

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Recorded by: Jasmine Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Roll Call

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

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| ☒ Chair – Sheryl Ranatza | ☒ Pete Fremin |
| ☒ Vice Chair – Steve Prator | ☒ Chucky Tillis |
| ☒ Carolyn Stapleton | |

Staff members present:

Jasmine Thompson	Jalen Cavalier	----
Karla Williams	Chiquita McQuirter	----

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

4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the October 20, 2025 meeting were reviewed.
 - i. Ms. Stapleton 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 15 hearings.

5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Ranatza at 2:33 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter
Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
Tuesday, October 28, 2025

1. Call to order/roll call at **9:00 AM**.

By: Chair Sheryl M. Ranatza

Board of Pardons Members	Present	Absent
Chair – Sheryl M. Ranatza	☒	☐
Vice Chair – Steve Prator	☒	☐
Pete Fremin	☒	☐
Chucky Tillis	☒	☐
Carolyn Stapleton	☒	☐

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

Motion Made By:	Motion Seconded By:	Time Out:	Time Returned:
Mrs. Ranatza	Mr. Tillis	11:13 AM	11:19 AM

2. Regular Business

- a. Approval of minutes from the **October 20, 2025** meeting.

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

- b. Pardon Docket

15 cases were heard.

3. Adjournment

Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**

Time adjourned: **2:33 PM**

BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 10/28/25

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Alvin Dillard # 77508

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: Pantaza

Seconded by: Tillis

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES NO

☒	☐	MRS. RANATZA
☒	☐	MR. FREMIN
☒	☐	MR. PRATOR
☒	☐	MR. TILLIS
☒	☐	MRS. STAPLETON

The motion is:

APPROVED REJECTED

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Time Out: 11:13am

Time Back: 11:19am

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: October 28, 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.	BONAVENTURE, NICHOLAS	718785	PWF Released	8 th JDC Iberville	Possession of Amphetamine	Grant 5-0 PWF
2.	FLINN (KANE), MICHELLE	621936	PWF Released	22 nd JDC St. Tammany	Distribution of Heroin	Grant 5-0 PWF
3.	GORE, HEATHER	527432	PWF Released	2 nd JDC Claiborne	Theft; Possession of Cocaine; Simple Possession of Marijuana	Grant 5-0 PWF
4.	HOWELL, DEBORAH	706734	PWF Released	6 th JDC Tensas	Possession of Methamphetamine	Grant 5-0 PWF
5.	NEAL, NATALIE	407471	PWF Released	1 st JDC Caddo	Manslaughter	Denied 2-2
6.	PITRE, ANTHONY	475323	PWF Released	15 th JDC Lafayette	Simple Burglary; Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	Denied 3-2
7.	RHODES, BENJAMIN	459224	PWF Released	9 th JDC Rapides	Simple Robbery-2 Cts.	Grant 4-0 PWF
8.	TOUPS, MATTHEW	764108	PWF Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	Operating a Vehicle Intoxicated-3 rd Offense	Denied 0-4
9.	WEATHERSPOON, LARRY	258814	PWF Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	Simple Robbery; Possession of Hydrocodone; Possession of Cocaine; Distribution of Cocaine	Grant 4-1 PWF
10.	DILLARD, ALVIN	77508	CTO EHCC	26 th JDC Bossier	First Degree Murder, Att. First Degree Murder-2 Cts.	Denied 1-3

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11.	MOORE, J B Atty: Kelly Gismondi	700312	CTO EHCC	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Manslaughter	Denied 0-4
12.	THOMAS, LEROY Atty: Anthony Lewis	597681	CTO EHCC	23 rd JDC Ascension	Second Degree Cruelty to Juveniles	Denied 1-4
13.	PORTALIS, RICKY	115004	CTO LSP/Capital Oaks NC	15 th JDC Lafayette	Second Degree Murder; Simple Burglary	Denied 0-5
14.	ANDERSON, RICHARD	708981	CTO RLCC	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Manslaughter, Simple Robbery	Denied 0-5
15.	SIKES, AUBRY	558058	CTO SPB	21 st JDC Tangipahoa	Second Degree Murder	Grant 5-0 99 Years w/IPE

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