

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 08, 2025

Recorded by: Jasmine Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:09 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	Whitney Troxclair	Karla Williams
Sharel Favorite	Chiquita McQuirter	Francis Abbott

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

4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the August 25, 2025 meeting were reviewed.
 - i. Mr. Tillis 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 3:15 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter
Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
Monday, September 08, 2025

1. Call to order/roll call at **9:09 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. Prator	Mr. Tillis	11:37 AM	11:40 AM

2. Regular Business

- a. Approval of minutes from the **August 25, 2025** meeting.

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

- b. Pardon Docket

13 cases were heard.

3. Adjournment

Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**

Time adjourned: **3:15 PM**

BOARD OF PARDONS

Meeting date: 9.8.25

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Larry James # 101310

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: Prator

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: 11:37am

Time Back: 11:40am

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 8, 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.	CASTRO-VALDEZ, ROBERTO Atty: Martin Beguiristain	537537	PWF Released	22 nd JDC St. Tammany	Manufacture and Growth of Marijuana	Denied 3-2
2.	GRAVES, MICHAEL R.	767890	PWF Released	24 th JDC Jefferson	Possession of Marijuana	Grant 5-0 PWF
3.	SMITH, KENYA B.	395221	PWF Released	19 th JDC East Baton Rouge	Att. Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon; Possession of Cocaine	Denied 1-4
4.	EDWARDS, WILFRED L. Atty: Joseph Nash	372727	CTO DWCC	14 th JDC Calcasieu	Manslaughter	Denied 0-4
5.	GIPSON, FREDRICK D.	444684	CTO DWCC	1st JDC Cade	Manslaughter	REMOVED
6.	SMITH, DONAHUE	333620	CTO DCI	24th JDC Jefferson	Second Degree Murder	REMOVED
7.	ALEXIS, TED B.	331296	CTO EHCC	24 th JDC Jefferson	First Degree Murder; Armed Robbery	Denied 0-4
8.	HAMILTON, WOODROW L.	403576	CTO LSP	14 th JDC Calcasieu	First Degree Murder	Denied 0-4
9.	HOLDEN, JULIUS W. Atty: Kelsey L. Jenkins	360323	CTO LSP	22nd JDC St. Tammany	Second Degree Murder	WITHDREW
10.	JACKSON, HOWARD L.	104336	CTO LSP	18 th JDC West Baton Rouge	First Degree Rape	Denied 2-3

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11.	JAMES, LARRY C.	101310	CTO LSP	32 nd JDC Terrebonne	Second Degree Murder	Grant 5-0 99 Years w/IPE
12.	MCLAUGHLIN, JR., ROY M.	399370	CTO LSP	19 th JDC/20 th JDC East Baton Rouge/ West Feliciana	Second Degree Murder; Simple Escape Type I	Denied 0-4
13.	MONTGOMERY, MICHAEL C.	127436	CTO LSP	15 th JDC Lafayette	Second Degree Murder	Denied 0-4
14.	STEWART, DAVID J. Atty: Amy Myers	237579	CTO LSP	24 th JDC Jefferson	First Degree Robbery	Grant 5-0 30 Years w/IPE
15.	KUHN, RICHARD D.	403075	CTO RCC	22 nd JDC Washington	Manslaughter	Denied 3-2
16.	BROWN, FREDRICK L. Atty: J. Ransdell Keene	436154	CTO Richland STEP	1 st JDC Caddo	Second Degree Robbery	Denied 2-3

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