

SD Board of Pardons and Paroles

1600 N. Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57104



MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Pardons and Paroles September 2025

The Board of Pardons and Paroles hearing panels held meetings on August 28, 2025 and September 8th and 9th 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

A Full Board meeting was held at Jameson Annex on September 10th, 2025, 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
- Ken Albers, Member
- Vaughn Beck, Member
- Kurt Hall, Member
- Peter Lieberman, Member
- Patricia Meyers, Member [TEAMS]
- Jan Steele, Member

Absent: John Brown, Member

Support staff in attendance: Shelli Gust – Board Administration Manager; Karena Cassidy – Board Senior Secretary; Georgia Will – Board Program Assistant; Eilish O'Toole – Board Corrections Analyst

Special guests in attendance in person: Morgan Ruiz – Case Manager; Brenna Carlson – SOMP Program Manager; Shelby Black – Nurse Practitioner; John Hult - Searchlight

Special guests in attendance on Teams: Rex Squyres – Board Program Assistant; Tammy Johnson DeJong – Case Manager; Nicole Mayer – Case Manager; Travis Ucker – Housing Captain; Travis Ripperda – Risk Reduction Manager; Earl Whitcomb; Sam Yost – Case

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Manager; Jordan Moos – Transition Case Manager; Kati Belfrage – Associate Reentry Program Manager; Laura Kilber; Susan Durand; Anne LNU; Ken Cummings – Parole Agent

II. Call for Public Input

No public input.

III. Parole Hearings

A. *Shaw, James*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *James Shaw*. The hearing was a paper review, and the offender was not present.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Shelli Gust – Board Administration Manager for summarization. Testimony was provided by staff: Ken Cummings – Parole Agent. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to transition from extended confinement and to grant parole.
Made:	Aasen
Seconded by:	Lieberman
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Hall, Lieberman, Meyers, Steele, Aasen, Rau
Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

B. *Kilber, Shannon* [Compassionate Parole]

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Shannon Kilber*. The offender meets the criteria for compassionate parole consideration and was referred to the parole board for a compassionate parole hearing. The offender was present. Guest(s) on Teams: Laura Kilber and Susan Durand.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Risk Reduction Manager Travis Ripperda for summarization. Testimony was provided by staff: Shelby Black – Nurse Practitioner. Testimony was provided by guest: Laura Kilber. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to grant compassionate parole.
Made:	Lieberman
Seconded by:	Steele
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Hall, Lieberman, Meyers, Steele, Aasen, Rau

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Votes Opposed:	None
Results:	Motion carried.

C. *Roubideaux, Thomas*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Thomas Roubideaux*. The offender was present.

Chair Rau turned the proceedings over to Board Member Hall and Board Member Lieberman for summarization. Testimony was received by the offender. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to grant parole.
Made:	Hall
Seconded by:	Lieberman
Votes in Favor:	Beck, Hall, Lieberman, Meyers, Rau
Votes Opposed:	Albers, Steele, Aasen
Results:	Motion carried.

Board Members took a brief break. Board Member Meyers left the meeting.

D. *Johnson, Ronald*

Board Members proceeded with the scheduled hearing of *Ronald Johnson*. The offender was present.

Chair Rau provided the summarization. Testimony was received by the offender. Following summarization, testimony, evidence review, questions and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Motion to deny parole and continue to expiration.
Made:	Beck
Seconded by:	Albers
Votes in Favor:	Albers, Beck, Hall, Lieberman, Steele, Aasen
Votes Opposed:	Rau
Results:	Motion carried.

IV. Minutes

Board Members reviewed the minutes for the August 2025 meetings of the Board. Motion by Steele, second by Beck to approve the August 2025 minutes. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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V. September Hearing Panels

There were no changes to the posted schedule.

VI. October Proposed Schedule

Board Members reviewed the proposed schedule for October. Board Members indicated whether they would be appearing via Teams and had no further changes to the proposed schedule.

VII. Board Report / Field Services Report

Board Members reviewed the board report and monthly metrics. There was a Special Session held on August 28th; there were early discharges, waivers (parole/SSV/non-compliance), parole revocation hearings, non-compliance hearings, and paper reviews of pardon applications. Governor Rhoden did not act on any commutation or pardon applications this month. The current set-out period for pardons is November 2025.

VIII. Items for Discussion

The Board inquired as to whether the upcoming resignation of the Secretary of Corrections would impact the business of the parole board. Board Members were advised that it would not, and business would continue as usual while the position is vacant.

IX. Policy Review

Board members reviewed the revisions to Policy 8.1.A.14: Evidence-Based Practices Training. A small change was made to the number of hours of training the board requires of itself each year. Motion by Albers, second by Beck to adopt 8.1.A.14: Evidence-Based Practices Training as amended. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

X. Full Board Cases / Potential Upcoming Paper Review Cases

Board Members were advised that the October calendar has 2 full board cases and 2 commutations currently scheduled.

XI. Special Session Decisions

Motion by Albers, second by Lieberman to ratify the special session clemency decisions. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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XII. 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.

XIII. Adjourn

The Full Board meeting adjourned at approximately 12:11 p.m. The next full board meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025.

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Myron Rau, Board Chair or Kirsten Aasen, Vice Chair

Submitted by:
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Board of Pardons and Paroles