

SD Board of Pardons and Paroles
1600 N. Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57104



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Board of Pardons and Paroles
January 2025

The Board of Pardons and Paroles hearing panels held meetings on December 30th, 2024 and January 6th and 7th, 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 January 8th, 2025, commencing at 8:30 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
- John Brown, Member
- Kurt Hall, Member
- Peter Lieberman, Member
- Patricia Meyers, Member
- 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: Leisha Jobs - Case Manager; Jordan Moos – Case Manager

Special guests in attendance on Teams: Travis Ripperda – Risk Reduction Manager; Brenna Carlson – SOMP Program Manager

II. Call for Public Input

No public input.

SD Board of Pardons and Paroles

1600 N. Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57104



III. Parole Hearings

A. *Schumacher, Chance*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Chance Schumacher*. 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 grant parole.
Made:	Hall
Seconded by:	Lieberman
Votes in Favor:	Aasen, Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Lieberman, Meyers, Rau, Steele
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

B. *Ahmed, Kadir*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Kadir Ahmed*. The offender was present.

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

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

C. *White Face, Lloyd*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Lloyd White Face*. The offender was present.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Members Albers and Brown for summarization. Testimony was provided by the offender. Testimony was provided by staff: Travis Ripperda, Risk Reduction Manager and Brenna Carlson, SOMP Program Manager. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

SD Board of Pardons and Paroles

1600 N. Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57104



Motion:	Motion to grant parole to new number, transaction #66980.
Made:	Albers
Seconded by:	Lieberman
Votes in Favor:	Aasen, Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Lieberman, Meyers, Rau, Steele
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

D. *Jogaak, Jogaak*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Jogaak Jogaak*. The offender was present.

This matter was continued from the November 2024 full board meeting due to a pending major. The major has since been resolved. Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Members Albers and Brown for summarization. Testimony was provided by the offender. Testimony was provided by staff: Travis Ripperda, Risk Reduction Manager. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to deny parole and set a next review date of November 2025.
Made:	Brown
Seconded by:	Lieberman
Votes in Favor:	Beck, Brown, Hall, Lieberman, Meyers, Steele, Rau
Votes Opposed:	Albers, Aasen
Results:	Motion carried.

IV. Break

Board Members took a brief scheduled break.

V. Annual Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion by Lieberman, second by Albers to re-elect Myron Rau as the Board Chair and Kirsten Aasen as the Vice-Chair. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

VI. Minutes

Board Members reviewed the minutes for the December 2024 meetings of the Board. Motion by Beck, second by Steele to approve the December 2024 minutes. All members voted aye. Motion carried.



VII. January Hearing Panels

There were no changes to the posted schedule.

VIII. February Proposed Schedule

Board Members reviewed the proposed schedule for February. Due to the anticipated length of scheduled hearings in February, the board will convene for its general business meeting on February 13th. Board Members indicated whether they would be appearing via Teams, and there were a couple of minor changes to specific room assignments. There were no further changes to the proposed schedule.

IX. Board Report

Board Members reviewed the board report and monthly metrics. There was a Special Session held on December 30th; there were early discharges, waivers (parole/SSV/non-compliance), parole revocation hearings, non-compliance hearings, and paper reviews of pardon applications. The Governor did not take any action on clemency matters this month. There were 16 pardon applications received in December, and the current set-out period is March 2025.

X. Items for Discussion

Board Members discussed whether they would like to continue to receive individualized electronic coding sheets for each offender. The consensus was that staff will include a blank electronic coding sheet that may be used for any offender and provide hard copies of coding sheets at monthly board meetings that may be used by Board Members. Board Members discussed the pros and cons of the usefulness of the information currently included on investigative summary reports. Board Members expressed an interest in receiving information in more of a narrative format like the supplemental investigative summary reports previously completed by case managers, but recognize it is time intensive for staff and may need to be limited to full board cases.

XI. Policy Review

There was no policy review for January.

XII. Training

Parole Board Administration Manager Shelli Gust provided refresher training on Marsy's Law.

XIII. Full Board Cases / Potential Upcoming Paper Review Cases

Board Members were advised that the February calendar has 4 full board cases currently scheduled and 1 pardon currently scheduled. The pardon case may end up becoming a paper review.

SD Board of Pardons and Paroles

1600 N. Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57104



XIV. Special Session Decisions

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

XV. 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.

XVI. Adjourn

The Full Board meeting adjourned at approximately 11:43 a.m. The next full board meeting is scheduled for February 12th, 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