

SD Board of Pardons and Paroles

1600 N. Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57104



MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Pardons and Paroles May 2025

The Board of Pardons and Paroles hearing panels held meetings on April 24th, 2025 and May 12th and 13th, 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 May 14th, 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 [Teams]
- Ken Albers, Member
- Vaughn Beck, Member
- John Brown, Member [Teams]
- Kurt Hall, Member
- Peter Lieberman, Member
- Patricia Meyers, Member [Teams]
- 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: Kimberly McPeek; Treyzel Chandler; Natelia Siemonsma; Kyla McPeek; Kasey McPeek

Special guests in attendance on Teams: Georgia Will – Board Program Assistant; Eilish O'Toole – Board Corrections Analyst; Kim Lippincott – Senior Case Manager; Jessica Luke – Case Manager; Clara Engle – Offender Services Intern; Bob Mercer; David James; Sarah Pike

II. Call for Public Input

No public input.

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III. Parole Hearings

A. *Aldrich, Kaylee*

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

This matter was continued from the April 2025 full board meeting due to a pending major. The major has since been resolved. Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Member Beck for summarization. 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:	Beck
Seconded by:	Albers
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Lieberman, Meyers, Steele, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

B. *Antoine, Loren*

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

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Member Meyers for summarization. Testimony was provided by the offender. Testimony was provided by staff: Kim Lippincott – Senior Case 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:	Lieberman
Seconded by:	Albers
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Lieberman, Steele, Rau
Votes Opposed:	Meyers, Aasen
Results:	Motion carried.

Board members recessed from parole matters from approximately 9:50 a.m. until 10:40 a.m. to handle clemency matters.

IV. Break

Board Members took a brief scheduled break.

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V. Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2(3)

Motion by Albers, second by Beck to enter into executive session at approximately 11:00 a.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) to consult with legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Beck, second by Steele to come out of executive session at approximately 11:15 a.m.. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

VI. Minutes

Board Members reviewed the minutes for the April 2025 meetings of the Board. Motion by Steele, second by Albers to approve the April 2025 minutes. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

VII. May Hearing Panels

Board Members Aasen and Meyers appeared by Teams. There were no additional changes to the posted schedule.

VIII. June Proposed Schedule

Board Members reviewed the proposed schedule for June. Due to a lower number of full board cases in June, the board will hold its business meeting the Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 and not convene on June 12th. Board Members indicated whether they would be appearing via Teams and had no further changes to the proposed schedule.

IX. Board Report / Field Services Report

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

Board Members reviewed the board report and monthly metrics. There was a Special Session held on April 24th, 2025; there were early discharges, waivers (parole/SSV/non-compliance), parole revocation hearings, a non-compliance hearing, suspended sentence revocation hearings, paper reviews of pardon applications, and paper reviews of commutation applications. Governor Rhoden acted upon 7 pardon applications this month. There were 14 pardon applications received in April, and the current set-out period is July 2025.

X. Items for Discussion

The Board discussed virtual or face-to-face training being offered by Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) in August 2025. Board members declined to participate.

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XI. Parole Success Plan Review

Board members reviewed proposed changes to the parole success plan. Changes were made to add questions that are included in an offender's release plan and to break out compound questions into a format that will be easier for the offenders to complete. Case managers will be provided with the new PSP and asked to begin implementing it immediately. Motion by Albers, second by Beck to approve the Parole Success Plan as amended. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

XII. Policy Review

Board members reviewed the revisions to Policy 8.1.A.7: Early Discharge. Staff recommended minor revisions to the policies so that the language was consistent with statute and current and best practices. Motion by Steele, second by Beck to adopt Policy 8.1.A.7: Early Discharge e as amended. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

XIII. Full Board Cases / Potential Upcoming Paper Review Cases

Board Members were advised that the June calendar has 1 full board case currently scheduled.

XIV. Special Session Decisions

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

XV. Training

Board Members participated in training offered by Senior Case Manager Riley DeGroot about case managers' role in the release process and how the parole success plan is implemented.

XVI. 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.

XVII. Adjourn

The Full Board meeting adjourned at approximately 12:25 p.m. The next full board meeting is scheduled for June 11th, 2025.

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Myron Rau, Board Chair or Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

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