

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 10, 2025

Recorded by: Jasmine Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

2. Roll Call

A roll call was made with 4 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:

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

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

4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the February 24, 2025 meeting were reviewed.
 - i. Mr. Tillis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prator, to accept the minutes without any corrections. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Clemency/Pardon hearings: The Board of Pardons conducted 15 hearings.

5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Ranatza at 2:49 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter

Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

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

1. Call to order/roll call at **9:05 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:
Mr. Tillis	Mr. Fremin	9:35 AM	9:38 AM
Mr. Prator	Mr. Tillis	1:20 PM	1:26 PM
Mr. Fremin	Mr. Tillis	1:51 PM	1:54 PM
Mr. Fremin	Mr. Tillis	2:46 PM	2:48 PM

2. Regular Business
- a. Approval of minutes from the **February 24, 2025** meeting.
 Approved by **Mr. Tillis** and seconded by **Mr. Prator**.
 - b. Pardon Docket
15 cases were heard.

3. Adjournment
 Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**
 Time adjourned: **2:49 PM**

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

JEFF M. LANDRY
GOVERNOR



SHERYL M. RANATZA
BOARD CHAIRMAN

PARDON HEARING DOCKET: March 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.	BLANKS, GERALD A.	628826	PWF Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	Possession of Xanax	Deny 1-3
2.	DO, MINH C.	394561	PWF Released	24 th JDC / Orleans Jefferson / Orleans	Contraband; Possession of a Firearm or Carrying a Concealed Weapon by a Convicted Felon, Manufacture and Growth of Marijuana; Theft, Simple Burglary	Deny 0-4
3.	GASPARD, MICHELLE	712862	PWF Released	15 th JDC Vermilion	Possession of Oxycontin	Grant 4-0 PWF
4.	GLAPION, JR., BERNARD A.	328157	PWF Released	Orleans	Theft	Grant 4-0 PWF
5.	PIPPIN, EDWIN T.	775384	PWF Released	23 rd JDC Ascension	Simple Battery	Deny 0-4
6.	PHOENIX, PAMELA J.	333319	PWF Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	Medicaid Fraud	Grant 4-0 PWF
7.	SCOTT, SARINA	471852	PWF Released	32 nd JDC Terrebonne	Forgery; Theft of \$500 or More	Deny 0-4
8.	WHITE, VERNON	454650	PWF Released	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Operating Vehicle Intoxicated – 4 th Offense; Operating Vehicle Intoxicated – 3 rd Offense; Operating Vehicle Intoxicated	Deny 1-3
9.	FORD, EDDIE R.	88167	CTO DWCC	1 st JDC / 20 th JDC Caddo / West Feliciana	Second Degree Murder, Armed Robbery Att. Simple Escape – Type I	CONTINUED

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10.	BURKHALTER, EDMUND E.	97625	CTO DCI	Orleans	Second Degree Murder	Deny 1-3
11.	ALLEN, TYRONE	210696	CTO EHCC	24 th JDC Jefferson	Simple Burglary; Second Degree Murder	Deny 0-4
12.	PERRY, TRADALE	302958	CTO EHCC	9 th JDC Rapides	First Degree Murder	Grant 4-0 99 years
13.	WILSON, WILLIE J.	281464	CTO EHCC	Orleans / 15th JDC Orleans / Lafayette	Theft; 2 Cts. — Second Degree Battery; 2 Cts. — Simple Kidnapping; First Degree Rape	REMOVED
14.	WHEAT, NAOMI R.	617026	CTO LCIW	20 th JDC East Feliciana	Manslaughter	Deny 1-3
15.	GRIFFIN, LONARLD	127763	CTO LSP	14 th JDC Calcasieu	First Degree Rape, Att. First Degree Murder	Deny 2-2
16.	JACKSON, VICTOR L.	399874	CTO LSP	6 th JDC Madison	First Degree Murder	Deny 0-4
17.	LEWIS, SHAWN	363398	CTO Franklin Parish DC	5 th JDC West Carroll	Hab. — Illegal Possession of Stolen Things \$500 or more	Deny 2-2

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BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 3/10/25

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Vernon White #

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: Tillis

Seconded by: Fremin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- | YES | NO | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <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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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Time Out: 9:35am

Time Back: 9:38

Jasmine Thompson
Recording Secretary

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MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Shawn Lewis

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: Prator

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**

Time Out: 1:20pm
Time Back: 1:26pm

Jasmine Thompson
Recording Secretary

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MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Edwin Pippin

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Motion made by: Fremin

Seconded by: Tillis

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- | YES | NO | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <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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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Time Out: 1:51pm

Time Back: 1:54pm

Jesmine Thompson
Recording Secretary

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MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Gerald Blanks

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Motion made by: Fremm

Seconded by: Tillis

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- | YES | NO | |
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| <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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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Time Out: 2:46pm

Time Back: 2:48pm

Jasmine Thompson
Recording Secretary