



**LOUISIANA
BOARD OF PARDONS**

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BOARD POLICY

SUBJECT: DISCRETIONARY POWERS OF THE BOARD

PURPOSE: To describe the discretionary powers of the Board of Pardons

AUTHORITY: LAC Title 22, Part 5, Chapter 1; La. R.S. 15:572

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Board of Pardons to exercise its duties and functions established by the Louisiana Constitution and state law in a manner that seeks to render fair and just determination on every application for clemency.

PROCEDURES:

- A. The Board of Pardons, at its discretion, may deny any applicant a hearing for any of the reasons listed below; however nothing shall prevent the Board from hearing any case.
- 1) Insufficient time served on sentence;
 - 2) Insufficient time after release;
 - 3) Proximity of parole/good time date;
 - 4) Institutional disciplinary reports;
 - 5) Probation/parole—unsatisfactory/violated;
 - 6) Past criminal record; or
 - 7) Any other factor determined by the Board.
- B. In any matters not specifically covered by LAC 22:, Part V, .Chapter 1, the Board shall have discretionary powers to act.
- C. No person shall have a right to appeal a decision of the Board of Pardons or the Governor regarding clemency.

SHERYL M. RANATZA, CHAIRMAN

**Signature on file*

This policy replaces and supersedes Board Policy 01-105-POL, “Discretionary Powers of the Board” dated May 18, 2020. (Technical Revisions Only)