

# SD Board of Pardons and Paroles

1600 N. Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57104



## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Board of Pardons and Paroles March 2025

The Board of Pardons and Paroles hearing panels held meetings on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<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 March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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
- Peter Lieberman, Member
- Patricia Meyers, Member
- Jan Steele, Member

Absent: Kurt Hall, 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: Travis Uecker – Case Manager; Leisha Jobs – Case Manager; Ryan Howey – Case Manager; Angela Schoffelman; Sam Yost – Case Manager

Special guests in attendance on Teams: Tess Derosier; Mary Kurowski; Georgia Will – Board Program Assistant; Travis Ripperda – Risk Reduction Manager; Ian Miller – Senior Case Manager; Allan Schauer – Case Manager; Eric Timmerman- Case Manager; Jeff Neill – SOMP; Nicole Mayer – Case Manager; Riley DeGroot – Senior Case Manager

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### II. Call for Public Input

No public input.

### III. Parole Hearings

#### A. *Anderson, Orlyn* [Compassionate Parole]

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Orlyn Anderson*. The offender meets the criteria for compassionate parole consideration and was referred to the parole board for a compassionate parole hearing. The hearing was a paper review, and the offender was not present. Guest(s): Cierra Revolorio - Nurse Supervisor  
Guest(s) on Teams: Travis Ripperda – Risk Reduction Manager, Tess Derosier

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Risk Reduction Manager Travis Ripperda for summarization. Testimony was provided by staff: Travis Ripperda – Risk Reduction Manager; Cierra Revolorio - Nurse Supervisor. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

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

#### B. *Ecoffey, Josiah*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Josiah Ecoffey*. The hearing was a paper review, and the offender was not present.

This matter was continued from the February 2025 full board meeting due to a pending major. The major has since been resolved. Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to himself and Board Member Albers for summarization. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to deny parole and set out to suspended sentence release date.
Made:	Albers
Seconded by:	Beck
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Lieberman, Meyers, Steele, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	None

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Results:	Motion carried.
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### C. *Campbell, Leslie*

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

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Member Aasen for summarization. Testimony was provided by the offender. Testimony was provided by staff: Allan Schauer – Case Manager. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

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

The above motion having failed, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to deny parole and set a next review date for March 2027.
Made:	Beck
Substitute Motion:	Motion to deny parole and set a next review date for March 2026.
Made:	Aasen
Seconded by:	Brown
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Lieberman, Aasen, Steele, Rau
Votes Opposed:	Meyers
Results:	Motion carried.

### D. *Davila, Antonio*

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

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Member Albers for summarization. Testimony was provided by the offender. Testimony was provided by staff: Ryan Howey – Case Manager. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to grant parole.
Made:	Albers
Seconded by:	Aasen

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Votes in Favor:	Albers, Brown, Lieberman, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	Beck, Meyers, Steele
Results:	Motion carried.

E. *Salinas, Anthony*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Anthony Salinas*. The offender was present. Guest(s): Angela Schoffelman Guest(s) on Teams: Travis Ripperda – Risk Reduction Manager

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Member Lieberman and Board Member Steele for summarization. Testimony was provided by the offender. Testimony was provided by staff: Travis Ripperda – Risk Reduction Manager. Testimony was provided by guests: Angela Schoeffelman. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to deny parole and set the next review date for November 2025 (8 months).
Made:	Beck
Seconded by:	Albers
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Lieberman, Aasen
Votes Opposed:	Meyers, Steele, Rau
Results:	Motion carried.

F. *McCormick, Travis*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Travis McCormick*. The offender was present. Guest(s) on Teams: Jeff Neill, SOMP

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

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

G. *Garcia, Steve*

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

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Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to himself and 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 grant parole and board order the offender to Teen Challenge only.
Made:	Lieberman
Seconded by:	Beck
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Lieberman, Meyers, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	Steele
Results:	Motion carried.

#### IV. Break

Board Members took a brief scheduled break.

#### IV. Minutes

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

#### V. March Hearing Panels

There were no changes to the posted schedule.

#### VI. April Proposed Schedule

Board Members reviewed the proposed schedule for April. Board Members indicated whether they would be appearing via Teams and had no further changes to the proposed schedule.

#### VII. Board Report / Field Services Report

Board Members were presented with a written update from Parole Services Associate Director Kayla Stucky on staffing and field services activities.

Board Members reviewed the board report and monthly metrics. There was a Special Session held on February 27<sup>th</sup>; there were early discharges, waivers (parole/SSV/non-compliance), parole revocation hearings, non-compliance hearings, suspended sentence revocation hearings, paper reviews of pardon applications, and paper reviews of commutation applications. Governor Rhoden did not act on any commutation or pardon applications this month. There were 3 pardon applications received in February, and the current set-out period is May 2025.



### **VIII. Items for Discussion**

The Board was updated that the office's upcoming move to the One Stop is currently scheduled for May 2025. The Board discussed starting its Wednesday and Thursday meetings at 9:00 a.m. beginning April 2025.

### **IX. Policy Review**

Board members reviewed the revisions to Policy 8.1.A.15: Suspended Sentence Status Report previously discussed during the February 2025 board meeting. Motion by Brown, second by Beck to adopt Policy 8.1.A.15: Revocation of Suspended Sentence as amended. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Board members reviewed Policy 8.1.A.5: Parole Decisions and the Setting of Next Review Dates. Staff recommended minor revisions to the policies so that the language was consistent with statute and current and best practices. Motion by Brown, second by Beck to adopt Policy 8.1.A.5: Parole Decisions and the Setting of Next Review Dates as amended. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

### **X. Training**

There was no training this month.

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

Board Members were advised that the April calendar has 6 full board cases currently scheduled.

### **XII. Special Session Decisions**

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

### **XIII. 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.

### **XIV. Adjourn**

The Full Board meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m. The next full board meeting is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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