

STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
February 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2022

Parole Board meetings were held on February 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2022 various locations in the State of South Dakota. A Full Board meeting was held on Thursday February 17, 2022, at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls commencing 8:01 AM with the following present.

Myron Rau, Board Chair (Zoom)  
Gordy Swanson, Vice Chair  
Ken Albers, Member  
Gregg Gass, Member  
Kurt Hall, Member  
Peter Lieberman, Member (Zoom)  
Shannon Riter – Osborn (Zoom)  
Chuck Schroyer, Member  
Rev. Patricia White Horse – Carda, Member (Zoom)  
Brad Lewandowski, Director SD Board of Pardons and Paroles  
Karena Cassidy, Senior Secretary (Zoom)  
Stacy Cole, Corrections Specialist  
April Maeschen, Program Assistant I  
Val McGovern, Corrections Specialist  
Breanna Kerr, Corrections Intern

Quorum Present? Yes

REPRESENTATIONS: Loranda Kenyon, Staff Attorney was available for questions.

SPECIAL GUESTS: MiRanda Ward, Case Manager, Nick Nyreen, Case Manager, Travis Donelan, Transition Case Manager, Tammy Johnson-DeJong and Terry Cummings Pierre Senior Secretary, via Zoom. Jerod Hettich, Case Manager, Liz Effling, Corrections Specialists, Alysa Francik, Parole Agent, Taylor Santana, Parole Agent, Rachel Steinbauer, Parole Agent, Tom Lais, Senior Case Manager, Riley DeGroot, Case Manager, Jordan Wilcox, Case Manager, Jerad Timmerman, Case Manager, Kayla Stucky, Field Office Director, Brenna Carlson, SOMP Program Manager and Dusti Werner Risk Reduction Manager

HEARING PANELS: Board Member Aasen was unavailable Tuesday, February 15, 2022 – Thursday, February 17, 2022. Board Member Albers and Board Member Hall conducted parole hearings at the Durfee State Prison on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Board Member Gass and Board Member Lieberman conducted parole hearings in the afternoon of Tuesday, February 15, 2022, over Zoom. Board Member Gass conducted a single panel hearing at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Auxiliary Board Member White Horse – Carda and Auxiliary Board Member Riter – Osborn attended Full Board hearings on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, and Thursday, February 17, 2022.

MINUTES: Board Member Schroyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2022 meeting of the Board. Board Member Albers seconded the motion. All members voting aye; the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPEARED/REVIEWED BEFORE THE FULL BOARD (NINE MEMBERS) IN SIOUX FALLS  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022:

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Gass made a motion to deny parole and set out 8 months. Board Chair Rau seconded the motion. All board members voting aye, the motion carried.

Chad Huls

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Albers made a motion to deny parole and set out 8 months. Auxiliary Board Member Riter - Osborn seconded the motion. All board members voting aye, the motion carried.

Winston Brakeall

The following offender appeared before the full board for a Parole hearing. Board Member Albers made a motion to deny parole and set out 8 months. Board Member Lieberman seconded the motion. All board members voting aye, the motion carried.

Fidel Arguello

The following offender appeared for a paper review by the full board for an early/partial discharge. Board Member Schroyer made a motion to grant partial discharge of 5 years. Board Member Gass seconded the motion. All members voting aye, the motion carried.

David Anderson

The following offender appeared for a paper review by the full board to be granted to transaction #51507. Board Member Gass made a motion to grant parole to new number. Board Member Schroyer seconded the motion. All members voting aye, the motion carried.

Rocky Clark

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Lewandowski was available and updated the board on the following: Parole Board Office Board Members Ed Ligtenberg and Rev. Patricia White Horse-Carda resigned from the board effective January 2022. Board Member Ken Albers was reappointed by Governor Noem and confirmed by the Senate. Faulk County Sheriff Kurt Hall was appointed to the board by AG Ravnsborg to fill the vacancy left by Board Member Ligtenberg. Kurt has been Faulk County Sheriff since 2004 and also worked in the Hand County Sheriff's Office. Kurt is married with three children and enjoys hunting, fishing, working with cattle and helping his kids with 4-H. Welcome, Kurt! Board Attorney Catherine Schlimgen's last day was 1/21/22; DOC Attorney Loranda Kenyon will be covering her duties until a replacement is hired. The board office part-time internship closed on 1/5/22; interviews were conducted on 12/30/21 and USF student Breanna Kerr was hired – congrats, Bri! Case Managers Whitney Rice and Kristy Poppe received SIS (supplemental investigative summary - reports for board hearings) training on January 20th . The office received 11 pardon applications in January and hearings are being scheduled

two months out. The governor took no clemency actions in January; there are currently three commutations and 36 pardons pending a final action from the Governor. Board staff have taken on reviewing GTL tablet phone requests for inmates to help the institution while they deal with staffing issues. This work takes 15-20 hours a week. Corrections Specialist Stacy Cole accepted a position at USF as an adjunct professor and is teaching a class in the spring semester called Community Corrections. The commutation paper review process was enhanced to include reasons for denial, board staff interviews prior to the paper review, and use of the SDMF tool during the review. Annual CPC reviews were conducted with board staff. Board staff have been working on completing job manuals and will then spend time crosstraining with their counterparts (two corrections specialists, two program assistants, two senior secretaries).

DIRECTOR OF FIELD SERVICES REPORT: Kayla Stucky was available and updated the board on the following: Parole Board Office Southeast Region Staff Update: Agents utilized in the SE have a caseload average of 62.21. Agents utilized in the SE have a workload average of 99.04% Current staffing: No vacant positions; 2 agents in training (SF); 1 support staff in training; 1 support staff on extended leave; 3 staff on light duty. Parole agent specialists continue conducting the Moving On class. The Southeast Region supervised 14 extended confinement cases. Northeast Region Staff Update: Agents utilized in the NE Region have an average caseload of 58.72. Agents utilized in the NE have an average workload of 86.98%. Current staffing: No vacant positions; 3 agents in training (1 Pierre, 1 Mitchell, 1 Aberdeen), 1 agent on extended leave; 1 support staff in training. Juvenile Corrections Agent Thury assists with supervision of 10 cases in the Watertown office. Juvenile Corrections Agent Shawn Davis is assisting with the supervision of 13 cases in the Mitchell office. The Northeast Region supervised 13 extended confinement cases. West Region Staff Update: Agents utilized in the West Region have an average caseload of 65.42. Agents utilized have an average workload of 91.23%. Current staffing: 3 agents in training (Rapid City). Agent Alyssa Francik started 1/24/22. Parole agent specialists continue conducting the Moving On class. Parole Specialist Rachel Steinbauer is meeting with offenders in the parole office weekly to go over basic life skills as well as interview skills and how to apply for jobs. The West Region supervised 16 extended confinement cases.

Break 9:48-10:00

LEGAL ISSUES: Loranda Kenyon was available and provided the following updates for the board:

- Legislative updates

BOARD TRAINING: Warden Sullivan went over institutional updates.

RECUSALLS:

N/A

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: The meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM, Thursday, February 17, 2022. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

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Myron Rau, Board Chair or Gordon Swanson, Vice Chair

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Brad Lewandowski, Director

Submitted by:  
Karena Cassidy  
Senior Secretary