

STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
February 8, 9, 10, and 11, 2021

Parole Board meetings were held on February 8, 9, 10, and 11, 2021 at various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Full Board meeting was held on February 10, 2021 at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls commencing at 1:10 with the following present and adjourning at 1:32 PM

Myron Rau, Board Chair
Ken Albers, Vice Chair
Kirstin Aasen, Member
Gregg Gass, Member (via Zoom)
Peter Lieberman, Member (via Zoom)
Ed Ligtenberg, Member
Chuck Schroyer, Member
Gordy Swanson, Member
Rev. Patricia White Horse – Carda
Brad Lewandowski, Director SD Board of Pardons and Paroles
Karena Cassidy, Senior Secretary (via Zoom)
Stacy Cole, Corrections Analyst
Traci Fredrikson, Operations Supervisor
April Maeschen, Program Assistant (Zoom)
Val McGovern, Corrections Specialist (Zoom)
Jessica Beeck, Corrections Analyst Intern (Zoom)
Alexis Hanson, Corrections Analyst Intern

Quorum Present? Yes

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: All via Zoom, Bruce Fisher YKT Case Manager, Tom Lais, Senior Case Manager, Lizzie Rikken, Parole Agent, Dusti Werner, Risk Reduction Program Manager, Adam Grube, Parole Agent.

HEARING PANELS:

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD (NINE MEMBERS) IN SIOUX FALLS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021:

The following offender appeared via Zoom before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Ligtenberg made a motion to grant parole. Board Member White Horse – Carda seconded the motion. All board members voting aye the motion carried.

Donald Gramkow

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Myron Rau, Board Chair
Ken Albers, Vice Chair
Kirstin Aasen, Member
Gregg Gass, Member
Peter Lieberman, Member (via Zoom)
Ed Ligtenberg, Member
Chuck Schroyer, Member
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Alexis Hanson, Corrections Analyst Intern

Quorum Present? Yes

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

MINUTES: Board Member Schroyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2021 meeting of the Board. Board Member Ligtenberg seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Tom Lais, Senior Case Manager, Terry Cummings, Senior Secretary (Pierre) Liz Effling, Corrections Specialist, via Zoom. In person; Dusti Werner Risk Reduction Manager, Kayla Stucky, Director of Field Services, Ian Miller, Case Manager.

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD (NINE MEMBERS) IN SIOUX FALLS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021:

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Ligtenberg made a motion to deny parole. Board Member White Horse – Carda seconded the motion. Board Member Lieberman was unavailable. All other board members voting aye the motion carried.

Leonard Edwards

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Lewandowski was available and updated the board on the following: Parole Board Office: The Parole Board conducted Chair/Vice-Chair elections on 1/14/21; Myron Rau was re-elected as Chair and Gordy Swanson was elected as Vice-Chair. • Board Chair Rau was reappointed to the Parole Board by the Attorney General and confirmed by the Senate. Board Member Aasen's recent appointment by the Supreme Court was confirmed by the Senate. • Two board policies were approved in January – 8.1.A.2 – Parole and Suspended Sentence Revocation Hearings and 8.1.A.3 – Dispositional Meetings. The office received 12 pardon applications in January and hearings are being scheduled three months out. • The Governor granted 5 pardons in January and denied zero. Monday/Tuesday of January board week were conducted over Zoom and Wednesday/Thursday in person, with the option to be present over Zoom due to each board member's comfort level. February board week will operate the same way. • Two DOC bills are moving through the legislature, including clarifying language related to recalculating sentences upon the imposition of suspended time and majority voting requirements for the parole board. • The board participated in SOMP training with Brenna Carlson and Dr. Kauffman on 1/14/21. • Several board staff and board members received their first Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination. • Board staff began working on the annual CJIS (NCIC Terminal Operator) Audit, which is due to DPS in early February. • The board/board staff renewed their APAI membership and Board Chair Rau is making plan to attend the 2021 conference in Texas in April.

DIRECTOR OF FIELD SERVICES REPORT: Kayla Stuckey was available and provided an update to the board Southeast Region Staff Update: Agents utilized in the SE have a caseload average of 70.16. Agents utilized in the SE have a regional workload total of 108.21% Current Staffing: 1 vacant position (SF), 4 case managers in training (SF), 1 agent in training (SF), 1 support staff in training (SF). Mitchell JCA Grosdidier is assisting with the supervision of 19 indirect/minimum/medium cases for the Sioux Falls office. The Southeast Region supervised 13 extended confinement cases this month. Jarrett Klinger started as a parole agent in the Sioux Falls office on 1/19/2021. The Sioux Falls office has assumed the lease of a new office space on January 1, 2021. As we have outgrown the space available in the downtown office, 10 agents transitioned to the new office space, leaving 10 agents in the current space. There are still 3 agents in the JCA office. The address for the new Field Office is: 1720 S Southeastern Ave Ste 2 Sioux Falls, SD 57103; phone number is 605-367-7101; fax is 605-367-7085. Northeast Region Staff Update: Agents utilized in the NE have an average caseload of 79.16. Agents utilized in the NE have a regional workload total of 110.11%. Current Staffing: 1 agent on extended leave (Aberdeen); 3 agents in training (2 Mitchell, 1 SWO), 2 vacant positions (2 Watertown), 1 support staff in training (Brookings), 1 vacant secretary (Mitchell). The Northeast Region supervised 37 extended confinement cases. SWO Agent Cheyenne Ironhart started 1/11/2021 and has begun New Agent Training. Agent Kollars supervises 9 cases under the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Program. Juvenile Corrections Agent Thury assists with supervision of 29 cases in the Watertown office. Juvenile

Corrections Agent Shawn Davis is assisting with the supervision of 16 cases in the Mitchell office. Juvenile Corrections Agent Haley Duchsherer is assisting with the supervision of 13 cases. West Region Staff Update: Agents utilized in the West Region have an average caseload of 84.39. Agents utilized in the West Region have a regional workload total of 112.76%. Current Staffing: 4 open positions (2 CMs and 2 agent), 0 agents in training, 1 support staff in training (Spearfish). Interviews occurred for the 4 vacant positions. 4 conditional offers were accepted, and polygraphs are scheduled for the first week of February. The West Region supervised 14 extended confinement cases this month. Juvenile Corrections Agent Leighty is assisting the Spearfish office in the supervision of 74 offenders.

LEGAL ISSUES: Catherine Schlimgen was available via Zoom and provided the following updates for the board:

Federal Habeas: 2 cases; 1 dismissed, 1 newly served.

Legislative Update: All bills relating to the Board were passed. Bills are attached.

Break 8:48-8:59

BOARD TRAINING: Chad Rotert, SIU Supervisor came to train board members and staff on prison gangs. JC Smith, Parole Supervisor in person and Brian Carrels Parole Supervisor and Jen Rupp Parole Supervisor via Zoom were here to talk about parole services.

RECUSALLS:

Gordon Swanson recused from Marcus Backman SSV hearing.

DECISIONS: Board Member Schroyer made a motion to ratify and affirm all decisions: Board Member Gass 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 Aasen made motion to adjourn the February 11, 2021 meeting of the Board. Board Member Ligtenberg seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:58 Thursday, February 11, 2021. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

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Myron Rau, Board Chair or Gordon Swanson, Vice Chair

Brad Lewandowski, Director

Submitted by:
Karena Cassidy
Senior Secretary