

# Louisiana Board of Pardons

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 24, 2025

Recorded by: Jasmine Thompson

### 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 checked="" 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 March 10, 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 10 hearings.

### 5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Ranatza at 12:34 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter  
Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons  
Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters  
Monday, March 24, 2025

1. Call to order/roll call at **9:03 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)**

Motion Made By:	Motion Seconded By:	Time Out:	Time Returned:
<b>Mr. Fremin</b>	<b>Mr. Tillis</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>11:32 AM</b>
<b>Mr. Fremin</b>	<b>Mr. Tillis</b>	<b>12:02 PM</b>	<b>12:04 PM</b>

2. Regular Business

- a. Approval of minutes from the **March 10, 2025** meeting.

Approved by **Mr. Tillis** and seconded by **Mr. Fremin**.

- b. Pardon Docket

**11** cases were heard.

3. Adjournment

Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**

Time adjourned: **12:34 PM**

## BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 3/24/25

**MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Anthony Bout #279530

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: Fremm

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MRS. STAPLETON

The motion is:

APPROVED	REJECTED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Time Out: 11:30am

Time Back: 11:32am

Jasmine Thompson  
Recording Secretary

# BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

*Gregory Cotton #119098*

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**

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MRS. STAPLETON

The motion is:

**APPROVED      REJECTED**

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Time Out: *12:02pm*

Time Back: *12:04pm*

*Jasmine Thompson*

Recording Secretary

# BOARD OF PARDONS & COMMITTEE ON PAROLE STATE OF LOUISIANA

JEFF M. LANDRY  
GOVERNOR



SHERYL M. RANATZA  
BOARD CHAIRMAN

## PARDON HEARING DOCKET: March 24, 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.	BABB, PEGGI L.	552338	PWF Released	1 <sup>st</sup> JDC Caddo	Theft	Grant 5-0 PWF
2.	BRASWELL, SEAN K.	435050	PWF Released	19 <sup>th</sup> JDC East Baton Rouge	Possession of LSD	Grant 5-0 PWF
3.	<del>CASTRO-VALDEZ, ROBERTO</del> ATTY: ERNEST BAUER, JR.	<del>537537</del>	<del>PWF</del> Released	<del>22<sup>nd</sup> JDC</del> St. Tammany	<del>Manufacture and Growth of Marijuana</del>	CONTINUED
4.	CHIASSON, JR., LONNIE M.	700283	PWF Released	17 <sup>th</sup> JDC Lafourche	Possession of Xanax	Grant 5-0 PWF
5.	GAUTREAUX, JEFFERY A.	539945	PWF Released	17 <sup>th</sup> JDC Lafourche	False Representation of CDS – Possession of Non-Narcotic	Grant 5-0 PWF
6.	JAMES, JOHN D.	603243	PWF Released	35 <sup>th</sup> JDC Grant	Domestic Abuse Battery	Grant 5-0 PWF
7.	MAESTAS, JOSEPH M.	366520	PWF Released	24 <sup>th</sup> JDC Jefferson	2 Cts. – PWID Marijuana; 2 Cts. – Distribution of Marijuana	Deny 0-5
8.	<del>CHARLES, EMILE D.</del>	<del>587595</del>	<del>CTO</del> <del>DCI</del>	<del>16<sup>th</sup> JDC</del> St. Mary	<del>Manslaughter</del>	REMOVED
9.	JENKINS, SR., DONALD	118753	CTO DCI	23 <sup>rd</sup> JDC Assumption	First Degree Murder	Deny 0-5
10.	BOULT, ANTHONY N. ATTY: ERICA NAVALANCE	279530	CTO LSP	1 <sup>st</sup> JDC Caddo	Second Degree Murder; Att. Second Degree Murder	Grant 4-1 CTO 99 yrs w/IPE

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11.	BRANCH, JR., ALEX	65973	CTO LSP	19 <sup>th</sup> JDC East Baton Rouge	First Degree Rape	<b>Deny 0-5</b>
12.	COTTON, GREGORY W.	119098	CTO LSP	22 <sup>nd</sup> JDC Washington	Second Degree Murder	<b>Deny 0-5</b>
13.	JOSEPH, ROOSEVELT	423474	CTO LSP	9 <sup>th</sup> JDC Rapides	First Degree Murder	<b>Deny 1-4</b>
14.	LAMBERT, SR., DAVID E.	342498	CTO LSP	21 <sup>st</sup> JDC Tangipahoa	2 Cts. – First Degree Murder	<b>Deny 0-5</b>

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