

SD Board of Pardons and Paroles
1501 S. Highline Ave, Ste. 3A, Sioux Falls, SD 57110



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Board of Pardons and Paroles
June 2026

The Board of Pardons and Paroles hearing panels held meetings on May 28th, 2026 and June 8th and 9th, 2026 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
- Yankton Minimum Center
- Board of Pardons and Paroles Office – SF One Stop Building

A Full Board meeting was held at the Sioux Falls One Stop – Maple Room B409 on June 10th, 2026, 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 [TEAMS]
- Vaughn Beck, Member
- John Brown, Member
- Kurt Hall, Member
- Peter Lieberman, Member
- Patricia Meyers, Member [TEAMS]
- Aaron Pilcher, Member

Absent: Jan Steele, Member

Support staff in attendance: Shelli Gust – Board Administration Manager; Karena Cassidy – Board Senior Secretary; Eilish O'Toole – Board Corrections Specialist

Special guests in attendance in person: None

Special guests in attendance on Teams: Jordan Jensen – Corrections Analyst; Georgia Will – Program Assistant; Jeff Neill – SOMP; Brittany Shelburg – Case Manager; David Goodell – Behavioral Health Resource Coordinator; Cyanne O'Neil – Offender Services Intern; Greg Friesner; Dorene Calhoon; Marissa Brunkhorst – Keloland; Harlan Moss; Angel Runnels; Kara Duncan; Roy Peters; Mike LNU; Karen Schwebach; Damien Summers – Case Manager; Riley DeGroot – Case Manager

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II. Call for Public Input

None.

III. Parole Hearings

A. *Weier, Jason*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Jason Weier*. The offender was present on Teams.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Member Lieberman for summarization. Testimony was provided by the offender. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to deny parole and continue to SSRD.
Made:	Brown
Seconded by:	Hall
Votes in Favor:	Beck, Brown, Lieberman, Hall, Meyers, Pilcher, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

B. *Hagan, Jack*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Jack Hagan*. The offender was present on Teams. Guest(s) present on Teams: Greg Friesner; Dorene Calhoon; Harlan Moss; Angel Runnels; Kara Duncan; Roy Peters; Mike LNU; Karen Schwebach.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Members Brown and Pilcher for summarization. Testimony was provided by the offender. Testimony was provided by the following guest(s): Angel Runnels; Mike LNU; Karen Schwebach. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to grant parole.
Made:	Brown
Seconded by:	Pilcher
Votes in Favor:	Beck, Brown, Lieberman, Hall, Meyers, Pilcher, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

Board Member Jan Steele arrived at the meeting.

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IV. Jason Holbeck – Sioux Falls Police Labor Council

This appointment was canceled at the request of the Sioux Falls Police Labor Council.

V. Secretary of Corrections Nick Lamb

Secretary of Corrections Nick Lamb introduced himself to the Board Members and engaged in a brief question and answer session about general topics involving the DOC, Parole, and the Parole Board. SOC Lamb was invited to attend any board meeting in the future if his schedule allows.

A brief break was taken.

VI. May Minutes

Board Members reviewed the minutes for the May 2026 meetings of the Board. Motion by Beck, second by Steele to approve the May 2026 minutes. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

VII. Full Board Cases / Potential Upcoming Paper Review Cases

Board Members were advised that the July calendar currently has 2 cases currently scheduled and the August calendar currently has 1 case currently scheduled.

VIII. July Proposed Schedule

Board Members reviewed the proposed schedule for July. Due to a lower number of full board cases in July, the board will hold its business meeting on Wednesday, July 15th, 2026. Board Members indicated whether they would be appearing via Teams. Going forward, Board Members would like to designate the Sioux Falls One Stop as the preferred location for full board meetings, with the JPA Visit Room being a secondary location if the Sioux Falls One Stop does not have any available rooms.

IX. Board Report / Field Services Report

Board Members reviewed the board report and monthly metrics. There was a Special Session held on May 28th, 2026; there were paper reviews of early discharges, pardons, and commutation applications, waivers (parole/SSV/non-compliance) signed, and parole revocation, suspended sentence, and non-compliance hearings. The current set-out period for pardons is August 2026.

A brief break was taken.

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X. Policy Review

Board Members reviewed recommended changes to the following policies: 8.1.A.3: Dispositional Meeting and Attachments; 8.1.A.2: Parole and Suspended Sentence Revocation Hearings; and 8.1.A.15 Revocation of Suspended Sentence. Recommended changes took into consideration feedback received from Board Members, the goals of the DOC's Smarter Supervision Initiative, and Governor Rhoden's expansion of those goals through his request that the Board process revocations faster, impose stronger sanctions, hold dispositional meetings more frequently, and increase the length of returns to prison.

Motion by Pilcher, second by Beck, to adopt 8.1.A.3 Dispositional Meetings and Attachments, 8.1.A.2: Parole and Suspended Sentence Revocation Hearings, as amended, and 8.1.A.15 Revocation of Suspended Sentence, as amended. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

XI. Items for Discussion

Board Member Lieberman discussed staff safety concerns. Board Administration Manager Gust will visit with her staff and explore whether there may be new technology or processes available to reduce the safety concerns.

Board Administration Manager Gust and Chair Rau shared their experiences from attending the second SDMF Community of Practice in Aurora, Colorado on June 2nd – 4th, 2026. A new e-course launching soon will provide the Board with an opportunity to engage in additional SDMF training and evaluate how they may more effectively use SDMF going forward.

XII. 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.

XIII. Adjourn

The Full Board meeting adjourned at approximately 12:07 p.m. The next full board meeting is scheduled for July 15th, 2026.

BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Myron Rau, Board Chair or Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

Submitted by:
Shelli Gust

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