucky was available and updated the board on the following:



Field Services Staffing Update

Open positions: 9 (2 SF, 3 RC, 1 Brookings, 1 Mitchell, 1 Spearfish, 1 Pierre).

Agents in training: 5 (3 in Sioux Falls, 1 in SWO, 1 in Rapid City). Extended Leaves: 2 agents (Sioux Falls and Brookings). Upcoming Extended Leaves: 2 agents (Sioux Falls), Administrative Duty: 1 (Sioux Falls). Resignations: 2 Aileen Winters (1/24/23), Tammie Tibbs (1/20/2023) Agents Engelstad and Anderson (Sioux Falls) are covering the Brookings caseloads due to a vacancy and extended leave. Supervisor Carrels is covering Watertown cases due to a vacancy in the Watertown office. Agent Ware (Mitchell) is transferring to cover cases out of Watertown. Due to this, a Mitchell position was listed. Interviews occurred for Sioux Falls, Pierre, Rapid City/Spearfish, and Mitchell. SWO Tribal Parole Director Joan White has retired. Statewide caseload average: 70.79, Statewide workload average: 92.84%.

Absconder Apprehension Unit

Supervisor Carrels is overseeing this group. Agents Terrence Davis, Jarrett Klinger, and Alyssa Francik have been selected as the Absconder Apprehension Unit. Top 10 Absconders have been sent to the Fusion Center who distributes this information to LE agencies. One of these top 10 was recently arrested. Rapid City Senior Secretary Lanna Zimmerman is assisting the AAU with data tracking. She sends the list of Top 50 absconders to Law Enforcement Contacts in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. AAU agents are utilizing a free 2-week trial period of Leads Online and Cell Hawk applications. Leads Online provides information from pawn shops, Walmart ATMs, title loans, E-Bay, Offerup, classified ads., etc. Photos are available at the time of sale/purchase from these entities. Leads Online also allows the user to see if other LE departments are looking at the individual. Cell Hawk tracks phone, vehicle, and social medial information, to include location. This application provides information regarding to whom phone numbers are registered, address used for the phone number and live “ping” for location. Location is tracked off social media use as well. Cell hawk also provides registry information for vehicle VIN and track location of the vehicle on newer cars. There were 4 absconder apprehensions in which the AAU assisted.

Moving On

Supervisor Rupp is reviewing a query with the facilitators to help track offenders referred to moving on and their status. We are down 2 facilitators in Rapid City due to resignations and 1 in Sioux Falls (extended leave).

Employment

Supervisor JC Smith is overseeing Parole’s involvement with DLR. The current focus is in Sioux Falls and Rapid City as these are our largest offices and DLR is present in these offices multiple times a month. There are also monthly calls with DLR attended by agents across the state. There were 47 DLR contacts recorded in COMS for 43 offenders.

Pre-Release interviews and Structured Interviewing Skills

Supervisor Kyle Smith is overseeing the implementation of the pre-release interviews. 66 pre-release interviews were recorded during January.



POLICY REVIEW: Director McGovern discussed Policy 8.1.A.5 Board Decisions and Setting of Next Review Date. Board Member Myers made a motion to approve, Board Member Schroyer seconded the motion, all board members voted aye, the motion carried. Policy 8.1.A.9 Executive Clemency-Pardons was discussed, Board Member Schroyer made a motion to approve, Board Member Beck seconded the motion, all board members voted aye, the motion carried.

RECUSALS:

Board Member Jan Steele recused for the hearing regarding *Moore, Ronnie*.

DECISIONS: Board Member Schroyer made a motion to ratify and affirm all decisions: Board Member Lieberman seconded the motion. All members voting 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 11:10 A.M. The next full board meeting is scheduled for March 15th, 2023.

BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Myron Rau, Board Chair or Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

Val McGovern, Executive Director

Submitted by:
Val McGovern
Executive Director of
Board of Pardons and Paroles