

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



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Board of Pardons and Paroles
November 2024

The Board of Pardons and Paroles hearing panels held meetings on October 24th, 2024 and November 12th and 13th, 2024 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 November 14th, 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 [Teams]
- John Brown, Member
- Kurt Hall, Member [Teams]
- Patricia Meyers, Member
- Jan Steele, Member

Absent: Peter Lieberman, Member

Support staff in attendance: Shelli Gust – Board Administration Manager; Stacy Cole – Board Corrections Specialist; Karena Cassidy – Board Senior Secretary

Special guests in attendance in person: Ian Miller – Senior Case Manager

Special guests in attendance on Teams: Riley DeGroot – Senior Case Manager

II. Call for Public Input

No public input.



III. Parole Hearings

A. *Jogaak, Jogaak*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Jogaak Jogaak*. The offender was not present due to a recent pending major.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Members Albers and Brown for summarization. The offender has a pending major and the board advised full hearing would not be conducted until the major is resolved. The following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to continue to January 2025 before the Full Board.
Made:	Albers
Seconded by:	Brown
Votes in Favor:	Rau, Aasen, Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Meyers, Steele
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

B. *Moore, Dakota*

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

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to himself and Board Member Albers 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 with a board order to transitional housing only.
Made:	Aasen
Seconded by:	Steele
Votes in Favor:	Rau, Aasen, Albers, Beck, Brown, Meyers, Steele
Votes Opposed:	Hall
Results:	Motion carried.

C. *Cournoyer, Cedric*

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

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

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

D. *Dickinson, Billy*

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

Chair Rau summarized the case. The offender's case was continued by the full board in September due to a pending major. The major was dismissed. 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 set the next review date for November 2026.
Made:	Meyers
Seconded by:	Beck
Votes in Favor:	Aasen, Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Meyers, Steele
Votes Opposed:	Rau
Results:	Motion carried.

E. *Haneklaus, William*

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

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Members Brown 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 deny parole and set the next review date for November 2026.
Made:	Beck
Seconded by:	Hall
Votes in Favor:	Rau, Aasen, Albers, Beck, Hall, Meyers
Votes Opposed:	Brown, Steele
Results:	Motion carried.

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IV. Parole Revocation Dispositional Offer Review

A. *Phillips, Travis*

Board Members proceeded with the dispositional offer review of *Travis Phillips*. This was a paper review, and the offender was not present.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Parole Board Administration Manager Shelli Gust for summarization. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to approve the dispositional offer ratified by Chair Rau and Board Member Beck during the October Special Session.
Made:	Meyers
Seconded by:	Aasen
Votes in Favor:	Rau, Aasen, Albers, Beck, Brown, Hall, Meyers, Steele
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

V. Adjourn

The Full Board adjourned from parole matters at approximately 10:30 a.m.

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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 [Teams]
- John Brown, Member
- Kurt Hall, Member [Teams]
- Patricia Meyers, Member [Teams]
- Jan Steele, Member

Absent: Peter Lieberman, Member

Support staff in attendance: Shelli Gust – Board Administration Manager; Stacy Cole – Board Corrections Specialist

Special guests in attendance: Kayla Stucky, Associate Director of Field Operations

Special guests in attendance on Teams: Eilish O’Toole – Board Corrections Analyst

II. Call for Public Input

No public input.

III. Minutes

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

IV. November Hearing Panels

There were no changes to the posted schedule.



V. December Proposed Schedule

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

VI. Board Report / Field Services Report

Parole Services Associate Director Kayla Stucky appeared before the board to provide an update on staffing and field services activities.

Board Members reviewed the board report and monthly metrics. There was a Special Session held on October 24th; there were early discharges, waivers (parole/SSV/non-compliance), parole revocation hearings, non-compliance hearings, a suspended sentence revocation hearing, an appeal of parole date hearing, paper reviews of pardon applications, and paper reviews of commutation applications. Governor Noem did not act on any commutation or pardon applications this month. There were 21 pardon applications received in August, and the current set-out period is January 2025.

VII. Items for Discussion

Board Members discussed the need for an updated group photo the next time that all members are present in person. The Board was advised of an upcoming training opportunity that will be provided by the National Institute of Corrections on SDMF. Staff will look into training offered through NIC in Colorado for board members Hall, Brown, and Steele.

VIII. Policy Review

Board members reviewed Policy 8.1.A.13: Recission of Parole, Policy 8.1.A.2: Parole & Suspended Sentence Revocation Hearings, and Policy 8.1.A.6: Code of Ethics. Staff recommended 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.13: Recission of Parole, Policy 8.1.A.2: Parole & Suspended Sentence Revocation Hearings, and Policy 8.1.A.6: Code of Ethics as amended. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

IX. Training

Board Members participated in refresher training offered by Parole Board Administration Manager Shelli Gust on an April 2023 study conducted by the Washington State DOC evaluating the efficacy of Thinking for Change in Reducing Recidivism, which is one of the first studies looking at T4C delivery in prisons and measuring post release recidivism.

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X. Full Board Cases / Potential Upcoming Paper Review Cases

Board Members were advised that the December calendar has 4 full board cases and the January calendar has 1 full board case currently scheduled.

XI. Special Session Decisions

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

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 10:15 a.m. The next full board meeting is scheduled for December 11th, 2024.

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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