

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES
MINUTES

Jameson Annex
1600 N Drive
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Parole Board meetings were held on November 1st and November 13th, 14th and 15th, 2023 in various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Full Board meeting was held on Wednesday, November 15th, commencing at 11:30 A.M. with the following present:

Present:

Myron Rau, Board Chair
Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair
Peter Lieberman, Member
Jan Steele, Member
Patricia Meyers, Member
Vaughn Beck, Member
Charles Schroyer, Member
Ken Albers, Member
Kurt Hall, Member
Val McGovern, Parole Board Corrections Specialist
Brad Lewandowski, Director of Parole
Kati Albers, Parole Admin Supervisor
Stacy Cole, Clemency Specialist
Eilish O'Toole, Parole Admin Corrections Analyst
Karena Cassidy, Senior Secretary of Parole Board Operations
Georgia Will, Parole Admin Program Assistant
Jayden Clark – Parole Admin Intern

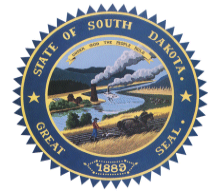
Quorum Present? Yes

Absent: N/A

SPECIAL GUESTS: Liz Effling- Parole Field Operations Specialist, Mallory Arndt- Parole Agent, Ashtyn Shafer- Parole Agent, Kim Lippincott- Senior Unit Case Manager, Jessica Luke – Unit Case Manager

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS WEDNESDAY, November 15th, 2023

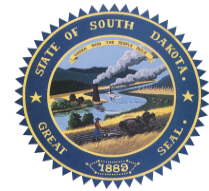


The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Lieberman wanted it noted that the Board is at a terrible disadvantage due to the main source of information being from the offender and no other entities. Board Member Beck made a motion to **deny parole, with a next review of 8 months**, the motion was seconded by Board Member Hall. All board members voted aye, except Board Member Myers. Board Member Schroyer was absent for this hearing, and the motion carried.

Anderson, Steven (via MS Teams)

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Steele made a motion to **grant parole**, Board Member Lieberman seconded the motion. All board members voted aye, except Board Member Hall and Vice Chair Aasen. Board Member Schroyer was absent for this hearing, the motion carried.

Poor Thunder, Joseph (via MS Teams)



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Present:

Myron Rau, Board Chair
Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair
Peter Lieberman, Member
Jan Steele, Member
Patricia Meyers, Member
Vaughn Beck, Member
Charles Schroyer, Member
Ken Albers, Member
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Quorum Present? Yes

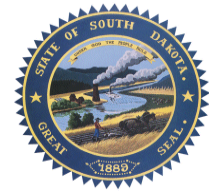
Absent: N/A

SPECIAL GUESTS: Mallory Arndt- Parole Agent, Ashtyn Shafer- Parole Agent

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD IN SIOUX FALLS THURSDAY, November 16th, 2023:

HEARING PANELS: No changes to hearing panels, hearing went as planned.

BOARD TRAINING: N/A



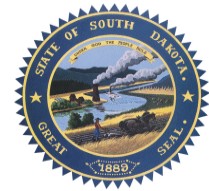
MINUTES: Board Member Schroyer made a motion to approve the minutes for the October meeting of the Board. Board Member Steele seconded the motion. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

BOARD REPORT: Val McGovern was available and updated the board on the following:

- There was not a special session held with the parole board in October.
- Full Board was held at the Sioux Falls Westport Field Office, being that the offenders appearing were going to be present virtually. The flexibility of the board demonstrates a commitment to exploring options to facilitate the parole board hearings.
- Val McGovern continues to audit the Top 50 absconder warrants in NCIC to ensure they are active.
- There were 17 pardon applications received in October and the current set-out period is to March 2023. There are currently 42 pending clemency cases pending a decision by Governor Noem.
- Governor Noem acted on 13 clemency decisions on Sunday, October 8th, 11 were fully approved and two were denied.
- Parole Admin Specialist Stacy Cole is no longer “certifying” the clemency decisions received by the Governor’s Office. This change recognizes that the Governor’s final decisions do not require additional certification from the parole board.
- Val McGovern training Haley Carey on 10/4/2023 with adult warrant entries in NCIC.
- Parole Board Bios have been collected with some updated photos, this information is now posted on the Board and Commission website.
- Board Chair Rau has submitted a technical assistance application through APAI. The Community Supervision Resource Center (CSRC), which is in the process of being launched by the Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP), is now accepting applications for technical assistance. This is at no cost to parole boards and releasing authorities interested in enhancing their work around parole/post-release supervision, including on topics such as evidence-based condition setting and responding to violations, early discharge/release, collaboration, racial and gender equity, and performance measures.
- NIC has been in contact with the states that have taken part of the Structured Decision Making Framework, and they are implementing a project to assess the utilization and outcome of the SDMF model, this is to build evidence-based and/or best practice models to look at the effectiveness of the tool. There will be contact made at a later time regarding this project.

FIELD SERVICES REPORT: Director Lewandowski updated the board on the following:

- Open positions: 6 agent positions: 2 Sioux Falls (1 applicant starting 11/7/2023; 1 conditional offer rescinded; position has been re-posted), 2 Rapid City (position listed and interviews conducted) 1 Watertown (position listed and interviews are on-going), 1 Pierre (applicant starting 11/7/2023); .5 secretary positions: Part-time Spearfish (not listing at this time). 1 Parole Agent Supervisor position (applicant starting 11/24/2023).
- West Region staff are currently reporting to Associate Director Stucky.
- Chris Martin (Parole Agent in Rapid City) accepted the West Region supervisor position. He begins those duties 11/24/2023.



- Agents in training: 5: 2 Sioux Falls (Agent Kittelson (5.5 months); Mallory Arndt (1 month)), 1 in SWO (Agent Jimenez (5.5 months), 2 in Rapid City (Agent Sullivan (3 month), Agent Martin (2 months)).
- Support Staff in training: 1 (Sioux Falls - Apgar (5.5 months))
- Extended Leaves: 1 Sioux Falls (returning late November)
- Agents on light duty: 1 Mitchell
- Resignations: 2 (Senior Agent Becca Hill (Aberdeen); Parole Agent Specialist Alex Sopoci (Sioux Falls))

POLICY REVIEW: Policies 8.1.A.14 Evidence-Based Practice Training and 8.1.A.2 Parole and Suspended Revocation Hearings were reviewed prior to the full board meeting, the updated dispo matrix was discussed and approved. Board Member Beck made a motion to approve both policies, Board Member Liberman seconded the motion. All board members voted aye the motion carried.

Discussion:
N/A

RECUSALS: There were not any recusals for the month of November.

FULL BOARD CASES:

The following offender had a parole hearing in front of the full board. Board Member Schroyer made a motion to **grant parole**, Board Member Lieberman seconded the motion. All board members voted aye; the motion carried.

Anderson, Terry (In Person)

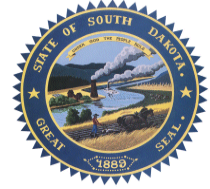
The following offender had a parole hearing before Board Vice Chair Aasen and Board Member Beck, he was brought before the full board for a paper review. Board Vice Chair Aasen made a motion to **grant parole to new #**, Board Member Hall, seconded the motion. All board members voted aye; the motion carried.

Nichols, Colton

ATTACHMENTS – DECISIONS: Please refer to the attached listing entitled Parole Board Actions for all parole violations, suspended sentence violations, non-compliance, discretionary parole, earned discharge, and rescission decisions made by the Board this month.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:11 P.M. The next full board meeting is scheduled for December 13th, 2023.

November 2023



BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Myron Rau, Board Chair or Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

Val McGovern, Corrections Specialist

Submitted by:
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