

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
Governor



State of Louisiana

BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE

CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO OPERATE DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

In accordance with Executive Proclamations JBE 20-30 and JBE 20-33, issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 16, 2020 and March 22, 2020, respectively, this notice shall serve as a certification of the Louisiana Board of Pardons & Parole's inability to otherwise operate in accordance with Louisiana Open Meetings Law due to a lack of a quorum as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Pursuant to Section 4 of JBE 20-30, the Louisiana Board of Pardons & Parole will provide for attendance at its hearings via teleconference or videoconference beginning on April 15, 2020 as it is unable to obtain a quorum. In addition, under Section 2 of JBE 20-33, Governor Edwards proclaimed that all public gatherings of ten (10) or more people are to be suspended or postponed. It is essential for the Louisiana Board of Pardons & Parole to continue to operate because it must conduct parole consideration hearings for offenders who are statutorily eligible for parole release.

Considering the foregoing, and in accordance with Proclamations JBE 20-30 and JBE 20-33, the Louisiana Board of Pardons & Parole's hearings conducted on or after April 15, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m., will be held via teleconference or videoconference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public. The schedule and dockets for parole consideration hearings shall be posted at <https://doc.louisiana.gov/imprisoned-person-programs-resources/pardons-parole/> in accordance with Louisiana's Open Meetings Law.

Hearings will be held via teleconference or videoconferencing for the pendency of the declared public health emergency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Abbott III", written over a horizontal line.

Francis Abbott, Executive Director
Louisiana Board of Pardons & Parole

April 6, 2020