

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 21, 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 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	Jasmine Thompson	----
Karla Williams	----	----

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

4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the July 7, 2025 meeting were reviewed.
 - i. Ms. Stapleton 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 13 hearings.

5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Ranatza at 2:48 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter
Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
Monday, July 21, 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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:
Mr. Tillis	Ms. Stapleton	12:09 PM	12:18 PM
Mr. Prator	Mr. Tillis	1:29 PM	1:36 PM

2. Regular Business

a. Approval of minutes from the **July 7, 2025** meeting.

Approved by **Ms. Stapleton** and seconded by **Mr. Prator**.

b. Pardon Docket

13 cases were heard.

3. Adjournment

Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**

Time adjourned: **2:48 PM**

BOARD OF PARDONS

Date: 7.21.25

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ronald Buckley #180432

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

Motion made by: Tillis

Seconded by: Stapleton

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES

NO

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MRS. RANATZA

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MR. FREMIN

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MR. PRATOR

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MR. TILLIS

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MRS. STAPLETON

The motion is:

APPROVED

REJECTED

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Time Out: 12:09pm

Time Back: 12:18pm

Jasmine Thompson
Recording Secretary

BOARD OF PARDONS

Date: 7.21.25

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Donald Vallier #115003

I move that the Board go into an executive session. The purpose of this is to discuss the information contained in the record of the present 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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MRS. RANATZA
<input 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: 1:29pm

Time Back: 1:36pm

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: July 21, 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.	HAM, DAVID A. Atty: Katherine E. Gilmer	512037	PWF Released	26 th JDC Bossier	Felony Theft	Grant 4-0 PWO
2.	MABRAY, WILSON T. Atty: Neal G. Johnson	555738	PWF Released	4 th JDC Ouachita	Simple Escape Aggravated Escape	Grant 4-0 PWF
3.	COLEMAN, JR., LAWRENCE C.	89931	CTO EHCC	22 nd JDC St. Tammany	Aggravated Rape; Attempted Simple Burglary	Denied 1-3
4.	MILLER, PATRICIA S	367743	CTO LCIW	24 th JDC Jefferson	First Degree Robbery; Armed Robbery; Illegal Possession of Stolen Things; Theft of Goods; Possession or OBT CDS by Fraud; Schedule II Opium/Opiate VEGE	Denied 2-2
5.	PARDON, ANGELON	343449	CTO LCIW	24th JDC Jefferson	Second Degree Murder	CONTINUED
6.	RAINS, BRENDA	586068	CTO LCIW	35 th JDC Grant	Manslaughter	Denied 0-4
7.	BUCKLEY, RONALD G.	180432	CTO LSP	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Second Degree Murder; Illegal Use Weapon or Dangerous Instrumentalities	Denied 1-2
8.	COURTNEY, PATRICK J.	295356	CTO LSP	27 th JDC St. Landry	Second Degree Murder	Grant 4-0 99 Years w/IPE
9.	DUPUIS, LLOYD	128999	CTO LSP	27th JDC St. Landry	Second Degree Murder	REMOVED
10.	HIGGINBOTHAM, HOWARD L.	88116	CTO LSP	4 th JDC Ouachita	Aggravated Rape; Aggravated Rape; Aggravated Rape; Simple Burglary; Simple Burglary	Denied 1-3

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11.	HUCKABY, MILBERT M.	92665	CTO LSP	26 th JDC / 36 th JDC Beauregard/Webster	Second Degree Murder; Schedule I Hallucinogenic Sub	Denied 1-3
12.	PATTERSON, DAVID M.	105235	CTO LSP	24 th JDC Jefferson	Second Degree Murder	Denied 1-3
13.	PRATT, JR., GEORGE Atty: Jane Hogan	241643	CTO LSP	4 th JDC Ouachita	Second Degree Murder; Schedule II Opium/Opiate VEGE	Denied 1-3
14.	VALLIER, DONALD H.	115003	CTO LSP	15 th JDC Lafayette	Second Degree Murder	Grant 4-0 99 Years w/ IPE
15.	WILLIAMS, DELMAR	123007	CTO LSP	2 nd JDC Claiborne	Second Degree Murder	Denied 0-3

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