

STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

January 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2020

Parole Board meetings were held on January 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2020 at various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Parole Board meeting was held on January 9, 2020 at the South Dakota State Penitentiary- Jameson Annex commencing at 8:09 AM with the following present:

Myron Rau, Board Chair
Ken Albers, Vice Chair
Gregg Gass, Member
Ed Ligtenberg, Member
Shannon Riter – Osborn, Member
Mark Smith, Member
Rev. Patricia White Horse -Carda, Member
Doug Clark, Deputy Secretary
Brad Lewandowski, Director of Parole Services
Stacy Cole, Corrections Analyst
Traci Fredrikson, Office Manager
Val McGovern, Corrections Specialist

Quorum Present? Yes

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Vice Chair Ken Albers made a motion to nominate Myron Rau as Board Chair of the South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles. Board Member Riter – Osborn seconded the motion. All Members voting aye, the motion carried. Board Member Ligtenberg made a motion to nominate Vice Chair Ken Albers as the Vice Chair of the South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles. All Members voting aye, the motion carried.

REPRESENTATIONS: Catherine Schlimgen, Staff Attorney representative, was available for questions.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Kayla Stucky, Corrections Specialist. Liz Effling, Case Manager. Tom Lais, Senior Case Manager. Brandon LaBrie, Case Manager. Jeff Neal, SOMP. Riley DeGroot, Case Manager. Travis Donelan, Transitional Case Member. Kay Riter, Guest.

MINUTES: Board Member Ligtenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2019 meeting of the Board. Vice Chair Albers seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

HEARING PANELS: Greg Erlandson worked in Rapid City on Monday January 6, 2020 and telephonically Wednesday and Thursday of January 8 and 9, 2020. Ken Albers and Gregg Gass held a special hearing session on Friday January 3, 2020 in Pierre. Chuck Schroyer was unavailable in January 2020. Myron Rau will be unavailable Tuesday through Thursday in February and March 2020. Ed Ligtenberg will be unavailable in March 2020. Shannon Riter – Osborn will be unavailable in April 2020, September 2020 and October 2020.

RECESS: - 10:10 AM – 10:20 AM
11:00 AM – 11:20 AM

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD (EIGHT MEMBERS) IN SIOUX FALLS THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 2020:

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Smith made a motion to grant parole. Board Member Ligtenberg seconded the motion. All Members voting aye, the motion carried.

Kingston Lafromboise

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Roger Martin

Director's Report: Deputy Secretary Clark was available and updated the board on the following: The office received 8 pardon applications in December and hearings are being scheduled 1 month out. Governor Noem approved 18 of the 20 pardons recommended to her in August, September and October 2019. Offenders who receive an in-system crime and have suspended sentences are being brought in front of the board for a revocation hearing without holding a dispositional hearing as each case has very special circumstances. Offender David Anderson was recommended for a commutation personal appearance hearing; he will appear in February 2020. A Parole Board training session was held in December with Dr. Kauffman regarding sex offender assessments and profiles. April Maeschen was promoted to the Program Assistant position and began her duties on 12/24. Congrats, April!

Director of Field Services Report: Brad Lewandowski was available and updated the board on the following information:

Southeast Region Staff Update:

Mitchell JCA Grosdidier is assisting with the supervision of 19 minimum/medium cases for the Sioux Falls office. Yankton JCA Boese is assisting with the supervision of 22 CTP cases. One agent is still on extended leave effective 8/30/2019. The Southeast Region supervised 19 extended confinement cases this month. Proficient agents (not including agents in training or supervisor) have an average caseload of 70.95.

Northeast Region Staff Update:

The SWO Agent position remains open. Mitchell Agent Katianne Murphy has assumed supervision of 19 cases. The NE Region supervised 29 extended confinement cases this month. Proficient agents (agents out of training, not including supervisor) have an average caseload of 81.67.

West Region Staff Update:

The West Region supervised 21 extended confinement cases this month. JCA Leighty is assisting with supervision of 50 cases from the Spearfish Field Office. Abbie Price accepted the Rapid City Parole Case Manager position and will start 1/21/2020. Proficient agents (agents out of training, not including supervisor) have an average caseload 71.78.

Legal Issues: Catherine Schlingen was available and provided the following updates for the board:

No new Supreme Court cases, either filed or decided.
Haider Abdulrazzak-habeas appeal to the 8th Cir.

Board Training and COMS Updates: Traci Fredrikson was available. We will begin looking at Policy Review in the coming months. There are several that need attention. There are a few ideas for training that we will look into for the board.

RECUSALLS:

N/A

Decisions: Board Member Ligtenberg made a motion to ratify and affirm all decisions: Board Member Riter - Osborn seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

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

Adjournment: Board Member Smith made motion to adjourn the January 9, 2020 meeting of the Board. Board Member Riter - Osborn seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM on Thursday January 9, 2020. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

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Myron Rau, Board Chair

Brad Lewandowski, Director

Submitted by:
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