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
October 2026

The Board of Pardons and Paroles hearing panels held meetings on October 1st, 2026 and October 13th and 14th, 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 October 15th, 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
- Vaughn Beck, Member
- John Brown, Member
- Peter Lieberman, Member
- Patricia Meyers, Member
- Aaron Pilcher, Member
- Jan Steele, Member

Absent: Kurt Hall, Member

Support staff in attendance: Karena Cassidy – Board Program Assistant; Eilish O'Toole – Board Corrections Specialist; Abby Woodruff – Board Program Assistant

Special guests in attendance in person: Kayla Stucky – Associate Director of Field Services; Addyson Aguirre – General Counsel; James McCormack – Attorney; Arystan Jurgens – Extern Attorney

Special guests in attendance on Teams: Jordan Jensen – Corrections Analyst; Brenna Carlson – SOMP; Breanna Creel – SOMP; Riley DeGroot – Senior Case Manager; McKayla Foust – Parole Agent; Ryan Howey – Case Manager; Karen Swisher; MM; Adam Pierce – Parole Agent;

Alexis Rost – Parole Agent; Keilah Shaw – Parole Agent; Katrin Vasquez – Case Manager; Jaxon Verhey – Parole Agent

II. Call for Public Input

Board Program Assistant Cassidy relayed well wishes from former Board Member Greg Gass.

III. Parole Hearings

A. *Gilchrist, Terry*
Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Terry Gilchrist*. The offender was present on Teams.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Members Lieberman 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 a next review date of October 2027 with a board recommendation to complete SOMP requirements before going before the Board again.
Made:	Aasen
Seconded by:	Lieberman
Votes in Favor:	Beck, Brown, Pilcher, Lieberman, Meyers, Steele, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

B. *Hanson, Stacy*
Board Member Steele recused from this hearing. Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Stacy Hanson*.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Member Brown 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 October 2028.
Made:	Beck
Seconded by:	Brown
Votes in Favor:	Beck, Brown, Pilcher, Lieberman, Meyers, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

Board Member Steele left the meeting.

IV. September Minutes

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

V. Full Board Cases / Potential Upcoming Paper Review Cases

Board Members were advised that the December calendar has 6 cases currently scheduled, and the February calendar has 1 case currently scheduled. Board Members agreed to move 1 of the cases scheduled for December up to November.

VI. November Proposed Schedule

Board Members reviewed the proposed schedule for November. Parole hearings will be held Monday – Wednesday, with a full board hearing held on Thursday. Board Members indicated whether they would be appearing via Teams.

VII. DOC Staff Reports

Board Members reviewed the board report and monthly metrics. There was a Special Session held on October 1st, 2026; there were paper reviews of early discharges, pardons, and commutation applications, waivers (parole/SSV/non-compliance) signed, and parole revocation and non-compliance hearings. The current set-out period for pardons is December 2026.

Associate Director of Field Services Kayla Stucky gave a report of parole services activities to the Board, highlighting the ECU, house arrest, and AAU programs.

VIII. Training

Board Corrections Specialist Eilish O'Toole and Board Administration Manager Gust showed Board Members the new pardon portal, which was launched on October 14th as part of the state's citizens service portal.

IX. Policy Review

Board members reviewed Policy 8.1.A.6: Code of Ethics. Staff recommended no revisions to the policy.

X. Items for Discussion

Board Administration Manager discussed the tentative training plan for the new SDMF ecourse beginning in 2027. Board Chair Rau reminded board members about the APAI meeting in the spring and encouraged board members to consider attending if funding is available.

XI. 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.

XII. Adjourn

The Full Board meeting adjourned at approximately 11:34 a.m. The next full board meeting is scheduled for November 19th, 2026.

BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

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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