

# Louisiana Board of Pardons

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 25, 2025

Recorded by: Jasmine Thompson

### 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:15 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:

Jasmine Thompson	Chiquita McQuirter	----
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3. **Public Comment** was allowed on request before any action item.

### 4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the August 4, 2025, meeting were reviewed.
  - i. Mr. Tillis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stapleton, to accept the minutes without any corrections. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Mr. Pete Fremin arrived at the meeting after roll call was taken. He was present at the start of the hearing for Dewayne Middleton #116831.
- c. Clemency/Pardon hearings: The Board of Pardons conducted 14 hearings.

### 5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Ranatza at 4:12 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter  
Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons  
Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters  
Monday, August 25, 2025

1. Call to order/roll call at **9:15 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:
<b>Ms. Stapleton</b>	<b>Mr. Fremin</b>	<b>2:57 PM</b>	<b>2:59 PM</b>

2. Regular Business

- a. Approval of minutes from the **August 4, 2025,** meeting.  
Approved by **Mr. Tillis** and seconded by **Ms. Stapleton**.
- b. Pardon Docket  
**14** cases were heard.

3. Adjournment

Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**

Time adjourned: **4:12 PM**

# BOARD OF PARDONS

Date: 8.25.25

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Robert Wilson #567545

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: Stapleton

Seconded by: Fremin

## 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: 2:57 pm

Time Back: 2:59 pm

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: August 25, 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.	EVANS, DANNY W.	115470	CTO DWCC	ORLEANS	Second Degree Murder	<b>Denied 0-4</b>
2.	ROBERSON, JR., CLAUDE W.	344311	CTO EHCC	19 <sup>th</sup> JDC East Baton Rouge	Second Degree Murder	<b>Denied 0-4</b>
3.	WILSON, III, ROBERT L.	567545	CTO EHCC	24 <sup>th</sup> JDC Jefferson	Armed Robbery	<b>Grant 5-0 20 Years</b>
4.	COBBS, CAROLYN M. Atty: Stanislav Moroz	100118	CTO LCIW	19 <sup>th</sup> JDC East Baton Rouge	Second Degree Murder	<b>Denied 2-2</b>
5.	MACK, ONNIE L. Atty: Amy Myers	336911	CTO LCIW	26 <sup>th</sup> JDC Webster	First Degree Murder	<b>Denied 0-4</b>
6.	GRANT, ROBERT D.	127143	CTO LSP	1 <sup>st</sup> JDC Caddo	Second Degree Murder; Simple Burglary	<b>Denied 1-3</b>
7.	MIDDLETON, DEWAYNE Atty: Charles Jones	116831	CTO LSP	4 <sup>th</sup> JDC Ouachita	First Degree Robbery; Aggravated Kidnapping; First Degree Rape	<b>Denied 0-4</b>
8.	WARE, PAUL E.	413957	CTO LSP	27 <sup>th</sup> JDC St. Landry	Second Degree Murder	<b>Grant 4-1 60 Years w/PE</b>
9.	FOLSE, ALEXANDER P.	632665	CTO RLCC	24 <sup>th</sup> JDC Jefferson	Sexual Battery	<b>Denied 0-5</b>
10.	COPELAND, JR., WALTER J.	520532	CTO SPB	22 <sup>nd</sup> JDC St. Tammany	Manslaughter	<b>Denied 0-4</b>

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11.	TYSON, JERMAINE L.	411840	CTO SPB	22 <sup>nd</sup> JDC St. Tammany	Aggravated Arson; Terrorizing	<b>Denied 0-4</b>
12.	WILLIAMS, RASHAN	422041	CTO SPB	22 <sup>nd</sup> JDC Washington	Second Degree Murder	<b>Denied 0-4</b>
13.	DUKES, RICARDO K.	563960	CTO Concordia TWP	7 <sup>th</sup> JDC Concordia	Manslaughter	<b>Grant 5-0 20 Years w/IPE</b>
14.	HILL, SAMMY	549854	CTO Morehouse DC	16 <sup>th</sup> JDC Iberia	Manslaughter	<b>Denied 1-3</b>

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