

Louisiana Board of Pardons

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 17, 2025

Recorded by: Jasmine Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

2. Roll Call

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair – Sheryl Ranatza | <input checked="" 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:

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| Jalen Cavalier | Karla Williams | Francis Abbott |
| Jasmine Thompson | Chiquita McQuirter | ---- |

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

4. Regular Business

- a. The minutes from the October 30, 2025 meeting were reviewed.
 - i. Mr. Prator 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 1:46 PM.

Chiquita McQuirter
Chiquita McQuirter, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
Department of Public Safety & Corrections Headquarters
Monday, November 17, 2025

1. Call to order/roll call at **9:02 AM**.

By: Chair Sheryl M. Ranatza

| Board of Pardons Members | Present | Absent |
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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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: |
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2. Regular Business

a. Approval of minutes from the **October 30, 2025** meeting.

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

b. Pardon Docket

15 cases were heard.

3. Adjournment

Adjourned by: **Mrs. Ranatza**

Time adjourned: **1:46 PM**

BOARD OF PARDONS & COMMITTEE ON PAROLE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

JEFF M. LANDRY
GOVERNOR



SHERYL M. RANATZA
BOARD CHAIRMAN

PARDON HEARING DOCKET: November 17, 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. | BLOCKSON, COURTNEY | 768153 | PWF Released | 19 th JDC East Baton Rouge | Filing False Public Record | Grant 4-1 PWF |
| 2. | BUTLER, ELDRIDGE | 199830 | PWOF Released | 16 th JDC Iberia | Aggravated Second Degree Battery | Denied 1-4 |
| 3. | CAGLER, BENNIE | 281593 | PWF Released | 19 th JDC East Baton Rouge | Aggravated Assault | Grant 5-0 PWF |
| 4. | ESTEEN, JOHN | 435325 | CTO Released | 24 th JDC Jefferson | Schedule II | Denied 1-3 |
| 5. | GASTON, LEONARD Atty: Frank Ferrara | 106201 | CTO Released | 19 th JDC East Baton Rouge | Theft-\$500 or More; Illegal Possession of Stolen Things; Simple Robbery | Grant 5-0 Time Served |
| 6. | HARPER, MICHAEL S. | 294322 | PWF Released | 14 th JDC Calcasieu | Simple Burglary | Grant 5-0 PWF |
| 7. | HARRISON, IZELL | 318125 | CTO Released | 22 nd JDC St. Tammany | Armed Robbery | Denied 2-3 |
| 8. | HARRISON, ROBERT | 461685 | PWF Released | 19 th JDC East Baton Rouge | Simple Robbery; Indecent Behavior Juveniles | Grant 5-0 PWF |
| 9. | SHINE, DEANDRE | 744909 | PWF Released | 1 st JDC Caddo | Theft | Grant 5-0 PWF |
| 10. | SIMMONS, JOSEPH | 380807 | PWF Released | ORLEANS/24 th JDC Jefferson | Aggravated Assault; Possession of Cocaine, Illegal Carrying of a Firearm, Possession of Marijuana | Denied 0-5 |

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| 11. | WILLIAMS, THOMAS | 332838 | CTO DCI | 17 th JDC Lafourche | Second Degree Murder | Denied 0-4 |
| 12. | GUILLORY, JACOB | 117391 | CTO EHCC | 13th JDC Evangeline | Second Degree Murder | REMOVED |
| 13. | KERSEY, HARRY | 359847 | CTO LSP | 19 th JDC East Baton Rouge | First Degree Rape | Denied 0-4 |
| 14. | CRAFT, KIRKLAND | 731150 | CTO EHCC | 16 th JDC St. Mary | Manslaughter; Obstruction of Justice | Denied 0-4 |
| 15. | EVANS, DERRICK Atty: William D. Dyess | 470599 | CTO RLCC | 10 th JDC Natchitoches | Att. Manslaughter | Denied 0-4 |
| 16. | AUGUSTINE, ANTHONY | 430160 | CTO Catahoula CC | 12 th JDC Avoyelles | Manslaughter | Denied 0-4 |

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