

## **SD Board of Pardons and Paroles**

1600 N. Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57104



### **MINUTES**

#### **Meeting of the Board of Pardons and Paroles July 2025**

The Board of Pardons and Paroles hearing panels held meetings on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 July 9<sup>th</sup>, 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
- 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; Karena Cassidy – Board Senior Secretary

Special guests in attendance in person: Nicole Mayer, Case Manager

Special guests in attendance on Teams: Eilish O'Toole – Board Corrections Analyst; Georgia Will – Board Program Assistant; Kelsey White, Parole Agent; Rex Squyres, Board Program Assistant; Tyler Zick, Parole Agent; Michael Allen, Parole Agent; Ryan Howey, Case Manager; Kim Lippincott, Senior Case Manager; Lillie Tacke, Senior Parole Agent

#### **II. Call for Public Input**

No public input.

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### III. Parole Hearings

#### A. Ovalles, Raeshawn

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

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

The full board adjourned from parole matters and commenced clemency matters at approximately 9:55 a.m.. The parole board adjourned clemency matters and commenced its general business meeting at approximately 10:10 a.m..

### V. Minutes

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

### VI. July Hearing Panels

Due to a staffing shortage, the waiver signing special session was moved from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parole Board Office. Board Member Myron Rau joined a DSP room by Teams due to the change. There were no other changes to the posted schedule.

### VII. August Proposed Schedule

Board Members reviewed the proposed schedule for August. Due to a lower number of full board cases in August, the board will hold its business meeting the Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and not convene on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Board Members indicated whether they would be appearing via Teams and had no further changes to the proposed schedule.

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### **VIII. 2026 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule**

Board Members reviewed the proposed schedule for 2026. Necessary changes may still be made throughout the year, as schedules are reviewed monthly.

### **IX. Board Report / Field Services Report**

Board Members reviewed the board report and monthly metrics. There was a Special Session held on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025; there were waivers (parole/SSV/non-compliance), parole revocation hearings, a non-compliance hearing, suspended sentence revocation hearings, and paper reviews of pardon applications. Governor Rhoden acted upon 28 pardon applications and 1 commutation application this month. There were 15 pardon applications received in June, and the current set-out period is September 2025.

### **X. Items for Discussion**

Board members discussed training being held by APAI on two SDMF domains. Board staff will send out information via e-mail to gauge interest in the training.

### **XI. Policy Review**

Board members reviewed the revisions to Policy 8.1.A.1: News Media and Cameras at Board Hearings. Staff recommended no revisions to the policy.

### **XII. Full Board Cases / Potential Upcoming Paper Review Cases**

Board Members were advised that the August calendar has 4 full board cases currently scheduled.

### **XIII. Special Session Decisions**

Motion by Steele, second by Hall to ratify and affirm the special session clemency decisions. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

### **XIV. 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.

### **XV. Adjourn**

The Full Board meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m. The next full board meeting is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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### BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Myron A. Rau". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Myron Rau, Board Chair or Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

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