

## Louisiana Board of Pardons Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 24, 2023

Recorded by: Aniyah Hulbert

### 1. Call to Order

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

### 2. Roll Call

- Roll call was taken with 4 Member(s) present. 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 - Tony Marabella | <input type="checkbox"/> Alvin Roche'           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bonnie Jackson              |   |

Staff members present:

Francis Abbott	Aniyah Hulbert	----
Whitney Troxclair	Sharel Favorite	----
Karla Williams	----	----

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

### 4. Regular Business:

- a. The minutes from the July 19, 2023 meeting were reviewed.
  - i. Motion was made by Mr. Marabella, seconded by Mrs. Jackson to accept the minutes without any corrections. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Consideration of Waivers:
  - i. Board Policy 02-203, Section B. 3) .c and d; and Section E
    1. Public Comment
      - Loren Lampert, Louisiana District Attorneys Association Executive Director, in opposition
      - Emily Andrews, Assistant Attorney General, information only
      - Hillar Moore, East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney, in opposition
      - Blyth Taplin, The Capital Appeals Project Staff Attorney, in support
      - Grant Willis, Board of Pardons Attorney & Assistant Attorney General, information only
    2. Executive Session, motion was made by Mrs. Jackson for executive session to discuss confidential matters. Motion was seconded by Mr. Marabella and passed without objection.
    3. Back in regular session, motion was made by Mr. Fremin to remove agenda item "Consideration of Waivers" from the agenda based on recent legal opinion that the board has no authority to waive its rule.

Motion was seconded by **Mr. Marabella** and passed without objection.  
Board unanimously voted to remove Consideration of Waivers.

- c. Clemency hearings: The Board conducted **10** hearings.
- d. Administrative review of clemency applications: The Board reviewed and considered **29** applications for clemency.

**5. Adjournment:**

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by **Mrs. Ranatza** at **4:40PM**.

*Whitney Troxclair*

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Whitney Troxclair, Administrative Program Manager



# LOUISIANA BOARD OF PARDONS

**HEARING DOCKET: August 14, 2023 – 8:30 AM**

**Hearing Location: LA Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Headquarters Complex  
703 South Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225.342.5422**

Assigned	Applicant's Name	DOC #	Request/Location	JDC/Location	Offense	Vote
1.	JIMERSON, ROOSEVELT JR.,	187137	PWF RELEASED	19 <sup>th</sup> JDC/ORLEANS EAST BATON ROUGE	Illegal Use of a Weapon or Dangerous Instrument; Possession of Cocaine; Possession With Intent to Distribute Cocaine; Illegal Carrying of a Weapon or Dangerous Instrumentality	<b>GRANT 4-0 PWF</b>
2.	JACKSON, WALTER L.	324724	CTO RCC	13 <sup>th</sup> JDC/21 <sup>st</sup> JDC EVANGELINE/ TANGIPAHOA	First Degree Murder; Attempted Second Degree Murder; Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery	<b>DENY 0-4</b>
3.	HEAD, JESSE S.	303150	CTO HCC	24 <sup>th</sup> JDC JEFFERSON	Aggravated Rape; Attempted First Degree Murder; Aggravated Burglary	<b>DENY 0-4</b>
4.	RIGGINS, ANTHONY ATTORNEY: JANE HOGAN	86391	CTO LSP	24 <sup>th</sup> JDC JEFFERSON	First Degree Murder	<b>GRANT 4-0 CTO 50 YEARS</b>
5.	SMITH, SAMUEL L. SR.,	357321	CTO LSP	ORLEANS	Second Degree Murder; Attempted Second Degree Murder	<b>DENY 0-4</b>
6.	ANDERSON, SELINA M.	405394	CTO LCIW	40 <sup>th</sup> JDC ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	Second Degree Murder	<b>DENY 0-4</b>
7.	BENNETT, DAWN D.	477041	CTO LCIW	21 <sup>st</sup> JDC LIVINGSTON	Second Degree Murder; Armed Robbery	<b>GRANT 4-0 CTO 42 YEARS</b>
8.	LANDRY – JOHNSON, LISA M. ATTORNEY: STANISLAV MOROZ	332435	CTO LCIW	14 <sup>th</sup> JDC CALCASIEU	Second Degree Murder	<b>DENY 2-1</b>
9.	STARKS, TAMIKA N.	611271	CTO LCIW	24 <sup>th</sup> JDC JEFFERSON	Manslaughter	<b>DENY 2-1</b>
10.	WOODS, TIFFANY M.	545546	CTO LCIW	1 <sup>st</sup> JDC CADDO	Second Degree Murder	<b>GRANT 4-0 CTO 36 YEARS</b>

CTO=Commutation of Sentence - PWF=Pardon with Restoration of Firearms - PWF= Pardon without Restoration of Firearms - Released=Not incarcerated

Louisiana Board of Pardons  
 Department of Corrections Headquarters  
 Monday, July 24, 2023

1. Meeting call to order/roll call at: 8:45 AM  
 By: Chair Sheryl M. Ranatza

Louisiana Board of Pardons: Board Members	Present	Absent
Chair - Sheryl M. Ranatza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice-Chair - Anthony Marabella	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alvin Roche' Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonnie Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pete Fremin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Exec. Session Time Out	Motion By:	Seconded By:	Time Back in Reg. Session
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Bonnie Jackson</b>	<b>Tony Marabella</b>	<b>9:16 AM</b>
<b>2:46 PM</b>	<b>Bonnie Jackson</b>	<b>Tony Marabella</b>	<b>2:53 PM</b>
Break	Motion By:	Seconded By:	Time Back

2. Regular Business:
- a.) Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, July 19, 2023 Hearing  
 Approved by Mr. Marabella and seconded by Mrs. Jackson
  - b.) Consideration of Waivers
  - c.) Pardon Docket:  
10 cases heard
  - c.) Administrative Docket:  
29 cases reviewed

3. Adjourn:  
 Motion Made by: Mrs. Ranatza  
 Time adjourned: 4:50 PM

**BOARD OF PARDONS**

Meeting date: 7/21/2023

**MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

I move that the Board go into Executive Session, the purpose of which is to discuss information contained in the record of each case on the morning/afternoon docket that is confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

Motion made by: [Redacted] Bonnie Jackson

Seconded by: Tony Marabella

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

- | YES                                 | NO                       |                          |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MRS. JACKSON             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MR. MARABELLA            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MRS. RANATZA             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | MR. ROCHE' <i>absent</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MR. FREMIN               |

The motion is:

**APPROVED**      **REJECTED**

       
Time Out: 9:15 am  
Time Back: 9:16 am

Christoph Hulbert  
s/Recording Secretary

**BOARD OF PARDONS**

Meeting date: 7/24/2003

**MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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Motion made by: Bonnie Jackson

Seconded by: Tony Marabella

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**YES      NO**

- MRS. JACKSON
- MR. MARABELLA
- MRS. RANATZA
- MR. ROCHE'
- MR. FREMIN

The motion is:

**APPROVED      REJECTED**

Time Out: 2:46pm

Time Back: 2:53pm

Amiyah Hullece  
s/Recording Secretary