

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 10, 2025

Recorded by: Jasmine Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM.

2. Roll Call

A roll call was made with 5 members, and a quorum was declared.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair – Sheryl Ranatza | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete Fremin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair – Steve Prator | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chucky Tillis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Stapleton | |

Staff members present:

Karla Williams	Jasmine Thompson	----
Chiquita McQuirter	Sharel Favorite	----

3. **Public Comment** was allowed on request before any action item.

4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the January 27, 2025 meeting were reviewed.
 - i. Mr. Tillis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fremin, to accept the minutes without any corrections. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Clemency/Pardon hearings: The Board of Pardons conducted 12 hearings.

5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Ranatza at 2:44 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter

Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
 Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
 Monday, February 10, 2025

1. Call to order/roll call at **9:12 AM**.
 By: Chair Sheryl M. Ranatza

Board of Pardons Members	Present	Absent
Chair – Sheryl M. Ranatza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice Chair – Steve Prator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pete Fremin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chucky Tillis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carolyn Stapleton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

Motion Made By:	Motion Seconded By:	Time Out:	Time Returned:
Pete Fremin	Steve Prator	11:52 AM	11:58 AM
Pete Fremin	Chucky Tillis	2:03 PM	2:11 PM

2. Regular Business
- a. Approval of minutes from the **January 27, 2025** meeting.
 Approved by **Mr. Tillis** and seconded by **Mr. Fremin**.
 - b. Pardon Docket
12 cases were heard.

3. Adjournment
 Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**
 Time adjourned: **2:44 PM**

**BOARD OF PARDONS & COMMITTEE ON PAROLE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

JEFF M. LANDRY
GOVERNOR



SHERYL M. RANATZA
BOARD CHAIRMAN

PARDON HEARING DOCKET: February 10, 2025 – 9:00 AM
Hearing Location: Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
504 Mayflower Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 (225) 342-5422

Assigned	Applicant's Name	DOC #	Request/Location	JDC/Location	Offense	Vote
1.	SWEAT, JAWAYNE K. ATTY: MORIEL VANHORN	705054	CTO ALC	16 th JDC Iberia	Manslaughter	Deny 0-4
2.	CLAVILLE, DERRICK V.	447371	CTO DWCC	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Second Degree Murder; PWID Marijuana	Grant 4-0 99 yrs w/IPE
3.	ASWELL, III, WALTER R.	603043	CTO DCI	22 nd JDC Washington	Armed Robbery; Armed Robbery Use of a Firearm; 3 Ct. – Att. First Degree Murder; Agg. Obstruction of a Highway	Deny 0-4
4.	KNOX, SR., ROBERT K.	494370	CTO EHCC	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Att. Second Degree Murder; Possession of a Firearm or Carrying a Concealed Weapon by a Convicted Felon	Deny 0-4
5.	GLADNEY, JAMES C.	96496	CTO LSP	26 th JDC Bossier	First Degree Rape, Armed Robbery; First Degree Rape, Armed Robbery	Deny 0-4
6.	HARRIS, PAUL	118759	CTO LSP	15 th JDC Lafayette	First Degree Rape	Grant 4-0 99 yrs w/IPE
7.	HOLMES, JR., CHARLES W.	197484	CTO LSP	Orleans	Second Degree Murder; Att. First Degree Murder	Deny 0-4
8.	KNOX, SR., BOBBY L.	382359	CTO LSP	24 th JDC Jefferson	2 Cts. – First Degree Rape; Molestation of a Juvenile; Sexual Battery	Deny 0-4
9.	BUTLER, AMBER L.	556550	CTO LTCW	22 nd JDC Washington	Armed Robbery, Armed Robbery Use of a Firearm; Simple Burglary	Deny 2-2
10.	DAVIS, EARLS.	483992	CTO SPB	24 th JDC Jefferson	Second Degree Murder; Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery	REMOVED

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11.	EDWARDS, JR., CHARLES E.	449415	CTO SPB	10 th JDC Natchitoches	Manslaughter	Deny 0-4
12.	WOODS, MISTY D.	546494	CTO Avoyelles Women CC	4 th JDC Ouachita	Manslaughter	WITHDREW
13.	SANDERS, LAMAR D.	558266	CTO Bayou Correctional	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Manslaughter, Intimidate Impede or Injure a Witness or Officer; 2 Cts. – Aggravated Second Degree Battery, Theft of \$500 or more	Deny 0-4
14.	RILEY, WILLIE	330823	CTO Tensas Parish DC	24 th JDC Jefferson	Att. Second Degree Murder	Deny 0-4

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BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 2/10/25

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Paul Harris #118759

I move that the board go into an executive session. The purpose of this is to discuss the information contained in the record of each case on the docket that is confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

Motion made by: Fremin

Seconded by: Prator

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES NO

- MRS. RANATZA
- MR. FREMIN
- MR. PRATOR
- MR. TILLIS
- MRS. STAPLETON

The motion is:

APPROVED REJECTED

Time Out: 11:52am
Time Back: 11:58am

Jasmine Thompson
Recording Secretary

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MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Demrick Claville # 447371

I move that the board go into an executive session. The purpose of this is to discuss the information contained in the record of each case on the docket that is confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

Motion made by: Fremin

Seconded by: Tillis

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- | YES | NO | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MRS. RANATZA |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MR. FREMIN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MR. PRATOR |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MR. TILLIS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MRS. STAPLETON |

The motion is:

- | APPROVED | REJECTED |
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Time Out: 2:03pm

Time Back: 2:11pm

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Recording Secretary