

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 22, 2025

Recorded by: Jasmine Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:25 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	Karla Williams	----
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3. **Public Comment** was allowed on request before any action item.

4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the September 8, 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 13 hearings.

5. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Ranatza at 12:02 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter
Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
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1. Call to order/roll call at **9:25 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:
Mr. Fremin	Ms. Stapleton	11:05 AM	11:11 AM

2. Regular Business

- a. Approval of minutes from the **September 8, 2025** meeting.

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

- b. Pardon Docket

13 cases were heard.

3. Adjournment

Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**

Time adjourned: **12:02 PM**

BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 9.22.25

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Herman Gravolet # 736005

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: Stapleton

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES NO

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

The motion is:

APPROVED

REJECTED

Time Out: 11:05am

Time Back: 11:10am

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: September 22, 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.	CHAISSON, MICHAEL G.	212098	PWF Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	PWID Schedule II: Methaqualone	Grant 5-0 PWF
2.	COOPER, PHILLIP G.	790024	PWF Released	16th JDC Iberia	Simple Battery	WITHDREW
3.	COTTEN, JOSEPH A.	621929	PWF Released	20 th JDC East Feliciana	Possession of Schedule I: Heroin	Grant 5-0 PWF
4.	EFFERSON, DEQUINCE S.	711428	PWF Released	1 st JDC Caddo	Possession of Schedule II CDS: Cocaine	Grant 5-0 PWO
5.	GRAVOLET, HERMAN L. Atty: Alicia P. Gravolet	736005	PWF Released	25 th JDC Plaquemines	Violation of Protective Order - 3rd Offense; Domestic Abuse Battery; Simple Battery	Denied 0-5
6.	HAMMOND, STACY L.	790021	PWF Released	Orleans	Possession of Schedule II: Cocaine	Grant 5-0 PWF
7.	ISRAEL, CHRISTOPHER J.	590580	PWF Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	Simple Burglary	Grant 5-0 PWF
8.	JONES, MARCUS L.	331014	PWF Released	30 th JDC Vernon	PWID Schedule I: Marijuana	Grant 5-0 PWF
9.	JORDAN, DEBRA D.	701999	PWF Released	5 th JDC Richland	Possession of Schedule I: Marijuana; Possession of Schedule IV: Diazepam	Grant 5-0 PWF
10.	LAZO, KEVIN M.	437942	PWF Released	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Filing False Public Record; Stalking – Violation of Protective Order	Denied 1-4

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11.	MASSEY, WILLIAM E.	790666	PWF Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	Domestic Abuse Battery	Grant 5-0 PWF
12.	MITCHELL, ERICA D.	702522	PWF Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	Operating Vehicle Intoxicated – 3 rd Offense	Denied 0-5
13.	SAGONA, JARED A.	748386	PWF Released	32 nd JDC Terrebonne	Simple Criminal Damage to Property \$1000 - \$50,000	Denied 0-4
14.	SMITH, DYLAN J.	725959	PWF Released	15 th JDC Vermilion	Possession of Schedule II: Methamphetamines, Introduction of Contraband in a Penal Institution	Denied 1-3
15.	TALLEY, RODNEY	614274	CTO Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	Armed Robbery	REMOVED

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